

Malaysia 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\$ 1 901 118



The Joint Programme's support to the national HIV response of Malaysia made significant contributions in mobilizing resources and scaling up of inclusive and evidence-based HIV services among vulnerable and key populations, including hard-to-reach communities. Technical support to the Malaysian Country Coordinating Mechanism and the Malaysian AIDS Council led to a successful Global Fund HIV grant proposal for the 2022-2025 period amounting to over US\$2.5 million. Focusing on the establishment of resilient and sustainable systems for health (RSSH) and the expansion of PrEP as a method of HIV prevention, US\$ 1.5 million from the Global Fund grant was allocated to the procurement of PrEP for 18 primary care clinics across Malaysia until December 2024. Furthermore, more than US\$ 1 million was also earmarked to the strengthening of community system, the national health management information system and monitoring and evaluation for RSSH (WHO, UNAIDS Secretariat).

Access to HIV and hepatitis C screening and treatment services among key populations was strengthened through the introduction of HIV self-testing, expansion of decentralized services, and procurement of hepatitis C test kits (WHO). In addition, over 200 refugees and asylum seekers living with HIV accessed antiretroviral treatment and treatment adherence support while 150 refugees had voluntary HIV counselling and testing services, thanks to the Joint Programme' support to and collaboration with nongovernmental organizations (UNHCR).

Community-led mobile outreach programmes reached over 900 people in remote locations with SRH, HIV, and gender-based violence information. These programmes also enabled more than

120 women and girls to access antenatal care services, and 270 people received a steady supply of contraceptives (UNHCR). Public awareness about stigma and discrimination against young people who use stimulant drugs increased through a programmatic shift towards a more inclusive and understanding healthcare provision. This programme included targeted communication materials that further demystify the complexities surrounding drug use and HIV risk, fostering a more informed and protective approach among young people, thanks to the strategic support from the Joint Programme (UNODC).

Strategic evidence for the national HIV response was reinforced through the completion of HIV modelling estimates, investment case analysis, Global AIDS Monitoring report, and the Malaysia Optima analysis that played a critical role in mobilizing significant resources for the expansion of PrEP among key populations, including from the Global Fund, and also in paving the way for the introduction of a Dolutegravir-based regimen in 2024 (UNAIDS Secretariat).

KEY RESULTS

- More than US\$ 2.5 million was mobilized from the Global Fund for the scale up of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), community strengthening, national health management information system and monitoring and evaluation.
- The introduction of HIV self-testing and procurement of testing kits improved access to HIV and hepatitis C services.
- Community-led mobile programmes helped to provide sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and maternal health services to more than 900 hard-to-reach populations.
- Strategic evidence for the national HIV response was reinforced through the completion of various studies.

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