EQUATORIAL GUINEA 2022

Summary of the Joint Programme's support to the national HIV response in 2022

In Equatorial Guinea, HIV prevention, treatment, and viral load testing services were scaled up to better reach vulnerable and key populations.

Dolutegravir-based first line treatment regimens, same-day treatment initiation, and multimonth dispensing of antiretroviral medicines were implemented in 2022; infant diagnosis improved though capacity building of 30 laboratory technicians on dried blood spots (WHO); and 50 healthcare providers were trained to improve the quality of care services and the health outcomes of people living with HIV (UNICEF, WHO, UNAIDS Secretariat). A total of 368 health services providers also improved their capacity in preventing and addressing stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV in health settings (UNDP).

Over 3400 young people and adolescents accessed information on HIV prevention and teenage pregnancy in school settings (UNFPA); and a further 1550 adolescents and young people received HIV-related information in schools and cultural institutions through theatrical plays in collaboration with the

Bocamandja Theatrical Group (UNICEF).

To further increase access to HIV services among youth including from key populations, the Ministry of Social Affairs adopted a new policy on mental health, and psychological and legal services for young people following intense advocacy and dialogue between policy makers and 250 young people from key populations, including sex workers, men who have sex with men, and transgender persons (UNESCO, UNFPA, UN Women).

In 2022, US\$ 6.7 million was mobilized from the Global Fund and prioritized to scale up services among key populations in 2023-2024, and an additional US\$ 12 million worth of domestic funding were allocated for the national HIV response (UNDP, WHO, UNAIDS Secretariat).



KEY RESULTS

- Over 80 health and laboratory professionals built their capacity for improved HIV testing, treatment and care services.
- Nearly 10 000 adolescents and young people reached with HIV prevention information.
- Prioritized US\$ 6.7 million from the Global Fund to scale up HIV services among key populations

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2022 Joint Programme
Expenditure
Total US\$ 526 749

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