

## STRATEGIC FOCUS

The partnership between the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Government of Tanzania (GOT) began in 2001. As a key implementer of the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, CDC works with the Tanzanian government to build a sustainable, high-impact national HIV response program to accelerate progress towards the UNAIDS global targets to control the HIV epidemic.

CDC collaborates with the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly, and Children (MOHCDGEC) in Zanzibar to support HIV testing, prevention, and treatment services, and to strengthen health systems. Current programmatic priorities include:

- Scaling-up targeted testing strategies such as index testing,
- Improving linkage of newly diagnosed people to care and retention of clients in care,
- Adjusting the geographic focus of programmatic activities to better align with the HIV burden, and
- Scaling-up TB preventive treatment (TPT) among people living with HIV (PLHIV).

## KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Bukoba Combination Prevention Evaluation (BCPE) Scale Up:** The BCPE model is a provider-initiated HIV testing and counseling (PITC) intervention implemented at reproductive and child health clinics. Expert Clients provide information, screen patients, and refer those who are high-risk for testing. Counselors provide the testing, and Expert Clients handle linkage and case management services. BCPE is being scaled-up to increase yield of PITC and strengthen linkage and case management.

**Laboratory Accreditation and Certification:** Ten laboratories were accredited to international standards, and 76 laboratories are enrolled in World Health Organization's Strengthening Laboratory Management Towards Accreditation program. In 2017, MOHCDGEC launched the National Framework for Point-of-Care Testing Certification in collaboration with CDC. To date, nearly 1,600 non-laboratory HIV rapid test staff completed training, and now more than 850 are certified as non-laboratory testers.

**Project Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO):** Laboratory Project ECHO—a distance learning and mentorship model for building health care worker capacity—has extensively trained and mentored HIV testers in Tanzania. Since 2016, over 50 training sessions have been conducted to serve more than 1,500 health care providers.

**Methadone Assisted Therapy:** CDC supports integrated HIV services in Methadone Assisted Therapy (MAT) clinics for people who inject drugs. Services provided include MAT; HIV testing and counseling; antiretroviral treatment (ART); and hepatitis B, sexually transmitted infection, and TB screening. There are three CDC-supported clinics in Dar es Salaam, one in Mwanza, and one in Zanzibar. By the end of Fiscal Year 2018, more than 5,300 individuals had completed six months of MAT services. In Fiscal Year 2019, CDC is planning to scale-up two additional clinics in Pwani and Tanga.

**Workforce Development:** In 2008, CDC established the Field Epidemiology & Laboratory Training Program (FELTP) in Tanzania. In 2016, Tanzania's FELTP expanded to include a full pyramid FELTP approach with three training programs for Frontline, Intermediate, and Advanced recruits. To date, FELTP Tanzania has graduated more than 300 FELTP residents in the three programs, bringing critical epidemiologic skills to all levels of the health system.

**Data Driving Decision-Making and Programmatic Action:** Since 2018, CDC has actively used monthly data to improve program performance. Key improvements can be seen in (1) HIV testing to identify new HIV positive people, (2) the number of people receiving ART, and (3) reaching men and other key populations. By turning data into action, CDC is helping Tanzania meet the UNAIDS targets and working towards epidemic control.

**TB/HIV:** CDC supported HIV testing among TB patients and scale-up of tuberculosis preventative treatment among people living with HIV, and it provided ART to HIV infected TB patients. CDC has also supported successful models for integration of TB and HIV services.

**TB:** CDC supports a number of non-PEPFAR TB activities. Early this year, CDC offered TB expertise at WHO's National Workshop to Strengthen Analysis and Use of Health Facility Data. CDC also provided technical assistance to National TB and Leprosy Control Program (NtLP) through the implementation and data analysis of the national TB drug-resistance survey. In collaboration with WHO and NtLP, a national TB Patient Cost Survey will be conducted this coming fall to evaluate the costs associated with TB diagnostics and treatment. Survey findings will help to inform future policies and interventions aimed to mitigate against these costs.

### Key Country Leadership

President:  
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PEPFAR Coordinator:  
Brian Rettmann

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

Per Capita GNI:  
\$1,020 (2018)

Population:  
56.32 million (2018)

Under 5 Mortality:  
54 / 1,000 live births  
(2017)

Life Expectancy:  
66 years (2017)

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

Estimated HIV Prevalence  
(Ages 15-49): 4.6% (2018)

Estimated AIDS Deaths  
(Age ≥15): 19,000 (2018)

Estimated Orphans Due to  
AIDS: 850,000 (2018)

Reported Number  
Receiving Antiretroviral  
Therapy (ART) (Age ≥15):  
1,049,105 (2018)

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

Estimated TB Incidence:  
269/100,000 population  
(2017)

TB patients with known  
HIV status who are HIV  
positive:  
31% (2017)

TB Treatment Success  
Rate: 90% (2016)

TB Mortality:  
47/100,000 population  
(2017)

**Country Staff: 85**  
Locally Employed Staff: 68  
Direct Hires: 12  
Fellows: 3

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