



Emergency Plan Achievements in Uganda

Challenges to Emergency Plan Implementation

Certain traditional practices in Uganda hasten the spread of HIV infections, including widow inheritance, polygamy, wife sharing, blood brotherhood and infertility-related practices. Moreover, traditional marriage values prevent a woman from acting against a husband who places her at risk. This cultural aspect along with the value placed on large families and social pressure on women to frequently reproduce increases the number of HIV-infected children. Further, discrimination and stigma remain significant and the practice of self-stigmatization is one of the greatest threats, as people resist seeking care for fear of being identified and maligned by co-workers and peers. There are gaps at all levels in capacity, infrastructure and resources. Poverty and the devastating effects of the conflict in the north exacerbate these gaps.

# of individuals reached with community outreach HIV/AIDS prevention programs that promote Abstinence and Being Faithful	13,095,700
# of pregnant women receiving prevention of mother to child HIV transmission (PMTCT) services	131,200
# of pregnant women receiving antiretroviral prophylaxis	6,600
# of individuals receiving counseling and testing	458,700
# of HIV-infected individuals who received palliative care/basic health care and support	154,600
# of Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVCs) who were served by an OVC program	87,600
# of individuals receiving upstream system strengthening support for treatment ²	11,400
# of individuals receiving downstream site specific support for treatment ³	39,500

Prevention and care results reflect accomplishments through September 2004 and combine upstream and downstream support. Treatment results reflect accomplishments through March 2005.

¹ Number of individuals reached through upstream systems strengthening includes those supported through contributions to support national strategies through national, regional, and local activities such as training, laboratory support, monitoring and evaluation, logistics and distribution systems, protocol and curriculum development.

² Number of individuals reached through downstream site-specific support includes those receiving treatment where the Emergency Plan supports programs at the point of service delivery.

Critical Interventions for HIV/AIDS Prevention

- ◆ As of March 2005, USG supported 15 prime partners in the six prevention program areas. Between October 2004 and March 2005, these partners, working in different program areas, reached more than 3.48 million individuals with community-based behavioral change interventions focusing on abstinence and faithfulness, including more than 3 million reached with abstinence activities.
- ◆ USG supported comprehensive community-based ABC (abstinence, be faithful and condom use) interventions targeted at those populations most at-risk populations for HIV infection.
- ◆ USG-supported partners expanded interventions to improve blood safety from no blood safety facilities to 158 facilities.
- ◆ USG continued to expand quality prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission (PMTCT) services. USG-supported PMTCT services, including counseling and testing, are now available in 177 facilities in 33 districts.

Critical Interventions in Care and Support

- ◆ Working in different program areas, 21 USG partners supported palliative care for well over 100,000 people living with HIV and AIDS.
- ◆ USG-supported basic palliative care services are now available in 700 facilities and community-based service outlets in 39 districts.
- ◆ USG-supported orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) services are available in 146 community and institution-based service outlets in 33 districts.
- ◆ USG-supported counseling and testing services are provided in 464 community-based service outlets in 50 districts.

Critical Interventions for HIV/AIDS Treatment

- ◆ As of March 2005, USG supported nine partners to provide antiretroviral treatment (ART). These partners served a total of 39,538 clients in more than 60 service outlets in 27 districts.
- ◆ About 78 percent of all patients on ART in Uganda receive support from USG.