

The Strengthening High Impact Interventions for an AIDS-free Generation (AIDSFree) Project improves the quality and effectiveness of high-impact, evidence-based HIV interventions—such as HIV testing, treatment, prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT), voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC), and condom promotion—in order to meet country-specific objectives.

AIDSFree is a five-year cooperative agreement led by JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc., with partners Abt Associates Inc., Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation (EGPAF), EnCompass LLC, IMA World Health, the International HIV/AIDS Alliance, Jhpiego Corporation, and PATH.

AIDSFree advances implementation of the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) by providing capacity development and technical support to missions, host-country governments, and HIV implementers at local, regional, and national levels. Building on the momentum of USAID and PEPFAR's investments in ending HIV, AIDSFree fosters effective and sustainable HIV programs.

To increase country ownership and program sustainability, AIDSFree works closely with government, civil society, and the private sector to address critical pillars of public health: human resources for health, technical service delivery, development of evidence-based tools, quality improvement, demand creation, data collection, analysis and utilization, service delivery, and leadership and management.

Getting the right technical and programmatic information to policymakers, program planners, and implementers is key to achieving an AIDS-free generation. In line with the *PEPFAR Blueprint: Creating an AIDS-free Generation*, AIDSFree disseminates technical information through traditional and digital media for scale-up of core evidence-based interventions. AIDSFree also builds technical and organizational capacity to deliver high-impact evidence-based programs and translates research findings to programmatic practices.

AIDSFree can accept funding from missions to rapidly expand and strengthen HIV interventions and build capacity in the public and civil society sectors. AIDSFree works with countries to identify opportunities to implement evidence-based best practices and new technologies; engage country partners to balance scale-up and capacity strengthening; integrate services and improve referral mechanisms and client retention; address structural barriers that impede rapid adaptation of emerging evidence and best practices; transform and sustain change through quality improvement; and support client- and family-centered services.

AIDSFree can:

- Rapidly **disseminate** relevant information through knowledge management
- **Identify opportunities** to support scale-up and pilot of new approaches/initiatives in geographic priority areas (e.g., DREAMS)
- **Develop** evidence-based tools, protocols, and standard operating procedures
- **Monitor and evaluate** interventions and support data collection, analysis, and utilization
- **Facilitate** organizational capacity assessments and support follow up of recommendations
- **Utilize** gender analysis to target appropriate interventions
- **Facilitate** south-to-south technical exchanges
- **Engage** the private sector to foster and develop public-private partnerships

Field Buy-In Process



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AIDSFree Buy-Ins

Country	Key Activities
Angola	In coordination with Angolan stakeholders, national and subnational institutions, systematize and transfer USAID-designed and -promoted PMTCT tools, methodologies, and other products to effectively institutionalize their use.
	Strengthen the capacity of selected civil society organizations (CSOs) to support and facilitate uptake of HIV testing, rapid enrollment of people living with HIV (PLHIV) into antiretroviral therapy, adherence and retention to achieve viral suppression, ultimately attaining the UNAIDS 90-90-90 goals with an emphasis on PMTCT and pediatric care.
Ethiopia	Maintain current management information system (MIS) performance and build country capacity to direct MIS efforts with the goal of improving supply chain data use and availability. (Activities will be initiated in October 2016.)
Lesotho	Build technical and leadership capacity of CSOs to improve access and quality of PMTCT and pediatric service delivery (HIV testing services; health promotion; and adherence support and retention services for HIV-positive mothers, their infants, and their families).
Middle East and North Africa (MENA)	Create a sustainable mechanism for HIV organizations working with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex (LGBTI) persons; migrants and refugees; and PLHIV, as well as LGBTI and PLHIV grassroots organizations, to facilitate referrals to appropriate, nondiscriminatory health services and generate human rights-based evidence in MENA.
Mozambique	VMMC service delivery in two provinces (Manica and Tete). (Activities initiated in April 2016.)
	Increase knowledge about PMTCT and pediatric HIV care and treatment services among members of participating CSOs. Build technical and leadership capacity of CSOs to use existing materials to raise awareness among, educate, and advocate for HIV-positive pregnant and breastfeeding women, HIV-exposed children, and HIV-positive children.
Namibia	Continue to provide support for private sector HIV activities, especially VMMC service delivery.
	Provide capacity building to TONATA, a local NGO, to ensure practical application of management guidance and achievement of high-quality, community-based PMTCT and pediatric services, with particular focus on data collection, reporting, and use; quality assurance and improvement; and advocacy skills.
Nigeria	Strengthen health care waste management in PEPFAR focus states.
Swaziland	Identify and develop a community-based approach for improved guidance, mentorship, and referrals between facilities and HIV-positive mothers and their HIV-exposed infants to reduce loss to follow-up of infants (Specific approach to be determined by landscape analysis/formative assessment and may include building the capacity of community mother leaders to provide community case management).
	Comprehensive delivery of HIV/AIDS/tuberculosis (TB) services in two regions of the country and provide national-level technical assistance to strengthen PMTCT and pediatric HIV/TB care and treatment programs.
Tanzania	Lead VMMC service delivery in 3 regions (Iringa, Njombe, and Tabora).
	Strengthening HIV and TB service delivery to Tanzania's Uniformed Services (Police and Prisons).
Uganda	Establish and sustain a functional, environmentally-friendly final waste disposal plant in southwest Uganda through a public-private partnership.
Viral Load/ Early Infant Diagnosis	Work with USAID to develop a framework for, create, and disseminate a web portal for viral load and early infant diagnosis resources. The portal will address topics such as procurement, prequalification, QA, lab issues, program implementation, training manuals, and monitoring and evaluation.
Zambia	Continue rollout of eLMIS to improve logistics decision-making through timely data for forecasting and quantification. Develop a sustainability plan to transfer implementation and maintenance to Government of Zambia. (Activities will be initiated in September 2016.)
Zimbabwe	Improve survival and quality of life for PLHIV through early identification, of infection and initiation and retention on anti-retroviral treatment using quality improvement strategies.
	Develop a risk screening tool for community health workers and social workers to identify orphans and other vulnerable children who need HIV testing. Three phases of technical assistance: literature review, tool development, and pilot.

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