Since our launch in 2003, the U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) has saved and improved millions of lives, prevented millions of HIV infections, and changed the course of the global HIV/AIDS epidemic.

In 2018, PEPFAR is marking “15 Years of Saving Lives through American Generosity and Partnerships.” The year-long #PEPFAR15 campaign highlights the tremendous impact, efficiency, and accountability of the U.S. government’s bipartisan global HIV/AIDS leadership across three administrations, made possible by the generosity of the American people and strong partnerships.

Under the leadership of President Donald Trump, and with continued support from the United States Congress, 13 high-HIV-burden countries are now poised to achieve epidemic control by 2020. As outlined in PEPFAR’s Strategy for Accelerating HIV/AIDS Epidemic Control (2017-2020) launched by Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, these efforts will create the roadmap to reach epidemic control in the more than 50 countries that PEPFAR supports.

When PEPFAR began, only 50,000 people in Africa were on lifesaving HIV treatment. As of March 30, 2018, PEPFAR supports more than 14 million men, women, and children on HIV treatment globally. As of September 30, 2017, PEPFAR has enabled more than 2.2 million babies to be born HIV free to HIV-positive women. And PEPFAR provides care for more than 6.4 million orphans, vulnerable children, and their caregivers. This rapid acceleration of HIV prevention and treatment results has been driven by transparent, accountable, cost-effective, and innovative efforts.

PEPFAR is widely regarded as one of the most effective and efficient U.S. foreign assistance programs, using the latest data and science to have the greatest impact with each dollar we invest. And by focusing our efforts on where the epidemic is the largest and the need is the highest, we are not only hastening progress toward ending the epidemic, but reducing the future costs required to sustain the HIV/AIDS response.

Thanks to the American people, PEPFAR has brought the world closer than ever before to ending AIDS as a public health threat. As we mark #PEPFAR15, we are firmly focused on the future, on making what once seemed impossible possible.