

38 MILLION
PEOPLE
have HIV globally

**HIV REMAINS
A LEADING CAUSE
OF DEATH
WORLDWIDE**

IN 2021, **1.5 MILLION**
people become
newly infected

THIS DISEASE
CLAIMED
680,000
LIVES
in 2021

EVERY WEEK,
AROUND
5,500
YOUNG WOMEN
aged 15 to 24 become
infected with HIV

**SUB-SAHARAN
AFRICA**
is home to more than
2/3 OF ALL
people living with HIV
infections globally

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WHAT'S DRIVING THE CONTINUED SPREAD OF HIV?



**Undiagnosed
HIV**

*One out of six people
living with HIV
are unaware that they
have the virus*



**Too Few on
Treatment**

*In 2020, 27% of all people
living with HIV were not
on treatment, and many
who begin treatment don't
stay on it*



**Fragile Health
Systems**

*Countries face
shortages of trained
health workers, delays
in providing test results,
and outdated labs*



**Stigma and
Discrimination**

*Policies that discriminate
against vulnerable
populations make it difficult
to deliver HIV services to them*

WHAT'S NEEDED IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HIV?

We are making tremendous progress in the fight against HIV, but millions still aren't benefiting from the latest scientific advances. We must work quickly to:










*Scale up effective prevention to
populations at high risk of HIV,
especially adolescent girls and young
women, in areas hardest hit by HIV
(e.g., sub-Saharan Africa)*

*Identify and put into action
innovative approaches to reach hidden
populations who face a heightened risk
of HIV (e.g., men who have sex with men,
people who inject drugs)*

*Make treatment
available to everyone
living with HIV, to
save lives and prevent
transmission*

CDC'S EFFORTS

CDC works side-by-side with Ministries of Health, partners, and community organizations in 45 countries and regions around the world to help them provide HIV treatment and prevention to those in need. As a key driver of U.S. progress through PEPFAR, CDC's approach is to:

-  **Expand access to quality HIV care and treatment:** Supported antiretroviral treatment for *12.5 million people in 2022*
-  **Prevent mother-to-child transmission:** Supported antiretroviral treatment for *over 484,000 women in FY22* to reduce HIV risk in newborns
-  **Avert new infections:** Supported voluntary medical male circumcision for *more than 14.3 million men to date through Sept. 30, 2021*
-  **Strengthen lab and point of care testing:** Promoted quality improvements in *more than 13k testing sites*
-  **Build surveillance systems:** To help countries better understand *their unique HIV epidemics*
-  **Expand access to HIV screening and viral load testing:** To identify more people with HIV and monitor the *effectiveness of their treatment*
-  **Train and support frontline healthcare workers:** To deliver services in *45 countries and regions*
-  **Tackle HIV and TB in tandem:** To save *both lives and money*
-  **Making smart investments by using data:** To drive efficiency and *maximize the value of every dollar*

SPOTLIGHT ON CDC'S KEY PROGRAMS

CDC is implementing universal antiretroviral treatment (ART) for all pregnant and breastfeeding women living with HIV to optimize maternal health and protect newborns from getting HIV

In 14 countries across sub-Saharan Africa and Haiti, CDC is reaching young, at-risk girls with HIV and gender-based violence interventions including mentoring and skill-building programs through DREAMS

CDC is leading the way to expand voluntary medical circumcision for men at greatest risk for HIV in 15 African countries

CDC is helping labs across the world make speedy diagnoses and more fully assess people's health, along with their risk of transmitting HIV

CDC is expanding access to state-of-the-art HIV diagnostic tests for infants, to safeguard the health of a new generation

CDC is helping countries to pilot innovative treatment delivery models, including community support groups, to help more people with HIV get treatment and stay on it

CDC is providing expertise for population-based household surveys to measure HIV trends and the impact of treatment and prevention programs in 19 countries

CDC has developed and is currently evaluating a simple, rapid test that can simultaneously diagnose HIV and identify if an infection is recent

CALL TO ACTION

To fulfill the promise of an AIDS-free generation, we must seize a short window of opportunity to intensify our response. It's essential that we:



Make the best use of every dollar by targeting the right people in the right places



Generate greater political will and involvement from the entire global community



Concentrate on tackling TB, the leading killer of people with HIV, and integrate treatment programs for both diseases

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about CDC's work to combat HIV around the world, visit www.cdc.gov/globalhivtb

