

BRAZIL

STRATEGIC FOCUS

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Brazil aims to contribute to achievement of the U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) overall goal to reach HIV epidemic control. CDC Brazil’s program focuses on key populations (KP) that report the most new infections and the highest HIV prevalence rates in Brazil’s concentrated HIV/AIDS epidemic. Health systems strengthening, early diagnosis of HIV infection, linkage to care, and rapid and same-day engagement in treatment are the pillars of PEPFAR activities in Brazil.

CDC provides technical leadership and direct assistance to Brazil’s Ministry of Health (MOH) to enhance HIV programming, monitoring and evaluation, and epidemiological surveillance. It leads and supports research and trainings, knowledge exchanges, and decentralization of HIV services to the basic care network through human resource capacity building, health systems strengthening, and direct service delivery for KP.

KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- CDC collaborates with selected state and municipal health departments in Southern Brazil’s capital cities to expand gay men and men who have sex with men’s (MSM’s) access to self-testing through a request-and-delivery web platform and mobile app. Users may choose to receive test kits by mail or pick-up in digital dispensing lockers strategically placed to ensure privacy and confidentiality.
- CDC supports two clinics for men in Curitiba, Paraná state, which fully adopt the PEPFAR concept of differentiated service delivery models, including extended clinic hours, sexually transmitted disease diagnosis, same-day dispensation of antiretroviral treatment upon HIV positive test result, and pre- and post-exposure prophylaxis.
- Health system navigators are available by phone, short message services, call-in center, and other digital and mobile media for linking patients to either specialized or basic care facilities. These navigators are also responsible for locating patients lost to follow-up with the objective of re-engaging them in antiretroviral treatment.
- In 2019, CDC introduced index testing, which involves identifying current and former partners and household members of people living with HIV to increase outreach to sexual contacts of gay men and MSM. CDC also supported HIV infection recency testing to improve HIV incidence estimations.
- CDC provides technical assistance to develop tools for outlining key stages of engagement in the continuum of HIV treatment and supports data collection, analysis, and use for decision-making, including KP cascades.
- CDC provides technical assistance to HIV prevalence and incidence estimations among KP through knowledge, attitudes, practices and behavior surveys in addition to HIV incidence studies in capital cities.
- CDC and the National Tuberculosis Program are conducting a national survey of catastrophic costs associated with tuberculosis (TB) and providing TB prophylaxis to HIV patients with high viral load and low CD4 counts.

Key Country Leadership

President:
Jair Bolsonaro

Minister of Health:
Nelson Mandetta

U.S. Chargé d’Affaires:
Bill Popp

CDC/DGHT Director:
Aristides Barbosa

Country Quick Facts
(worldbank.org/en/where-we-work)

Per Capita GNI:
\$9,140 (2018)

Population (million):
209.47 (2018)

Under 5 Mortality:
15/1,000 live births (2017)

Life Expectancy:
76 years (2017)

Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic
(aidsinfo.unaids.org)

Estimated HIV Prevalence
(Ages 15-49): 0.5% (2018)

Estimated AIDS Deaths
(Age ≥15): N/A

Estimated Orphans Due to
AIDS: N/A

Reported Number Receiving
Antiretroviral Therapy (ART)
(Age ≥15): N/A

**Global Tuberculosis
(TB) Epidemic**
(who.int/tb/country/data/profiles/en)

Estimated TB Incidence:
44/100,000 population (2017)

TB Patients With Known HIV-
Status Who Are HIV-Positive:
13% (2017)

TB Treatment Success Rate:
72% (2016)

TB Mortality:
2.4/100,000 population (2017)

DGHT Country Staff: 5

Locally Employed Staff: 5
Direct Hires: 0
Fellows & Contactors: 0

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