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Delivering Life-Saving Impact

With strong bipartisan support across 4 U.S. presidencies and 10 U.S. congresses, and through the American people’s remarkable generosity, the U.S. President Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) has saved 20 million lives, prevented millions of HIV infections, and strengthened pandemic preparedness in 54 countries around the globe.

Through PEPFAR support, several countries have achieved HIV epidemic control and reached the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) global HIV targets for 2020, key milestones toward attaining UN Sustainable Development Goal 3 and other SDGs by 2030, acquiring the capacity to confront various other health challenges.

For millions of people around the world, PEPFAR has replaced death and despair with vibrant life and hope—demonstrating the power of compassionate, cost-effectiveness, accountable, and transparent American foreign assistance. Through data-driven rigor, PEPFAR has significantly expanded its life-saving impact over the past decade.

Voluntary medical male circumcisions to prevent HIV infection in men and boys

Decline in new HIV diagnoses among adolescent girls and young women in nearly all DREAMS regions

People received HIV testing services

Women, men, and children on lifesaving antiretroviral treatment

Orphans, vulnerable children, and their caregivers received support

New health care workers trained

PEPFAR is the largest commitment by any nation to address a single disease in history. Managed and overseen by the U.S. Department of State, and supported through the compassion and generosity of the American people, PEPFAR has saved 20 million lives, prevented millions of infections, and helped transform the global AIDS response.
Leveraging a Whole-of-Government Model

Using a unique whole-of-government model—with the leadership of the U.S. Department of State, including through the in-country presence of U.S. Chiefs of Mission worldwide, and the comparative advantages of seven other U.S. government implementing agencies—PEPFAR continues to lead global efforts to control the HIV/AIDS pandemic. PEPFAR also coordinates closely with other State Department offices that contribute to global health security efforts and pandemic preparedness.

PEPFAR leverages its strong partnerships with partner governments, multilateral institutions, the private sector, civil society organizations, and communities to ensure that all populations, including vulnerable and marginalized populations, can access high-quality, non-discriminatory HIV prevention and treatment services that meet their needs. This includes developing PEPFAR’s annual Country/Regional Operational Plans jointly with these partners, both to ensure their meaningful engagement and to maximize program impact.

Strengthening Pandemic Preparedness and Response

With nearly one billion dollars in annual direct health systems investments, PEPFAR continues to strengthen global health security efforts, enhance overall pandemic response and resilience, and build enduring health care infrastructure and capacity. Around the globe, PEPFAR has trained nearly 300,000 health care workers, supports 3,000 laboratories, and assists clinical operations in 70,000 health care facilities.

PEPFAR partners have successfully leveraged these robust assets in disease surveillance, laboratory infrastructure and capacity, human resources for health, supply chains, data systems, and community relationships to prevent, detect, and respond to a diversity of other urgent health threats, such as tuberculosis, H1N1, Ebola, cholera—and, most recently, COVID-19.

PEPFAR’s transformative, life-saving impact is unassailable, but our mission is not yet finished. The HIV/AIDS pandemic and other global health challenges constantly evolve in every community and country—and PEPFAR continually adapts to new risk groups, adversities, and persistent gaps in order to optimally serve our clients, partners, and U.S. interests.