










More than thirty years ago, CDC reported the first known case of what is now called AIDS in its *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*.

Since then, CDC has been at the forefront of the fight against HIV in the United States and around the world – expanding its efforts in parallel with the epidemic. As a key implementer of the U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), CDC plays a unique role – bringing a combination of scientific and technical expertise and on-the-ground experience to bear in the fight against HIV. Today, CDC continues to lead the way in HIV prevention and treatment at home and abroad, using innovation and data-driven approaches to help eliminate HIV as a global public health threat *and, ultimately, save lives.*

TRANSFORMING THE HIV EPIDEMIC AND SAVING LIVES



FOR MORE THAN THREE DECADES, CDC HAS BEEN A LEADER IN GLOBAL HIV RESEARCH AND RESPONSE

 <p>1981 CDC First Recognizes "AIDS" CDC identifies a rare lung infection that it later calls "acquired immune deficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS)"</p>	 <p>1997 Peak of New HIV Infections Worldwide 3.7 million people report contracting the illness worldwide</p>	 <p>2003 PEPFAR Launches^{3**} CDC begins to play a leading role in President George W. Bush's newly announced U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) – the largest commitment by any nation to address one disease</p>	 <p>2015 Global Infection Rates Fall^{****} New HIV infections decrease by more than one million – from 3.2 million in 2000 to 2.1 million in 2015</p>	 <p>2023 PEPFAR Celebrates 20 Years of Impact Since its inception, PEPFAR has saved the lives of 25 million people. PEPFAR remains a driving force in the global response to HIV, and celebrates 20 years of impact as it prepares for Congressional reauthorization.</p>
 <p>1988 Early Field Station CDC launches the Retrovirus Côte d'Ivoire (CDC Retro-CI) project led by CDC's new field office in Abidjan to research some of the most important questions about HIV worldwide</p>	 <p>2000 CDC Establishes Global AIDS Program² Effort further advances the United States' leadership in the global fight against HIV</p>	 <p>2008 U.S. Congress reauthorizes PEPFAR for an additional 5 years CDC plays a key role in the global response's shift to build sustainable, country-led programs that integrate HIV services into broader health systems.</p>	 <p>2016 Global HIV Treatment Dramatically Expands One year after global guidance calling for all people who test positive for HIV to receive immediate treatment, 18.2 million people are accessing antiretroviral therapy, up from less than a million in 2000^{***}. CDC is supporting about 1/3 of all those in treatment worldwide.</p>	

Sources: ¹<https://www.cdc.gov/globalhivtb/where-we-work/cotedivoire/cotedivoire.html> ²<http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/fact-sheet> ³<http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/fact-sheet> ⁴https://www.unaids.org/sites/default/files/media_asset/data-book-2022_en.pdf

Photo Credit: ¹ CDC.gov <https://npin.cdc.gov/pages/hiv-and-aids-timeline> ² CDC.gov <https://www.cdc.gov/tuskegee/clintonp.htm> ³ CDC.gov <https://www.cdc.gov/globalhealth/countries/rwanda/timeline/default.htm>

⁴WHO: World Health Organization | ⁵UNAIDS: The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS

HIV: GLOBAL BURDEN AND PROGRESS

39.9 MILLION
PEOPLE WORLDWIDE WERE LIVING WITH HIV
IN 2023

1.3 MILLION
BECAME NEWLY INFECTED WITH HIV
IN 2023

630,000
DEATHS FROM AIDS-RELATED ILLNESS
IN 2023

30.7 MILLION
PEOPLE WERE ACCESSING ANTIRETROVIRAL THERAPY
IN 2023

Source: UNAIDS, 2024

CDC'S ROLE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HIV GLOBALLY



LONG-STANDING RELATIONSHIP WITH MINISTRIES OF HEALTH

CDC's peer-to-peer relationships with Ministries of Health allows us to be a significant driver of U.S. progress to fight HIV worldwide.



GLOBAL REACH AND LOCAL IMPACT

CDC's reach allows us to use global insights to strengthen domestic programs and apply lessons learned in the U.S. to help accelerate global progress.



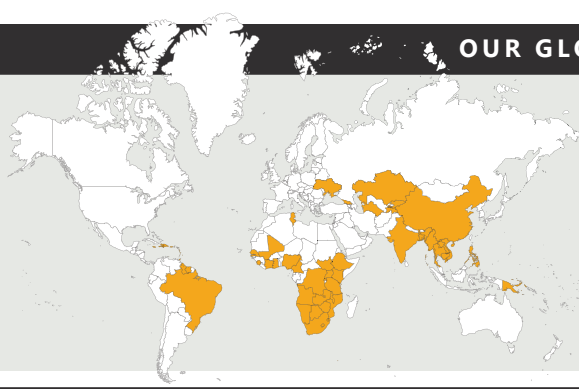
SCIENTIFIC EXPERTISE AND TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW

CDC's Division of Global HIV & TB is home to one of the largest cadres of public health experts – including epidemiologists, health economists, and medical officers – devoted to the prevention and treatment of HIV.



A GLOBAL LEADER IN LAB STRENGTHENING

Strengthening laboratory systems around the globe is a hallmark of CDC's work.



CDC'S DIVISION OF GLOBAL HIV & TB
IS RESPONDING IN OVER
46 COUNTRIES & REGIONS
TO ADDRESS HIV AND TB

CDC LEADING THE WAY IN FOUR CRITICAL AREAS OF THE GLOBAL HIV RESPONSE

STRONG LABS SAVE LIVES

Strong labs are crucial at every step in responding to the HIV epidemic, yet many parts of the world struggle with fragile lab systems. In 2023, CDC supported more than 12,000 labs or testing sites in more than 30 countries, enabling them to identify and prevent the spread of HIV and other diseases that can threaten health and safety across the globe.



LIFE-SAVING TREATMENT

Getting life-saving treatment to people around the world who are living with HIV is one of the most important steps we can take to bring an end to the global epidemic. As a lead implementing agency of PEPFAR, CDC is at the forefront of these efforts. In 2023, as a part of PEPFAR, CDC supported antiretroviral treatment for 12.6 million people living with HIV – more than 40% of all people on treatment worldwide.



THE POWER OF DATA

Data provide powerful insights that allow us to target HIV prevention and treatment to those who need them most, and to measure impact. CDC plays a leading role in designing and enhancing surveillance systems that enable countries to understand which populations and geographic areas require urgent HIV attention and services, and to make fast course corrections.



FIGHTING HIV AND TB

TB is the top killer worldwide of people living with HIV, whose weakened immune systems make them highly susceptible to becoming ill with TB. In 2023, CDC supported TB screenings for 10.2 million people with HIV. We also work hand-in-hand with partners to get TB preventive treatment to people with HIV who are at risk of developing active TB, as well as HIV treatment to people living with both diseases.



Sources: CDC Annual Program Results 2024

CDC'S IMPACT



CDC supported
12.6M

Men, Women, and Children on Life-Saving Antiretroviral Treatment
IN 2023



CDC supported
445K

Pregnant women on antiretroviral treatment to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV
IN 2023



CDC supported
17M

Voluntary Medical Male Circumcisions (VMMC)
AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

While the world has made great progress against HIV, we urgently need to do more. We cannot stop now.

At CDC, through PEPFAR, we are focused on accelerating HIV treatment and prevention worldwide by using a precision public health approach. By targeting our efforts, we are maximizing the impact of every U.S. dollar in the fight against HIV to reach those in greatest need, save lives, and help transition countries to full ownership of their HIV response.

Continuing this momentum is critical to achieving PEPFAR's current 5-year strategy to eliminate HIV as a global public health threat by 2030.

To learn more about CDC's work to combat HIV around the world, visit
WWW.CDC.GOV/GLOBALHIVTB

