

## STRATEGIC FOCUS

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis (TB) technical assistance to the Mali Ministry of Health (MOH), focusing on laboratory, surveillance, and TB/HIV integration at the national and policy levels through the U.S. President's Emergency Plan For AIDS Relief (PEPFAR).

**Enhancing Laboratory Quality for HIV and TB:** CDC provides financial and technical assistance to the National Public Health Research Institute for quality assurance programming. CDC supports laboratory capacity by providing technical assistance to the national reference laboratory and regional laboratories to train technicians in Dried Blood Spots (DBS) testing for HIV viral load.

**National HIV and TB Strategic Information:** CDC provides financial and technical assistance to multi-stakeholder efforts to develop a national surveillance strategy. CDC provides technical guidance and expertise to key population surveys, HIV cascade analysis, and the conceptualization of electronic data systems and treatment monitoring systems.

**Integration of TB Programs:** CDC provides technical assistance to the TB program, recently contributing to the opt-out strategy for HIV testing in addition to facilitating policy dialogue.

## KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Strategic Information and Laboratory Systems Support

- Developed and phased implementation of national HIV key populations surveys of men who have sex with men, female commercial sex workers, and long-distance truck drivers.
- Facilitated the Strengthening Laboratory Management Towards Accreditation (SLMTA) process including laboratory policy, the revision of HIV and sexually transmitted infections (STI) testing algorithms, and viral load testing.
- Established the only regional Early Infant Diagnosis laboratory in the Kayes region.
- Contributed expertise to the first HIV treatment cascade analysis.
- Facilitated and supported the establishment of the national HIV surveillance steering committee.

### National Policy and Program Support

- CDC plays an active role in HIV/AIDS technical work groups on prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT), key populations, and surveillance to improve the effectiveness of programs and adherence to scientific PEPFAR and UNAIDS technical guidance.
- CDC serves as a partner in the multi-stakeholder Global Fund HIV and TB program reviews, and provided expertise to the 2018-2020 concept note development.
- CDC provided technical guidance for the Treat All Strategy adopted in 2017 to improve the national HIV response.

### Tuberculosis:

- Assisted the national TB program to identify policy and program gaps in HIV/TB integration, and Multi-Drug Resistant Tuberculosis (MDRTB) management through facilitated national stakeholder dialogue and revision to its strategic planning process to better address gaps, including opt-out HIV testing strategy in TB clinics.
- CDC contributed expertise to consensus building on national TB prevalence and resistance monitoring and development for a funding increase for TB.

### Key Country Leadership

President:  
Ibrahim Boubacar Keïta

Minister of Health:  
Michel Hamala Sidibe

U.S. Ambassador:  
Dennis B. Hankins

CDC/DGHT Director:  
Michael Melchoir

**Country Quick Facts**  
([worldbank.org/en/where-we-work](http://worldbank.org/en/where-we-work))

Per Capita GNI:  
\$830 (2018)

Population (million):  
19.08 (2018)

Under 5 Mortality:  
106/1,000 live births (2017)

Life Expectancy:  
58 years (2017)

**Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic**  
([aidsinfo.unaids.org](http://aidsinfo.unaids.org))

Estimated HIV Prevalence  
(Ages 15-49): 1.4% (2018)

Estimated AIDS Deaths  
(Age ≥15): 6,500 (2018)

Estimated Orphans Due to  
AIDS: 120,000 (2018)

Reported Number  
Receiving Antiretroviral  
Therapy (ART) (Age ≥15):  
43,609 (2018)

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

Estimated TB Incidence:  
55/100,000 population  
(2017)

TB patients with known HIV  
status who are HIV positive:  
11% (2017)

TB Treatment Success Rate:  
77% (2016)

TB Mortality:  
8.6/100,000 population  
(2017)

**DGHT Country Staff: 4.5**  
Locally Employed Staff: 4  
Direct Hires: 0.5  
Fellows & Contactors: 00

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