



Children

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As the world's largest supporter of children living with and affected by HIV/AIDS, PEPFAR saves and improves millions of young lives.

The Challenge

- In 2017, 1.8 million **children** were living with HIV/AIDS, and only half had access to antiretroviral treatment (ART). Without treatment, 80 percent will die before their fifth birthday.
- As of 2017, 12.2 million children under age 18 had lost one or both parents due to AIDS.

PEPFAR's Impact

- PEPFAR contributes 10 percent of our program funds to mitigate the physical, emotional, and economic impacts of HIV/AIDS on children. To ensure children thrive and are protected from HIV, as of Sept. 30, 2017, PEPFAR provides care and support to more than 6.4 million orphans, vulnerable children, and their caregivers.
- More than 2.2 million babies have been born HIV-free thanks to PEPFAR support for prevention of mother-to-child transmission programs and the expansion of lifelong ART for HIV-positive pregnant women.
- PEPFAR supports nearly 1 million children (0-19 years old) on ART globally. We continue to expand access to pediatric treatment by addressing key barriers to diagnosing children with HIV and working with industry to increase the availability of child-friendly ART regimens that are efficacious and affordable.

