**PEPFAR in Mpumalanga**

**PEPFAR Overview**

Since 2004, PEPFAR has invested more than $4.2 billion in SA in response to the HIV/AIDS and TB epidemics. PEPFAR works in partnership with national, provincial and local governments, with non-governmental and faith-based organizations, and with academia and the private sector to scale up lifesaving HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment services across SA. Joint national outcomes include:

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

**HIV in the Province**

The sexually active age group (males and females 15—49 years) represents 55.2% of Mpumalanga’s population; HIV prevalence amongst this age group is 26.0%. According to recently released NDoH data, Mpumalanga recorded an increase in estimated antenatal HIV prevalence of 2.0% from 34.7% to 36.7% (95% CI 34.3 -39.2%). In Ehlanzeni, 35.8% of pregnant women were seropositive, and in Gert Sibande, nearly half (46.1%) of its pregnant women were positive.

**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 Mpumalanga’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.

**Mpumalanga Achievements**

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

- 222,000 HIV-positive individuals on antiretroviral treatment, and
- 328,000 individuals received HIV counseling and testing.

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

- 32,000 male circumcisions (contributing to 49.6% of the provincial target);
- 32,900 orphans, vulnerable children and youth reached with care services;
- 175 Health Care workers graduated from a pre-service training institution, and
- 260 Health Care workers completed a SAQA-accredited in-service training program.

**Provincial Highlight**

BroadReach, a USAID PEPFAR-funded organization, provides district and facility technical support to help clinics continue to provide a high-quality standard of care and assists provincial and district level government to improve planning of infrastructure, management, and recruitment of key personnel. In August 2013, BroadReach (through USAID’s support) handed over a wellness center extension and equipment to Mpumalanga’s DoH.

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* Denotes Community Grants

**Nkangala District**

- AgriAIDS
- BroadReach Healthcare
- CareWorks
- Childline Mpumalanga
- Health and Development Africa
- Hospice Palliative Care
- JHPIEGO
- Mothers 2 Mothers
- Nati Assoc of Childcare Workers
- Nati Assoc State/Terr AIDS Directors
- Population Services International
- Re-Action!
- Right to Care
- Univ of California—San Francisco
- University Research Corporation
- US Peace Corps

**Ehlanzeni District**

- AgriAIDS
- BroadReach Healthcare
- CareWorks
- Childline Mpumalanga
- Hospice Palliative Care
- JHPIEGO
- Mothers 2 Mothers
- Nati Assoc of Childcare Workers
- Nati Assoc State/Terr AIDS Directors
- Population Services International
- Re-Action!
- Right to Care
- SA Catholic Bishops Conference
- *Tyimiseleni Home Based Care
- US Peace Corps
- *White Rose Hospice

**Gert Sibande District**

- AgriAIDS
- BroadReach Healthcare
- CareWorks
- Childline Mpumalanga
- Hospice Palliative Care
- JHPIEGO
- Mothers 2 Mothers
- Nati Assoc of Childcare Workers
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