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

Honduras continued to make encouraging progress towards strengthening the national healthcare system and scaling up HIV services for all people. Through support from Joint Team, three priority Comprehensive Care Units at Gabriela Alvarado Hospital, Metropolitano de la Ceiba and San Isidro Hospital were equipped with various biomedical equipment, including electrocardiographs (ECG) and sphygmomanometers strengthening care for people living with HIV. Six other Comprehensive Care Units are benefiting from a similar support since 2021 (WHO).

In regions with high HIV prevalence, 106 service providers from Comprehensive Care Units and sentinel surveillance clinics for monitoring sexually transmitted infections (STIs) were certified to deliver pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) services as part of the combination HIV prevention package (WHO). Civil society organizations have improved access to HIV prevention commodities, including condoms procured by the Joint Team; and have strengthened capacity to advocate for HIV law reforms and mobilize resources for HIV programming (UNAIDS Secretariat). The training of 33 staff from four civil society organizations further accelerated community-led HIV service delivery, including HIV and syphilis testing and counselling (WHO).

With guidance from the Joint Team, the new National Plan for the Elimination of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV, Syphilis, Hepatitis B and Chagas (EMTCT Plus) 2023-2025 incorporates recommendations to achieve and sustain EMTCT in Honduras (WHO).

Young people established a national youth network to promote and defend the rights of young people to sexual and reproductive health services and comprehensive sexuality education, with a rights-based approach and a gender perspective (UNFPA). In Tornabé, Trunfo, San Pedro Sula and La Lima, a total of 2382 children, adolescents and young people acquired knowledge on HIV prevention, COVID-19, gender equality and gender-based violence, teenage pregnancy and HIV-related stigma and discrimination, through peer mentoring sessions led by 127 trained peers in school settings (UNICEF).

In Trojes and Guasaule, over 1000 migrants received HIV, STIs, and COVID-19 prevention kits in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Comprehensive Care Units (WHO).



KEY RESULTS

- Expanded access to combination STIs and HIV prevention services including PrEP.
- Built capacity of civil society organizations to deliver HIV services and protect the rights of people living with HIV, key populations and young people.
- Supported development of the 2023-2025 National Plan to achieve EMTCT.

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