

## STRATEGIC FOCUS

The partnership between the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Government of Tajikistan began in 1995 with the goal of strengthening the capacity to detect, prevent and control disease and respond to public health threats in Central Asia. In 2010, CDC began implementing activities supported through the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). To help Tajikistan achieve HIV epidemic control, CDC supports the Ministry of Health's Republican AIDS Center (RAC) and Republican Narcology Center (RNC) to implement interventions and activities that are focused on key populations.

CDC's support for epidemic control includes strengthening HIV prevention, care, and treatment programs and health system capacities. Specific activities include implementing evidence-based demonstration programs to identify cost-effective modes of service delivery and expanding prevention and treatment services for key populations. CDC provides support to the Ministry of Health in the following areas: HIV prevention, including medication-assisted treatment (MAT) of opioid addiction; HIV counseling and testing; laboratory strengthening; HIV care and treatment; and strategic information systems.

## KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- In 2020, CDC helped the government implement targeted evidence-based HIV testing strategies, including index testing. There were 337 new cases found, which made up 40% of all new cases identified in CDC-supported areas (PEPFAR Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting [MER] data).
- Eighty-nine percent of new cases found with CDC's assistance, initiated antiretroviral therapy (ART) in the same quarter they were identified. Median time from diagnosis to ART was reduced from 12 to six days. (PEPFAR MER data)
- In 2020, a total of 679 HIV-positive patients were newly enrolled on ART in CDC-supported areas. In those areas, the number of people living with HIV (PLHIV) on ART increased by 200% over the last five years. (PEPFAR MER data)
- In 2020, CDC supported 47 ART facilities in three regions to provide ART for 4,670 PLHIV (PEPFAR MER data).
- CDC's technical assistance (TA) in three HIV high burden areas resulted in an increase in the viral load measurement coverage rate up to 93%. In those areas, within the last five years, the total number of virally suppressed PLHIV increased by 765%. (PEPFAR MER data)
- CDC continues to work with the RNC to provide comprehensive MAT services to people who inject drugs in three MAT clinics, including dispensing of Methadone, HIV testing, integrated care for patients who are positive for HIV and/or TB, and providing psycho-social support.
- CDC supports the participation of six HIV laboratories in the international external quality assessment.
- CDC developed an electronic HIV Case Management System that is used nationwide by all HIV/AIDS centers to have reliable, real-time data on HIV epidemics.
- CDC supports the RAC in national treatment guidelines development and in quantifying a sufficient supply of quality antiretroviral drugs.
- Through the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute, CDC has been providing TA to HIV/AIDS laboratories in Tajikistan on the implementation of laboratory quality management systems to prepare them for national accreditation that meets international standards.

## Key Country Leadership

President:  
Emomali Rahmon

Minister of Health:  
Abdullozoda Jamoliddin

U.S. Ambassador:  
John M. Pommersheim

CDC/DGHT Director:  
Patrick Nadol

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

Per Capita GNI:  
\$1,060 (2020)

Population (millions):  
9.54 (2020)

Under 5 Mortality:  
34/1,000 live births (2019)

Life Expectancy:  
71 years (2019)

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

Estimated HIV Prevalence  
(Ages 15-49): 0.2% (2020)

Estimated AIDS Deaths  
(Age ≥15): <200 (2020)

Estimated Orphans Due to  
AIDS: 3,500 (2020)

Reported Number Receiving  
Antiretroviral Therapy (ART)  
(Age ≥15): 7,084 (2020)

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

Estimated TB Incidence:  
83/100,000 population (2019)

TB Patients with Known HIV  
Status who are HIV-Positive:  
3% (2019)

TB Treatment Success Rate:  
89% (2018)

Estimated TB Mortality:  
8.5/100,000 population (2019)

**DGHT Country Staff: 4**  
Locally Employed Staff: 4  
Direct Hires: 0  
Fellows & Contactors: 0

**Our success is built on the backbone of science and strong partnerships.**

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