HIV REMAINS A LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH WORLDWIDE

IN 2018, 1.7 MILLION people became newly infected

THIS DISEASE CLAIMED 770,000 LIVES in 2018

EVERY WEEK, AROUND 7,000 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

WHAT’S DRIVING THE CONTINUED SPREAD OF HIV?

Undiagnosed HIV
One out of four people living with HIV are unaware that they have the virus

Too Few on Treatment
Among people who know their HIV status, one in five 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Countries face shortages of trained health workers, delays in providing test results, and outdated labs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 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

Source: UNAIDS, 2018
**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 7.3 million people as of Sept. 30, 2017
- Prevent mother-to-child transmission: Supported antiretroviral treatment for over 450,000 women in FY2017 to reduce HIV risk in newborns
- Avert new infections: Supported voluntary medical male circumcision for more than 7.5 million men to date through Sept. 30, 2017
- Strengthen lab quality: Supported quality improvements in more than 1,000 labs worldwide
- 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
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**SPOTLIGHT ON CDC’S KEY PROGRAMS**

- CDC is implementing Option B+, a bold strategy to protect newborns from HIV
  - In 14 countries across sub-Saharan Africa and Haiti, 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
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- CDC is providing expertise for population-based household surveys to measure HIV trends and the impact of treatment and prevention programs in 14 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](http://www.cdc.gov/globalhivtb)