



CDC-Ethiopia Office Staff: 95

- Locally Employed Staff: 77
- Direct Hires: 16
- Fellows. EFM: 2

Key Country Leadership

Prime Minister..... Hailemariam Desalegn
 Minister of Health..... Prof. Yifru Berhan
 U.S. AmbassadorMichael Raynor
 CDC/DGHT Country Director.....Jeffrey Hanson
 USAID Mission Director..... Leslie Reed

Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic

Estimated HIV Prevalence (Age 15–49).....1.0% (2017)*
 Estimated AIDS Deaths.....15,338 (2017)*
 Estimated Orphans due to AIDS.....557,934 (2017)*
 Reported Number of Adults Receiving Antiretroviral Therapy (ART).....433,909 (2017)

*Source: https://www.unicef.org/ethiopia/ECO_HIV_Related_Estimates_and_Projections_for_Ethiopia_2014_National.pdf

Global Tuberculosis Epidemic

TB treatment success rate 89% (2015)
 Estimated TB Incidence..... 192 / 100,000 (2015)
 Estimated % who are HIV positive......8% (2015)

Source: <http://www.who.int/tb/country/data/profiles/en/>

STRATEGIC FOCUS

Established in 2001, CDC Ethiopia provides technical and financial assistance to the national HIV control program, as part of the President’s Emergency Program for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). This includes assistance with comprehensive HIV prevention, HIV/AIDS care and treatment, TB/HIV, laboratory systems, and strategic information.

Strengthening Public Health Systems- CDC Ethiopia supports the Government of Ethiopia's (GOE) health system with the goal of saving lives and preventing new infections. Critical areas of support including: strengthening comprehensive HIV/AIDS planning, coordinating and execution activities; building organizational, management, and technical capacities of Regional Health Bureaus to deliver quality HIV services; and, collaborating with the Ethiopian Public Health institute (EPHI) in lab training and technical assistance to improve lab services and build health worker capacity.

Meeting 90:90:90 Goals

The Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH) has made considerable policy and programmatic progress over the past year to support the achievement of the 90-90-90 targets in Ethiopia. The FMOH launched its ‘Catch-Up-Campaign’ in 2017 to implement targeted testing and rapid initiation on treatment in priority geographic areas with large numbers of undiagnosed persons living with HIV. In support of this campaign, CDC-Ethiopia has intensified its assistance in 20 of the towns with the largest burden of HIV. The goal is to achieve +80% treatment coverage in these towns through focused, active detection of new cases and pursuit of same-day initiation of newly diagnosed individuals on anti-retroviral therapy (ART).

Key Activities & Provisional Results Achieved in the Year 2017 Are as Follows

Care and Treatment - CDC strongly advocated for and assisted the GOE to adopt ‘Test and START’ treatment strategy for all PLHIVs irrespective of their CD4 status. A total of 433,909 men, women and children are receiving life-saving antiretroviral treatment.

Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission – 11,439 infected pregnant women identified, of which 11,438 receiving lifelong antiretroviral therapy to improve their survival and also reduce risk of MTCT of HIV to their offspring.

Comprehensive HIV Program - CDC implements evidence-based prevention by targeting “hot spots” and most-at-risk populations for HIV infection. HIV/ STIs services were provided to 21,831 female sex workers in 13 Confidential Sex Worker Clinics. 60,750 family members and other contacts of index cases have accessed counselling and testing services of which 2091 were identified positives with a positivity rate of 3.5%.

TB/HIV- CDC supports GOE to combat TB-HIV comorbidity through strengthening capacity and quality of TB-HIV care and laboratory services, as well as survey and surveillance systems. HIV testing among TB patients, and ART coverage for HIV positive TB were 96% and 94% respectively at CDC-supported sites.

Strengthening Laboratory Systems- CDC supports establishment of national laboratory systems, as well as implementation of diagnostic technologies and point of care tests to improve access to quality laboratory services for HIV, TB, STIs and Opportunistic Infections. In 2016, CDC supported GOE to expand the number of viral load testing sites from six to 19, enabling a rapid scale-up of viral load testing during 2017 from zero to 50% coverage in just one year. With CDC assistance, Ethiopia increased the number of labs achieving minimum standards for accreditation from 68 in 2016 to 81 in 2017.

