

## STRATEGIC FOCUS

CDC Tanzania works with the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly, and Children (MOHCDGEC) on the mainland and the Ministry of Health on Zanzibar to support HIV testing, prevention, care and treatment services, and to strengthen the health systems.

**Strengthening Public Health Systems:** CDC supports HIV rapid testing quality assurance, early infant HIV diagnosis, and viral load testing; health worker production, deployment and retention; and strengthening health information systems to inform data for decision making.

**Scale-up of HIV Care and Treatment and Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC):** CDC collaborates with MOHCDGEC to initiate the World Health Organization's (WHO) Test and Start policy, so those who are HIV positive can immediately begin ART treatment, regardless of CD4 count or HIV clinical staging. CDC provides technical assistance to increase VMMC in Tanzania as part of its HIV risk-reduction program.

**Reaching Key Populations and Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission Transition to Option B+:** CDC supports formative research, testing, prevention, and linkage to care and treatment services for key populations, including pharmaceutical treatment for people who inject drugs. CDC provides technical assistance for improvement of mother-infant pair cohort monitoring and skill building of healthcare workers to use data on testing, linkage, enrollment, and retention in ART for pregnant women and infants.

## KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Accelerated Children's Treatment (ACT) Initiative:** In 24 months of ACT implementation, pediatric ART coverage increased from 31% to 54%.

**HIV Combination Prevention Study:** This study has successfully facilitated higher HIV care enrollment through an enhanced linkage to care program while simultaneously working toward intervention goals of reaching 90,000 with HIV testing and counseling through an enhanced opt-out provider-initiated testing and counselling program, as well as venue-based and home-based testing and counseling.

**Laboratory Accreditation:** Six labs have been accredited to international standards and 63 labs are enrolled in WHO's Strengthening Laboratory Management Toward Accreditation program. MOHCDGEC, CDC, and Health Link Initiative launched the world's first Lab Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes), a distance learning and mentorship model to build healthcare worker capacity.

**Combined TB-HIV Success:** Together with USAID and MOHCDGEC, CDC supports integrated HIV services in TB clinics for HIV-infected clients, where they receive testing as well as antiretroviral therapy (ART) for the duration of their TB treatment to aid in medication adherence. CDC and the Global Fund to Fight HIV, TB, and Malaria currently support a TB drug resistance survey in Tanzania.

**Data-Driven Policy for Improved Performance:** CDC supports the collection of HIV data to inform policy development to better support HIV efforts and improve performance. CDC also supports Tanzania to develop national health policy guidelines.

**Human Resources for Health:** CDC worked with MOHCDGEC to develop a task sharing policy that was approved in 2016. CDC contributed to graduating over 2,000 medical professionals in basic epidemiology through programs like Field Epidemiology and Laboratory Training Program.

## Key Country Leadership

President:  
John Pombe Magufuli

Minister of Health:  
Ummu Ally Mwalimu  
Rashid Seif Suleiman

U.S. Chargé d'Affaires:  
Virginia Blaser

PEPFAR Coordinator:  
Brian Rettmann

CDC/DGHT Director:  
David Lowrance

## Country Quick Facts

Per Capita GNI:  
\$910 (2015)

Population:  
53.47 million (2015)

Under 5 Mortality:  
49 / 1,000 live births  
(2015)

Life Expectancy:  
65 years (2014)

## Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic

Estimated HIV Prevalence  
(Ages 15-49): 4.7% (2015)

Estimated AIDS Deaths  
(Age ≥15): 31,000 (2015)

Estimated Orphans Due to  
AIDS: 790,000 (2015)

Reported Number  
Receiving Antiretroviral  
Therapy (ART) (Age ≥15):  
688,604 (2015)

Global Tuberculosis  
(TB) Epidemic

TB Treatment Success Rate:  
90% (2015)

Estimated TB Incidence:  
306 / 100,000 (2015)

Estimated Who are HIV  
Positive: 36% (2015)

## Country Staff: 79

Locally Employed Staff: 60  
Direct Hires: 9  
Fellows & Contactors: 10

