Partnering to Achieve HIV/AIDS Epidemic Control

Total PEPFAR Investment (FY 2004-2017): $146,541,000

The U.S. government, through PEPFAR, is proud to partner with the people and Government of the Dominican Republic in accelerating their progress toward achieving HIV/AIDS epidemic control. In Fiscal Year 2018, the partnership will include the following specific priorities:

- Partnering with the government to scale Test and Start clinical services toward HIV epidemic control
  - Implementing public-NGO sector twinning models to improve the quality of services for key and priority populations, which include migrants and people of Haitian descent, men who have sex with men, transgender women, and female sex workers
  - Bringing quality HIV services to migrant communities through a combination of fixed and mobile clinics and mobile testing units
  - Increasing HIV service demand through introduction of innovative HIV testing modalities, including facility- and community-based index client testing

- Improving health systems so that the Dominican government can scale and financially sustain its HIV response
  - Addressing site and above-site system challenges, including viral load capacity, supply chain management, and workforce capacity
  - Supporting pooled public-private financing and procurement of antiretroviral medications
  - Documenting quality improvement processes so demonstrated service packages implemented at PEPFAR-supported sites can be expanded nationally
  - Improving the Dominican government’s ability to use routine HIV surveillance information systems to inform all aspects of program monitoring and improvement

PEPFAR Results in the Dominican Republic
(through September 2017)

- Antiretroviral treatment for 11,676 people
- HIV testing services for 79,192 people

HIV/AIDS Epidemic in the Dominican Republic (end of 2016)

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<th>Category</th>
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<td>Number of people living with HIV</td>
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<td>Number of new HIV infections in 2016</td>
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<td>Number of AIDS-related deaths in 2016</td>
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<td>People living with HIV who know their status</td>
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<td>People who know their status and are on ART</td>
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<td>People on ART who have achieved viral suppression</td>
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1. data.pepfar.net
2. aidsinfo.unaids.org