

## STRATEGIC FOCUS

CDC works with the Uganda Ministry of Health (MoH), and Implementing Partners (IPs) to provide high-quality HIV prevention, care, and treatment services. Using a service-delivery model integrated with national, regional and district structures, CDC builds capacity and promotes ownership at all health system levels in complementing activities of the severely burdened public health system.

**Strengthening National Public Health Systems:** Through technical leadership and direct assistance, CDC supports the MoH to execute its essential public health functions through laboratory infrastructure improvement, health management information systems, public health workforce development, operations research and other health priorities.

**Supporting HIV epidemic control efforts:** CDC has been supporting IPs to find the remaining persons living with HIV by testing those most at risk. In addition, CDC has been supporting the expansion of HIV treatment to all HIV-positive Ugandans immediately upon diagnosis, irrespective of disease staging or CD4 cell count, as bolstered by the 'Test and Treat' policy guidelines launched in November 2016. With CDC support, viral load (VL) testing is being scaled up through an innovative specimen transport system and a dash-board which provides live data on VL coverage and suppression rates.

**Strengthening TB/HIV integrated services:** CDC supports TB diagnosis through systematic TB screening for clients attending HIV clinics including increased access to and utilization of Gene Xpert MTB/Rif, strengthening of the sample transport system, quality assurance for TB diagnostics, and a focus on capacity improvement for pediatric TB diagnosis, care, and treatment. In addition, CDC funds the provision of HIV testing, linkage to HIV care and ART for TB/HIV Co-infected clients, the integration of TB services into existing PMTCT/ART services plus preventive TB therapy.

## KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Prevention of Mother-To-Child Transmission (PMTCT) to Option B+:** Under the renewed PMTCT Option B+ strategy, CDC has provided PMTCT services, supported mother-baby pair cohort monitoring, and trained health care workers to monitor utilize data on testing, linkage, enrollment, and retention in ART for pregnant women and infants.

**Scale-up of HIV Care and Treatment:** In 2016, besides providing OVC services to 110,592 HIV infected and affected children and their families, CDC supported 926 health facilities in 53 districts, supplied HIV tests for 4,589,550 people, and provided care (ART) to 567,464 people.

**HIV Prevention:** CDC supports the reduction of new youth and adult HIV infections through high impact interventions including voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC), HIV testing and counseling services, and preparation for roll out of pre-exposure prophylaxis. From 2010 -2016, CDC has supported 1,205,306 VMMCs in Uganda. Additionally, despite a challenging policy and legal environment, CDC is employing successful models to improve access for key and priority populations such as sex workers, men who have sex with men, prisoners, and fisher folk.

**Human Resources for Health:** CDC contributed to the accelerated recruitment of health care workers (HCW). Since 2013, PEPFAR has supported recruitment of a total of 2,244 health workers (CDC contributed 993) to support scaling up of HIV/AIDS services in government and nonprofit facilities.

**TB/HIV Services:** In FY 2016, CDC provided ART to 7370 out of 8368 TB/HIV co-infected clients (88%) at CDC supported sites.

### Key Country Leadership

President:  
Yoweri Kaguta Museveni

Minister of Health:  
Jane Ruth Aceng

U.S. Ambassador:  
Deborah R. Malac

PEPFAR Coordinator:  
Heather Smith

CDC/DGHT Director:  
Steven Wiersma

### Country Quick Facts

Per Capita GNI:  
\$670 (2015)

Population:  
39.03 million (2015)

Under 5 Mortality:  
55 / 1,000 live births  
(2015)

Life Expectancy:  
58 years (2014)

### Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic

Estimated HIV Prevalence  
(Ages 15-49): 7.1% (2015)

Estimated AIDS Deaths  
(Age ≥15): 23,000 (2015)

Estimated Orphans Due to  
AIDS: 660,000 (2015)

Reported Number  
Receiving Antiretroviral  
Therapy (ART) (Age ≥15):  
774,902 (2015)

### Global Tuberculosis (TB) Epidemic

TB Treatment Success Rate:  
75% (2015)

Estimated TB Incidence:  
202 / 100,000 (2015)

Estimated Who are HIV  
Positive: 42% (2015)

### Country Staff: 124

Locally Employed Staff: 109  
Direct Hires: 14  
Fellows & Contactors: 1

