The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Haiti office opened in 2002. Working in collaboration with Haiti’s Ministry of Public Health and Population (MSPP), CDC is supporting the national response to HIV/AIDS by preventing the transmission of HIV, and by providing increased accessibility and improved quality of HIV clinical services, increasing patient adherence and retention in treatment, strengthening surveillance, epidemiology, laboratory, and health management information system, and expanding multidrug-resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB) treatment availability.

**Strategic Focus**

**Service Coverage:** Our close collaboration with MSPP resulted in the adoption and implementation of the Test and Start strategy in 2016 in accordance with WHO recommendations, making ART available to all HIV-positive patients. As of 2017, CDC and partners have enrolled over 91,0001 patients, including children, on ART – or 61% of all estimated people living with HIV (PLHIV)2. CDC also supported HIV testing and counseling for more than 1 million people in 2017 and promoted intensified case finding for TB – resulting in an increase in the number of new patients placed on treatment from 2010 to 20173 and an increase in ART coverage for TB/HIV co-infected patients.

**Laboratory Capacity:** CDC strengthened LNSP’s capacity to provide quality diagnostic tests for HIV, TB, and other critical diseases, including the establishment of a national Specimen Referral Network for tracking and facilitating the collection and transport of biological specimens, and in expanding GeneXpert testing to all HIV-positive patients presenting symptoms of TB. CDC also helped MSPP to introduce viral load testing using dried blood spots sample collection and continues to support the expansion to ensure nationwide access. Viral load testing more than doubled from 26,843 in 2016 to 62,770 in 20174.

**Strategic Information:** CDC has worked closely with MSPP to develop information systems for monitoring and tracking HIV patient data. The CDC-developed Patient Linkage and Retention (PLR) system links EMR data with HIV surveillance data and allows CDC and partners to follow patient progress and reduce loss to follow-up (LTFU). The PLR platform also facilitates a proactive approach to avoid LTFU by promoting regular contact with patients and improving access to treatment via community-based drug distribution and multi-month scripting of ART. Over 80 health facilities in Haiti currently use the PLR tracking tool, which has brought 16,000 patients LTFU back into treatment. Fingerprint-based biometric coding is used in 84% of PEPFAR-funded treatment sites and is linked with EMR and the national HIV database to produce case-based surveillance and high-fidelity ART reporting.

**Quality Assurance:** CDC expanded external quality assurance practices at 204 laboratories and 135 HIV treatment sites in the country, supported the expansion of programs to prevent mother-to-child transmission to 98% of women in care at a health facility, and improved adherence to the comprehensive package of services for HIV-positive mothers and HIV-exposed infants.