



PEPFAR

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

FACT SHEET

Accelerating Children's HIV/AIDS Treatment (ACT)

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Saving the lives of children living with HIV is not only the right thing to do; it's the smart thing.

The Challenge

- In 2016, 2.1 million **children** were living with HIV/AIDS, and less than half had access to antiretroviral treatment (ART). Without treatment, 80 percent would die before their fifth birthday.

ACT's Impact

- PEPFAR now supports nearly 1.1 million children (0-19 years old) on ART globally – a 97 percent increase since 2014.
- PEPFAR and the Children's Investment Fund Foundation jointly led the Accelerating Children's HIV/AIDS Treatment (ACT) initiative, a public-private partnership that enabled 562,000 children to receive ART in the nine ACT high-priority countries in sub-Saharan Africa.
- While global pediatric ART coverage only increased to 49 percent in 2015 from 43 percent in 2014, coverage increased by 10 percent or more from 2014 to 2015 in most of the ACT countries (Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe), with Zimbabwe reaching 80 percent pediatric ART coverage.
- No child should die of AIDS. That is why PEPFAR is helping to lead **Start Free Stay Free AIDS Free**, a framework for ending AIDS among children, adolescent girls, and young women. Healthy children who can pursue their dreams will grow economies, create jobs, and strengthen their communities for decades to come.

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PEPFAR is the largest commitment by any nation to address a single disease in history. Through the generosity and compassion of the American people, PEPFAR has saved and improved millions of lives, accelerating progress toward controlling and ultimately ending AIDS as a public health threat.