

ERITREA 2022

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



In 2022, Eritrea took important steps in scaling up community-led HIV programmes and community-led monitoring to reduce new HIV infections with high-impact and evidence-based HIV prevention services; and address stigma and discrimination to ensure gender-responsive and people-centred services.

During the 2022 World AIDS Day, 10 000 information materials on HIV prevention, care, and treatment services, inequalities, stigma, and discrimination were distributed throughout the country through technical and financial assistance from the Joint Team (UNFPA).

The Government scaled up effective prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV (PMTCT), syphilis, hepatitis programmes, which included integrated hepatitis and antenatal care services putting the country on the right track for validation of elimination of mother-to-child transmission (EMTCT). Through the programme, 90 271 pregnant women were reached with antenatal care services and 97% of them were tested for HIV. The national EMTCT validation committee were trained and conducted the preliminary assessment of programme implementation, data quality, laboratory services as well as

human rights, gender equalities and community engagement — final recommendations will be published in 2023 (UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA, WHO, UNAIDS Secretariat).

To promote male involvement for EMTCT, a newly established technical group developed training materials for service providers to improve their capacity of interpersonal communication, social and behaviour change communication, and community dialogues needed to engage their clients, community leaders, and women who are at high risk of HIV infection in their communities (UNICEF, WHO).

In line with international recommendations, the HIV drug resistance survey guidelines were developed and focal persons from the Ministry of Health were oriented to support the survey in 2023 upon clearance from the ethics committee (WHO).

A total of 50 representatives of the Ministry of Justice improved their understanding of international human rights laws and the need to incorporate key standards, including laws addressing stigma and inequality in alignment with Eritrean culture, beliefs and value systems through a five-day dialogue (UNDP).

KEY RESULTS

- HIV services for children were integrated in all health facilities.
- Over 90 000 pregnant women reached with PMTCT services.
- New technical group developed training materials for service providers to promote male involvement in PMTCT.

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2022 Joint Programme Expenditure

Total US\$ 352 012

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