

Mauritania 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\$ 784 503



Mauritania continued to expand HIV and sexual and reproductive health services among vulnerable and key populations with substantial support from the Joint Programme. More than 3500 people including fishermen, truck drivers, young people as well as people from key populations, notably gay men and other men who have sex with men and sex workers improved their literacy of HIV prevention, testing and treatment; of whom 300 received HIV testing and those found positive were referred to treatment services (UNAIDS Secretariat). More than 1000 members of key populations organizations across the country were also sensitized on safe behaviours to prevent new HIV infections (UNFPA, UNAIDS Secretariat).

In-school adolescents and young people are better informed on the prevention of HIV and sexually transmitted infections, through revised teachers' guides on comprehensive sexuality education, as well as through the various video materials on HIV prevention disseminated via social media and mobile apps (UNFPA, UNAIDS Secretariat). In the Assaba region, over 33 000 adolescents received life skills education, including HIV prevention through a national sexual and reproductive health programme supported by the Joint Programme (UNICEF).

To support efforts towards preventing vertical transmission of HIV in Mauritania, a total of 11 200 Determine HIV-1/2 tests were provided by the Joint Programme (UNICEF).

An advocacy plan was developed to address the critical issues highlighted by the 2020 Stigma Index 2.0 study, thanks to a collaboration between government stakeholders, the network of people living with HIV (REMAP+) and the Joint Programme. A total of 100 healthcare providers received orientation to eliminate

stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV in health facilities. Furthermore, vulnerable and key populations, including people living with HIV, women, and young people were empowered to defend their rights to access health and social protection services through 400 individual counselling sessions and 60 small group sessions (UNAIDS Secretariat).

A total of 38 leaders of civil society organizations, including people living with HIV improved their knowledge of the HIV response and have greater capacity in the administration and financial management of projects, including in the preparation of grant proposals for the Global Fund. Organizations of people living with HIV also received office equipment, including computers to improve their contribution to the national HIV response (UNFPA).

Around US\$ seven million was mobilized from the Global Fund to further strengthen the HIV response during the 2022-2024 period, with the Joint Programme's strategic support.

KEY RESULTS

- Over 3500 people at risk of HIV infection gained better knowledge of HIV prevention, testing and treatment through various awareness creation initiatives.
- Comprehensive sexuality education was scaled up and more than 33 000 adolescents and young people benefited from sexual and reproductive health programmes.
- Healthcare providers, vulnerable and key populations, including people living with HIV were empowered to prevent and address all forms of stigma and discrimination through training and counselling sessions.

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