

GHANA 2022

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



Ghana scaled up HIV prevention, testing, and treatment services while addressing stigma and discrimination. The revised pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and HIV self-testing guidelines included long-acting injectable Cabotegravir medicine and Dapivirine Ring to strengthen HIV prevention services in Ghana (WHO, UNAIDS Secretariat). In 2022, a total of 8088 people received PrEP through a collaborative support from the Joint Team and international development partners in the HIV response. The country also launched an awareness campaign to increase accessibility and use of condoms for HIV and STI prevention particularly among adolescent girls and young women and key populations (UNFPA).

With the Joint Team's support, an HIV prevention self-assessment among adolescent girls and young women using the HIV Prevention Self-Assessment Tool (PSAT) underscored the need for a costed, comprehensive, and tailored HIV prevention package of services for this group (UNAIDS Secretariat). In addition, 4908 teachers improved their skills of delivering HIV prevention education for students, including learners with disabilities, benefiting over 43 000 students in schools (UNESCO).

A pilot family-based index case testing project allowed family members of 141 people living with HIV to be contacted for testing; a total of 309 children were tracked and 262 were tested, of whom 53 children tested positive and linked to treatment services.

In five regions with highest HIV burden, HIV treatment and care of 426 HIV-exposed infants (189 were HIV positive) was assessed to identify the factors contributing to new infant infections and build evidence to strengthen prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV (PMTCT) services (UNICEF).

The test, track and treat consolidated guidelines have been updated to include Dolutegravir-based paediatric antiretroviral treatment regimen and are now aligned with the World Health Organization guidelines (UNICEF, WHO, UNAIDS Secretariat). In addition, a costed roadmap was developed to guide transition to Dolutegravir for all children living with HIV (WHO). Furthermore, 4000 healthcare workers, including pharmacists completed an online training to improve access and quality of differentiated service delivery among vulnerable and key populations (WHO).

An assessment of the structural drivers of stigma and discrimination in 10 large health facilities in Greater Accra generated critical evidence and recommendations, including the need to scale up access to people-centred and non-discriminatory services among key populations and vulnerable populations, including people living with HIV, women and young people to achieve the Global AIDS Strategy targets. Besides, based on the findings of a client stigma perception assessment, 213 health care workers from 10 health facilities to improve delivery of non-discriminatory services to more than 17 000 people living with HIV (UNDP).

KEY RESULTS

- Guided prioritization of US\$ 87 million mobilized from the Global Fund to scale up the HIV response in Ghana; and US\$ 14 million from the COVID-19 Response Mechanism reinvestment funding.
- Supported completion of the National AIDS Spending Assessment 2019-2021 and the PEPFAR HIV/AIDS Sustainability Index and Dashboard.
- National guidelines on PrEP and HIV self-testing now include access to commodities for all, free from discrimination towards transgender people.
- 4000 health workers have increased capacity in differentiated service delivery.
- Supported establishment of the Young Health Advocates of Ghana, a network which includes over 700 young people living with HIV, to facilitate their engagement in service delivery for HIV prevention and treatment adherence.
- Provided technical support to civil society organizations and networks of people living with HIV to develop CLM data collection tools, a strategy for CLM inquiries and a dissemination plan.

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The Ghana Network of People Living with HIV (NAP+) is better equipped to educate communities and advocate for the removal of social and structural barriers to health and social protection services, including stigma and discrimination and actively participate in resource mobilization and implementation of the Global Fund New Funding Model III (UNDP, WHO, UNAIDS Secretariat). A workshop led by the Christian Health Association of Ghana also built capacity of 12 civil society organizations and networks in undertaking community-led monitoring (CLM) initiatives around HIV prevention, testing, treatment, care, human rights, and stigma and discrimination (UNAIDS Secretariat).

Multi-sector partners collaborated to generate data through an independent evaluation of the pilot livelihood programme for people living with HIV/AIDS, which supported 3000 households in 2022. This intends to accelerate linkage of people living with HIV to social protection services in a time of financial hardships (WFP).



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2022 Joint Programme Expenditure

Total US\$ 2 998 984

2022 expenditure data
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