

The U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief

Medical and Nursing Education Partnership Initiative

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The U.S. Government's Response

- In 2003, the U.S. Government launched the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)
- To date, the U.S. Government, through PEPFAR, has committed approximately **\$32 billion** to the fight against global AIDS.
- PEPFAR is the cornerstone of the President's Global Health Initiative.



Goals for the Next Phase of PEPFAR

Working in partnership with partner nations around the world, PEPFAR will directly support:

- * Treatment for **more than 4 million** people
 - * Prevention of **12 million** new infections
 - * Care for **12 million people**, including **5 million** orphans and vulnerable children
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- To meet these goals, PEPFAR will support training of at least **140,000** new health care workers in HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care.



Achieving the 140,000 Goal

- Goal is to increase the number of health care workers in the workforce by **140,000**
- Emphasizes training and deployment of doctors and nurses, as well as other professionals and paraprofessionals
- Address recruitment and retention, dynamics of workforce
- Training is defined as “pre-service” education of new health care workers who graduated from a pre-service educational institution with full or partial PEPFAR support
- Training must occur prior to the individual entering the health workforce in his or her new position
- Recognize need for continued education and professional opportunities with living wage – workforce, academic settings



Educating Physicians and Nurses

Medical and Nursing Education Partnership Initiative

- **\$20 million** to expand clinical capacity in African medical and nursing schools, strengthening institutions in their mission
- Increase the pipeline of physicians and nurses in PEPFAR countries in Africa
- Strengthening the capacity of local scientists and health care workers to conduct multidisciplinary research through linked awards

"As we transition from an emergency response to a more sustainable approach, we are supporting partner countries in leading the response to their epidemics."

- Ambassador Eric Goosby, U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator



Goals of the Initiative

Strengthening training institutions is essential to building a long-term, sustainable supply of human resources for health.

- Support innovative strategies and promising practices that strengthen institutions and expand workforce
- Utilize existing partnerships between African and US medical and nursing educational institutions
- Inform curricula development, faculty preparation and strategies for faculty retention
- Recruitment from communities promote retention through training
- Emphasize innovative educational models that prepare new doctors and nurses to practice in the diversity of medical and community settings where health needs are greatest



Objectives of the Initiative

- **Fund five to nine** African medical schools, working in partnership with US medical schools and universities
- Gather information through **countrywide assessments** of nurse training capacity in 3 countries— Lesotho, Malawi and Zambia
- Support Ministries of Health to **select three to five nursing schools** in each of the countries to receive support **to develop or expand or enhance innovative models** of nursing education
- **Support coordinating centers** for initiative with technical assistance and medical education
- **Build an evidence base** in collaboration with WHO and support development of WHO normative guidelines for scaling up medical and nursing education
- **Conduct costing studies** to gather information about the cost of medical and nursing education



WHO-PEPFAR Collaboration

Focus of collaboration will be on:

- Building an evidence base to support development of formal WHO policy guidelines to assist countries to scale up transformative medical and nursing educational capacity
- Establishing a platform for broad implementation based on the guidelines and the information gathered





Strategies and Approaches

- Innovative educational approaches
- Focus on educational and clinical excellence
- Develop sustainable cooperative research agendas and partnerships to support career development and retention



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