

Angola 2022-2023

Summary of the Joint Programme's support to the national HIV response in 2022-2023

Total Joint Programme
expenditure in 2022-2023:

US\$ 3 982 464



Expansion of HIV prevention and testing services, especially among adolescents, young people and key populations was at the core of the Joint Programme's support in Angola during the 2022-2023 biennium. Thus, the newly developed National HIV/AIDS Strategic Plan 2023-2026 placed stronger emphasis on accelerating HIV prevention across the five Global HIV Prevention Coalition Roadmap pillars following a successful advocacy by the Joint Team (UNAIDS Secretariat). In addition, the newly developed operational plan for prisons will improve access to HIV prevention, testing and treatment services in prisons following advocacy and technical support from the Joint Programme (UNFPA, UNODC, UNAIDS Secretariat).

HIV testing reliability was improved through the introduction of the three consecutive HIV testing algorithm in the national HIV testing algorithm in four provinces (WHO). Besides, more than 1000 Congolese refugees and community members around the Lovua refugee camp in Lunda Norte accessed HIV testing and were subsequently referred to treatment services and psychosocial support (UNHCR).

Antiretroviral treatment (ART) services for adults and children living with HIV was strengthened through a revision of the paediatric ART technical notes; training of more than 100 healthcare workers on the latest treatment guidelines and hepatitis B protocol; and support to adolescents and young people contact tracing in seven provinces (WHO). In addition, supervision missions to assess prevention of vertical transmission of HIV services, viral load testing and early infant diagnosis were

conducted. Quality of services as well as epidemiological surveillance and monitoring in the national response improved through refresher trainings for laboratory technicians (UNICEF).

As part of the Girls Empowerment Project, 1050 gender focal points in schools improved their literacy on HIV prevention and sexual and reproductive health (SRH) to scale up sustainable HIV prevention initiatives in educational institutions (UNFPA). The size estimation of behaviours that put people at risk of HIV exposure and vulnerability among adolescent girls and young women generated evidence for the HIV prevention and SRH programming including in the Global Fund grant application (UNDP, UNFPA, UNAIDS Secretariat).

Civil society organizations were empowered to advocate for the rights of vulnerable and key populations thanks to the financial and technical support from the Joint Programme. For instance, 77 activists and people from the LGBTIQ+ community and sex workers improved their knowledge of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) through 11 human rights training sessions as part of the #WeBelongAfrica programme. The Eu Sou Trans movement ("I am Trans") also developed an online campaign to promote the rights of transgender persons featuring their academic and professional achievements recording total of 463 views and 65 interactions (UNDP). In addition, two sewing rooms were established in Luanda and Lunda Sul to scale up entrepreneurship capacity and menstrual health management among women and girls with focus on advancing gender equality and female empowerment (UNFPA).

KEY RESULTS

- The National HIV/AIDS Strategic Plan 2023-2026 plan was developed to scale up HIV prevention, testing and treatment services in the country.
- Training of healthcare providers on latest treatment guidelines, supervision missions and analysis of vertical transmission of HIV data improved delivery of prevention of vertical transmission and treatment services for women living with HIV and HIV-exposed children.
- Estimation of behaviours that put people at risk of HIV exposure and vulnerability among adolescent girls and young women completed.
- More than 1000 gender focal points in schools improved their literacy on HIV prevention and sexual and reproductive health (SRH) to scale up sustainable HIV prevention initiatives in educational institutions.

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