HIV REMAINS A LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH WORLDWIDE

IN 2020, 1.5 MILLION people became newly infected

IN 2020, EVERY WEEK, AROUND 5,500 YOUNG WOMEN aged 15 to 24 became infected with HIV

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

38 MILLION PEOPLE have HIV globally

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Countries face shortages of trained health workers, delays in providing test results, and outdated labs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

- **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
- **Make smart investments by using data:** To drive efficiency and maximize the value of every dollar

**Spotlight on CDC’s Key Programs**

- **Expand access to quality HIV care and treatment:** Supported antiretroviral treatment for 11.8 million people as of Sept. 30, 2021
- **Prevent mother-to-child transmission:** Supported antiretroviral treatment for over 481,000 women in FY2021 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 10.5k 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

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**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](http://www.cdc.gov/globalhivtb)