HIV REMAINS A LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH WORLDWIDE

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THIS DISEASE CLAIMED 1 MILLION LIVES in 2016

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA is home to nearly 2/3 OF ALL new HIV infections

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WHAT’S DRIVING THE CONTINUED SPREAD OF HIV?

Undiagnosed HIV
Approximately 30% of people living with HIV don’t know they have the virus

Too Few on Treatment
More than 40% of all people with HIV are 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Countries face shortages of trained health workers, delays in providing test results, and outdated labs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 affected 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

Train and support frontline healthcare workers: To deliver services in more than 50 countries

Strengthen lab quality: Supported quality improvements in more than 1,000 labs worldwide

Expand access to quality HIV care and treatment: Supported antiretroviral treatment for 7.3 million people as of Sept. 30, 2017

Tackle HIV and TB in tandem: To save both lives and money

Build surveillance systems: To help countries better understand their unique HIV epidemics

Prevent mother-to-children transmission: Supported antiretroviral treatment for over 400,000 women in FY2017 to reduce HIV risk in newborns

Expand access to HIV screening and viral load testing: To identify more people with HIV and monitor the effectiveness of their treatment

Avert new infections: Supported voluntary medical circumcision for more than 7.5 million men to date through Sept. 30, 2017

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SPOTLIGHT ON CDC’S KEY PROGRAMS

CDC is implementing Option B+, a bold strategy to protect newborns from HIV

In 8 countries across sub-Saharan Africa, CDC is reaching young, at-risk girls with mentoring and skill-building programs through the DREAMS initiative

CDC is leading the way to expand voluntary medical circumcision for men at greatest risk for HIV in 14 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 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 new population-based household surveys to measure HIV trends and the impact of prevention and treatment programs in 13 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

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