

# GHANA

## STRATEGIC FOCUS

The partnership between CDC and the Government of Ghana began in 2008, with the goal of strengthening HIV prevention and control. Over the past 10 years, CDC's global HIV/AIDS focus has transitioned from an emergency response approach to one of sustainability and shared responsibility. The Ghana program has moved from one focused mainly on prevention in Key Populations, to one that now also includes supporting Ghana's recent adoption of the 2015 WHO guidelines to treat all HIV+ persons.

CDC is the lead for laboratory efforts within the PEPFAR Ghana team, improving the skills of laboratorians, and efficiency of laboratory services. CDC, together with the Government of Ghana, assesses these laboratorian skills in real-world settings, and together address any shortfalls that are recognized. CDC is piloting efforts to improve sample transport systems. These efforts will help improve the quality of HIV care and treatment services as patients will no longer have to travel long distances to be tested.

CDC also leads PEPFAR Ghana's strategic information activities, including efforts to improve the ability to capture and analyze data across the HIV Cascade, from testing, to initiation of treatment, to suppression of viral load. CDC also helps develop and conduct research studies on Key Populations (Female Sex Workers and Men who have Sex with Men). Together these efforts provide PEPFAR Ghana with the tools and data needed to best target our HIV efforts.

## KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- CDC Ghana and PEPFAR Ghana succeeded in reaching an agreement with the Government of Ghana to adopt the 2015 WHO guidelines to treat all persons who are HIV+ rather than basing treatment on CD4 counts.
- CDC Ghana and PEPFAR Ghana succeeded in obtaining \$23.7M in supplemental funding for ARVs and commodities that will be used to help the Government of Ghana implement the 2015 WHO guidelines.
- CDC Ghana's lab efforts have increased rapid test proficiency testing from 27% to 85%.
- CDC Ghana's strategic information efforts resulted in the completion of a pilot testing phase of an electronic HIV module for tracking and management of clients.
- CDC Ghana is piloting a unique identifier system for Key Populations.
- CDC Ghana is conducting an Integrated Biological and Behavioral Surveillance Survey on men who have sex with men.

### Key Country Leadership

President:  
Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo

Minister of Health:  
Kwaku Agyeman-Manu

U.S. Ambassador:  
Robert P. Jackson

PEPFAR Coordinator:  
Dzifa Awunyo-Akaba

CDC/DGHT Director:  
Dan Baden

### Country Quick Facts

Per Capita GNI:  
\$1,480 (2015)

Population:  
27.4 million (2015)

Under 5 Mortality:  
62 / 1,000 live births (2015)

Life Expectancy:  
61 years (2014)

### Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic

Estimated HIV Prevalence (Ages 15-49): 1.6% (2015)

Estimated AIDS Deaths (Age ≥15): 11,000 (2015)

Estimated Orphans Due to AIDS: 160,000 (2015)

Reported Number Receiving Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) (Age ≥15): 89,113 (2015)

### Global Tuberculosis (TB) Epidemic

TB Treatment Success Rate: 85% (2015)

Estimated TB Incidence: 160 / 100,000 (2015)

Estimated Who are HIV Positive: 22% (2015)

### Country Staff: 6

Locally Employed Staff: 4.5  
Direct Hires: 1.5  
Fellows & Contactors: 0

