



PEPFAR

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

PEPFAR's Contributions to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

PEPFAR is committed to helping achieve the SDGs particularly by having a direct impact on those goals pertaining to health, education, gender equality, reducing inequalities, promoting peaceful and inclusive societies, and promoting partnerships.

PEPFAR advanced global progress toward reaching the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) – including reducing childhood mortality (MDG 4), improving maternal health (MDG 5), and specifically combating HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases (MDG 6) – and created the groundwork for the SDGs.

To date, PEPFAR investments have resulted in

- 9.5 million men, women, and children on life-saving treatment
- 8.9 million voluntary medical male circumcisions, preventing infections
- 68.2 million people counseled and tested for HIV in 2015 alone
- Nearly 2 million babies born HIV-free who would have otherwise been infected
- 5.5 million orphans and vulnerable children who receive care
- 190,000 new health care workers trained

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Global Health and Well-Being

In September 2015, bold PEPFAR HIV prevention and treatment targets were set to help the world end the AIDS epidemic by 2030, aligning with SDG 3. By the end of 2017, PEPFAR will support 12.9 million people with life-saving treatment, provide 13 million male circumcisions for HIV prevention, and reduce HIV incidence by 40 percent among adolescent girls and young women within the highest-burden geographic areas of 10 sub-Saharan African countries. Reaching these targets would accelerate progress toward achieving an AIDS-free generation.



Quality Education

Providing quality education has been shown to reduce the risk of HIV acquisition, directly impacting SDG 3 and SDG 4. For instance, girls with access to a basic education are three times less likely to contract HIV than girls who do not. And a recent study in Botswana found that girls who received one extra year of education cut their risk of HIV acquisition nearly in half. Through \$40 million in dedicated resources from its DREAMS Innovation Challenge, PEPFAR is committed to help ensure adolescent girls can access and remain in secondary education.



Gender Equality

In low and middle-income countries, HIV/AIDS is the leading cause of death for women and girls of reproductive age, and more than 1,000 adolescent girls and young women are infected with HIV each day. PEPFAR and private sector partners have committed \$385 million to the DREAMS Partnership to support adolescent girls and young women to be Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS-free, Mentored, and Safe.



Reduced Inequalities

Inequality, including that created by discriminatory laws, policies, and practices, often puts vulnerable populations at higher risk for HIV infection. PEPFAR is working to ensure that no one is left behind by investing in efforts to address these structural and legal barriers, facilitate empowerment, and create greater access to prevention, treatment, and care services for all individuals.



Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions

Stigma and discrimination exacerbate inequality, reduce access to essential health services, and undermine effective HIV/AIDS responses. PEPFAR's investments in reaching key affected populations, promoting human rights, and strengthening community capacity are helping to lessen inequities, tackle stigma and discrimination, and end the AIDS epidemic. PEPFAR's focus on building civil society and strengthening country-led institutions is leading to more effective, accountable, and transparent institutions and governance.



Partnership for the Goals

We all share responsibility for achieving sustainable control of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, including partner governments, multilateral, private sector, faith-based, and civil society organizations. PEPFAR's partnerships emphasize the need for mutual accountability, data-driven decision making, and transparency.