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PEPFAR Overview
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- 2,400,000 million HIV-positive individuals on antiretroviral treatment,
- Reduction in mother-to-child transmission rate of HIV to less than 3%,
- 295,000 men received medical male circumcision as part of a package of prevention services,
- 6,617,300 individuals received HIV counseling and testing, and
- 177,000 orphans and vulnerable children were reached with care services.

HIV in the Province
The sexually active age group (males and females, aged 15—49 years) represents 55.7% of Western Cape’s population; HIV prevalence amongst this age group is 9.2%. According to recently released DoH data, Western Cape’s antenatal HIV prevalence remained stable at 1.8% in the past 2 years (95% CI: 14.3—22.8). The City of Cape Town carries the heaviest burden of antenatal HIV in the Western Cape, with more than 70% of the HIV-infected pregnant women in the province.

PEPFAR’s Current Work
The USG works in close partnership with the SAG to achieve the goals of zero new HIV and TB infections, zero new infections due to vertical transmission, zero preventable deaths associated with HIV and TB, and zero discrimination associated with HIV, STIs, and TB. In August 2012, the US and SA governments signed a Partnership Framework Implementation Plan which outlines joint investments through 2017 to further reduce HIV infections and build health systems capacity. PEPFAR works in alliance with Western Cape’s provincial and local governments to strengthen its health system infrastructure through ensuring high quality standard of care at health facilities; enhancing training, recruiting, and strengthening human resource systems for clinicians, community health workers, and managers; strengthening use and data capturing of routine health information systems, including ETR, EDR, Tier.net, and DHIS; and promoting evidence-informed planning.

Western Cape Achievements
Through district health partners, PEPFAR has supported the provincial government in reaching the following milestones in 2013:

- 145,000 HIV-positive individuals on antiretroviral treatment, and
- 654,000 individuals received HIV counseling and testing.

Additionally, PEPFAR implementing partners in the province directly contributed to:

- 5,900 medical male circumcisions (contributing to 6.5% of the provincial target);
- 4,500 orphans and vulnerable children reached with care services;
- 500 Health Care workers graduated from a pre-service training institution, and
- 1,000 Health Care workers completed a SAQA-accredited in-service training program and 800 clinicians and caregivers completed a pediatric ART, TB, MMC, or palliative care course.

Provincial Highlight
PEPFAR launched PopART—a landmark trial designed to assess whether house-to-house voluntary HIV testing, immediate treatment, and proven prevention measures can substantially reduce the number of new HIV infections. This research continues PEPFAR’s partnership with the SAG and its academia as innovative regional and global leaders in the HIV response.

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PEPFAR National Budget—2013
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