



## PEPFAR Namibia: Small Grants



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IN PARTNERSHIP TO FIGHT  
HIV/AIDS

The U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) funds three types of small grants:

### 1. PEPFAR HIV Prevention Among Youth

PEPFAR provides grants for HIV prevention activities among youth (ages 10-19 years). This will contribute to Namibia's goal of reducing new HIV infections by 50 percent by 2016/17.

- Grants cover 12 months of activity, with activities beginning on October 1st.
- Budgets are between \$5,000 and \$25,000 U.S. dollars.
- Grantees use evidence-based, age-appropriate HIV prevention curricula.
- Grantees target the same group of beneficiaries multiple times, using at minimum the package of HIV prevention discussion topics.
- Grantees are community-based, faith-based organizations or learning institutions.
- Contact information: [NamibiaHIVgrants@state.gov](mailto:NamibiaHIVgrants@state.gov) or 061-295-8520.

### 2. PEPFAR HIV/AIDS Community Development Grants

PEPFAR provides small-scale HIV/AIDS community grants to assist local organizations and community groups to improve the lives of orphans and other vulnerable children affected by HIV/AIDS. Services to children (0-17 years) could include ensuring access to basic education, broader health care services, targeted food and nutrition support, including support for legal protection and legal aid, economic strengthening, training of caregivers in HIV prevention, and home-based care.

- Organizations must demonstrate strong community support and contribution.
- Funding cannot be used for scholarships and school fees or to support private businesses or for-profit pre-schools or schools.
- Budgets are up to \$15,000 U.S. dollars.
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### 3. PEPFAR HIV/AIDS Communications

PEPFAR provides grants to mass media entities to further public communication with a focus on prevention, treatment and care of HIV/AIDS.

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## Partnership to fight HIV/AIDS in Namibia

The U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) is the largest commitment by a single nation toward an international health initiative.

### The United States works with the Government of Namibia and partners to:

- **Prevent** new HIV infections
- **Care** for vulnerable children and other people affected by HIV/AIDS
- **Treat** people living with HIV/AIDS

Through PEPFAR, Namibia has received over US\$800 million for HIV/AIDS activities since its inception in 2004. PEPFAR and the Namibian government are in partnership to meet joint priorities to build capacity and systems needed to ensure the sustainability and effectiveness of the national HIV/AIDS program.

### PEPFAR and its partners:

- Treat adults and children with advanced HIV infection through antiretroviral therapy (ART)
- Test and counsel adults and children for HIV
- Test and counsel pregnant women for HIV/AIDS and treat HIV+ women with antiretrovirals to prevent transmission to their children
- Provide care and support to people living with HIV/AIDS
- Support orphans and vulnerable children
- Train health care workers to improve HIV/AIDS services

### PEPFAR coordinates its programs through:

- U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)
- U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Peace Corps
- U.S. Department of State
- U.S. Department of Defense

### Aligning with Namibia's national HIV/AIDS response, PEPFAR works with:

- Government of Namibia Ministries and Agencies
- Non-Governmental Organizations
- Faith-Based Organizations
- Private Sector Enterprises



#### PEPFAR'S IMPACT IN NAMIBIA

##### PEPFAR:

- Tested 315,000 people for their HIV status in 2013

##### PEPFAR supported the country to:

- Reduce new HIV infections by over 50% between 2001 and 2013
- Treat 126,779 HIV+ people in 2013
- Treat 8,600 HIV+ pregnant women to reduce HIV transmission to their babies in 2013

##### HIV/AIDS IN NAMIBIA

- About 14.2% of adults (15-49 years old) are HIV+
- 234,000 people living with HIV
- Sources: SPECTRUM Model, March 2014; MOHSS Databases, Dec 2013



## PEPFAR Namibia: HIV/AIDS Care and Support

The U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), together with the Government of Namibia and implementing partners, supports a comprehensive program of HIV prevention, care, and treatment.

This factsheet highlights PEPFAR's activities to care for and support people living with HIV. Care and support involves providing services for the overall health of patients, as well as support for orphans and vulnerable children affected by HIV. PEPFAR supports the Government of Namibia and partners to make these services available in clinics and communities. These services are essential to helping people living with HIV manage their disease.

### Program support

#### Supporting people living with HIV

- PEPFAR assists programs that provide clinical, nutritional, psychological, social, emotional, and preventive services to care for the overall health of patients.
- With its partners, PEPFAR ensures that patients consistently and continuously take their medication.
- PEPFAR supports screening of HIV-positive patients for tuberculosis (TB), referral for treatment, and clinical management. TB is the most common life-threatening disease among people living with HIV.
- PEPFAR is helping the Government to use a new tool so patients can quickly find out their TB status.

#### Orphans and Vulnerable Children

- PEPFAR-supported programs care for orphans and vulnerable children by providing:
  - Education and vocational training
  - Nutritional and psychosocial support
  - Small business opportunities

#### Policies

- PEPFAR works with the Government of Namibia to create national policies and standards to benefit orphans and vulnerable children and people living with HIV.

#### Technical assistance and training

- PEPFAR trains community organizations to provide a package of services to people living with HIV and orphans

and vulnerable children.

- PEPFAR works with the Government to improve the skills of health care providers in clinical care, including TB.
- PEPFAR supported the Government to roll out the Health Extension Program, which provides home visits to: screen for illnesses, manage simple sicknesses, encourage healthy behaviors, track HIV and TB patients and identify orphans and vulnerable children.

### Research and pilots

- PEPFAR carried out two studies testing how the private sector could be involved with support to people living with HIV. Consequently, two businesses successfully provided psychosocial counseling through non-government organizations.



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## PEPFAR Namibia: HIV/AIDS Prevention

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### Program support

#### Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission

PEPFAR supports the Government to prevent HIV+ pregnant women from transmitting HIV to their children. Only 4% of babies of HIV+ mothers are now born with HIV in Namibia. PEPFAR supports the Government to provide lifelong treatment for HIV+ pregnant women, test HIV-exposed infants and monitor their health and well-being.

#### HIV counseling and testing

PEPFAR supports rapid HIV testing through facilities and in communities. In 2013, PEPFAR provided 100% of the counseling for over 315,000 people who were tested for their HIV status.

#### Sexual prevention

PEPFAR works through partners to prevent sexual transmission of HIV. PEPFAR focuses primarily on young girls and key populations such as sex workers and transgendered people. PEPFAR also assists the Ministry of Health to distribute condoms and scale up program to provide basic health services in homes.

#### Gender-based violence

PEPFAR contributes to the Government's efforts to prevent and respond to gender-based violence.

#### Voluntary medical male circumcision

PEPFAR contributes to delivering safe medical circumcision to adolescents and adults in two of seven priority regions—Oshana and Zambezi. PEPFAR also works with private health providers to deliver affordable, safe circumcision services to their clients. Circumcision reduces the risk of HIV transmission by two-thirds.

### Policy development

PEPFAR helped develop the National Strategic Framework for HIV/AIDS and national policies and plans for HIV testing and counseling, voluntary medical male circumcision, and elimination of mother-to-child transmission.

### Technical assistance and training

PEPFAR supports and trains health care workers and health extension workers, to ensure that services are effective. In 2013, PEPFAR trained 8,300 health care workers in HIV/AIDS in-service trainings. PEPFAR supported the Namibian laboratory system to improve HIV testing of babies, monitoring HIV-positive patients and the quality of services.

### Research and pilots

PEPFAR helps develop new strategies and improve programs. For example, PEPFAR studied a home-based testing and counseling program, which will be expanded due to its success.



• King's Daughters distributing condoms



## PEPFAR Namibia: HIV/AIDS Treatment

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HIV/AIDS medication or antiretroviral therapy (ART) saves lives, lowers the chance of transmitting HIV to others, and decreases the complication of co-infections.

### HIV/AIDS treatment

- For ten years PEPFAR has supported the Government of Namibia to provide medication and clinical services for HIV-positive people. PEPFAR helps ensure that treatment is available across the country.
- PEPFAR supports the Government to treat adults and children living with HIV.

### Policies

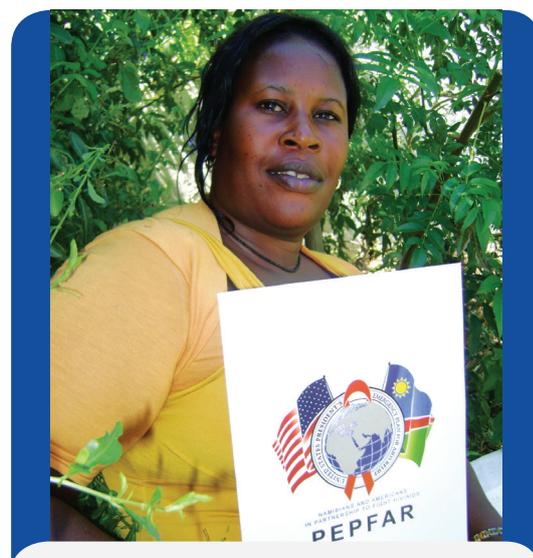
- PEPFAR worked with the Government of Namibia to update national policies, procedures, guidelines, and plans for HIV care and treatment, HIV testing and counseling, and HIV/TB treatment.
- PEPFAR supports the Government of Namibia to revise the eligibility criteria for HIV treatment to provide treatment to more people.

### Technical assistance and training

- PEPFAR works with partners to improve treatment quality through supervision, mentorship, training and ensure that patients take their medication consistently.
- PEPFAR supports the Government to manage the forecasting, distribution and storage of drugs.

### Research and pilots

- PEPFAR supports the Government to conduct operational research and to pilot programs to develop new strategies and improve systems. For example, PEPFAR supported the development of cost estimates and tools for the implementation of new treatment guidelines. PEPFAR supported Namibia's first population-based HIV survey, which will measure HIV trends and determinants of behavior.



Individuals on Antiretroviral Treatment

