

## STRATEGIC FOCUS

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) began its partnership with Côte d'Ivoire in 1987 by opening the Project Retrovirus Côte d'Ivoire (Retro-CI) laboratory in collaboration with the Ivorian health ministry. In 2004, this partnership expanded when the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) began providing services in Côte d'Ivoire.

CDC supports Côte d'Ivoire in reaching HIV epidemic control. The country has made significant progress by providing testing and treatment to those who have HIV. The 2018 Population based HIV Impact Assessment (PHIA) indicates 88% are on antiretroviral treatment (ART) and almost 80% of those are virally suppressed. Despite these achievements, substantial treatment gaps remain across all sexes and ages, and patient retention remains low. The 2019 priority is to implement approaches for testing, and focus on improving linkage and retention of diagnosed persons living with HIV (PLHIV). CDC will continue to scale-up access to viral load testing to monitor treatment efficacy. CDC will also scale-up tuberculosis (TB) preventive treatment (TPT) to reduce morbidity and mortality among HIV-infected people on ART.

## KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Prevention and Treatment of HIV:** CDC expertise supports national efforts for HIV prevention and increased awareness of the importance of antiretroviral treatment (ART). CDC is intensifying HIV testing efforts for men, children, women, and key populations (KP), and prioritizing services in targeted health districts, representing more than 80% of the HIV burden, CDC is also supporting scale-up of same day ART initiation, and differentiated service delivery models for stable patients receiving treatment. CDC is launching technical assistance field teams to site-level locations, and through collaborations with local partners, CDC is supporting integrated health services by offering multi-disease testing services.

**Laboratory Systems and Networks:** CDC helped expand coverage and access of HIV viral load (VL) testing, and early infant diagnosis (EID) to every health region. CDC expertise supported the creation of regional health labs to ensure better access to HIV testing and microbiology services. CDC recently established an external quality control program for more than 3,000 HIV testing sites, and laboratory data is visible through the laboratory dashboard.

**Strengthening Public Health Systems:** CDC supports the Côte d'Ivoire Ministry of Health (MOH) in its efforts to build its health capacity by expanding quality HIV prevention and treatment services nationwide. These systems include tuberculosis (TB) testing and treatment, HIV testing services (HTS), prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission (PMTCT), prevention among key and priority populations, care and support for orphans and vulnerable children, and gender and stigma reduction.

**Strategic Information:** CDC provides technical assistance to the MOH and local partners to enhance data quality and decision-making. CDC support includes implementing data quality improvement approaches and HIV surveillance activities such as antenatal clinic (ANC) surveillance, drug resistance monitoring, program evaluations, population-based HIV impact assessments, biological and behavioral surveys, and KP size estimation. In addition, CDC supports the MOH to develop and implement a unique identifier system to use de-duplicated patient level data for HIV program monitoring and evidence-based decision-making.

**Tuberculosis:** Among people living with HIV, TB is the number one cause of death. CDC is helping local clinics implement new approaches to identify, treat, and prevent TB. These methods include routine testing for co-infection whenever someone tests positive for either HIV or TB, and initiating close monitoring of co-infected patients to achieve viral suppression, TB infection control, and TB preventive treatment.

## Key Country Leadership

President:  
Alassane Ouattara

Minister of Health:  
Eugène Aka Ouélé

U.S. Chargé d'Affaires:  
Katherine Brucker

CDC/DGHT Director:  
Laïssa Ouedraogo

**Country Quick Facts**  
([worldbank.org/en/where-we-work](http://worldbank.org/en/where-we-work))

Per Capita GNI:  
\$1,610 (2018)

Population (million):  
25.07 (2018)

Under 5 Mortality:  
89/1,000 live births (2017)

Life Expectancy:  
54 years (2017)

**Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic**  
([aidsinfo.unaids.org](http://aidsinfo.unaids.org))

Estimated HIV Prevalence  
(Ages 15-49): 2.6% (2018)

Estimated AIDS Deaths  
(Age ≥15): 14,000 (2018)

Estimated Orphans Due to  
AIDS: 320,000 (2018)

Reported Number  
Receiving Antiretroviral  
Therapy (ART) (Age ≥15):  
239,778 (2018)

**Global Tuberculosis  
(TB) Epidemic**  
([who.int/tb/country/data/profiles/en](http://who.int/tb/country/data/profiles/en))

Estimated TB Incidence:  
148/100,000 population  
(2017)

TB patients with known HIV  
status who are HIV positive:  
20% (2017)

TB Treatment Success Rate:  
82% (2016)

TB Mortality:  
23/100,000 population  
(2017)

**DGHT Country Staff: 66.5**  
Locally Employed Staff:  
60.75  
Direct Hires: 5.75  
Fellows & Contactors: 0

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