

We can end AIDS but only if we stand together

The world is closer than ever to ending AIDS as a public health threat. But that progress is at dire risk of being lost due to converging crises, widespread volatility and deepening inequalities. Together, we can still end AIDS as a public health threat by 2030—if we act with urgency, unity and unwavering commitment. Millions of lives are at stake.

At the end of 2024, **over three quarters of the 40.8 million people living with HIV were receiving life-saving antiretroviral therapy and almost 30 million had suppressed viral loads.** However, **some 9 million people with HIV were not on treatment and 1.3 million people newly acquired HIV in 2024.** Funding gaps and numerous barriers that block access to prevention and treatment services still leave many people behind.

The landscape of the HIV response has changed dramatically in the past few years, marked by reductions in health and HIV-specific funding, shifts in the overall aid architecture, mounting fiscal pressures, and pushbacks against human rights.

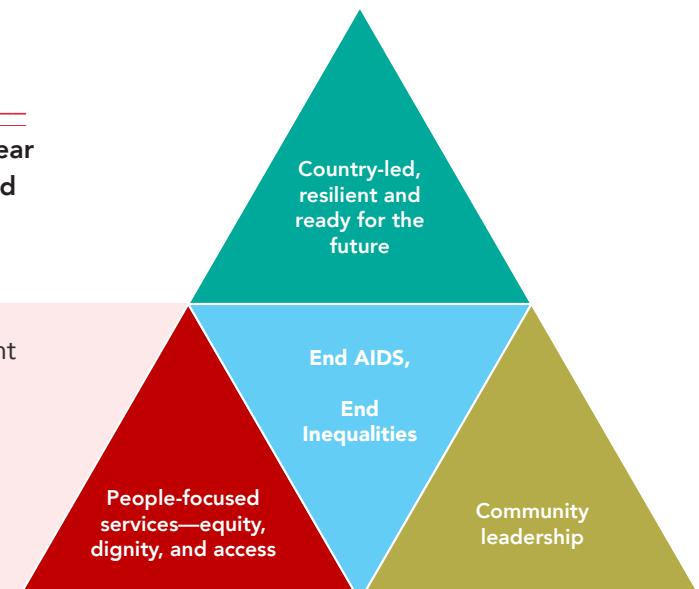
Recent declines in donor assistance for HIV programmes have severely disrupted HIV prevention and community services, potentially leading to sharp increases in new HIV infections. But there are also important examples of country and community resilience, and technological and other innovations offer exciting opportunities for the global HIV response.



Despite these challenges, there is a clear path to ending AIDS by 2030. The new [Global AIDS Strategy—United towards ending AIDS 2026–2031](#) presents a clear framework for collective and coordinated actions and investments focused on three strategic priorities.

By 2030, it aims at ensuring:

- 40 million people living with HIV on HIV treatment and virally suppressed;
- 20 million people using antiretroviral-based HIV prevention options; and
- all people able to access discrimination-free HIV-related services.



WHAT UNAIDS BRINGS TO THE WORLD

The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (or UNAIDS) brings transformative leadership, convening and brokering power, data, expertise, and advocacy and guidance for programmes and policies—all of which are vital for countries and communities to reach the global AIDS targets.

In this era of transformation, risk and opportunities for the global HIV response, the Joint Programme's role remains pivotal. UNAIDS calls on countries to step up, invest in its life-saving work, and deliver on the promise of ending AIDS as a public health threat by 2030.



UNAIDS priority is to support governments and communities to lead sustainable, inclusive and multisectoral national HIV response to save lives

- Multisectoral in-country presence leading differentiated HIV responses, through Joint UN Teams on AIDS across countries with close connections with governments, communities and other actors.
- A clearinghouse for strategic data monitoring the epidemic & response epidemiological estimates, and data on HIV policies, laws and financing.
- Power of convening strategic coalitions and alliances to drive progress on key aspects of the HIV response.
- Addressing legal and policy barriers for more effective HIV response.
- Elevating the voice and empowering communities as equal and critical partners of the HIV response.
- Strategic and complementary partnerships to mobilize and maximize all investments for impact.

"[UNAIDS brings] difficult conversations about rights, about criminalization, about community representation, confronting issues with courage to save lives and fight the epidemic. In countries where local actors cannot speak freely, UNAIDS has been the voice. Where human rights are silenced, UNAIDS has stepped in ... We cannot afford to walk away from communities still being left behind."

— Community representative speaking on behalf of the NGO Delegation at 56th meeting of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board, June 2025

UNAIDS amplifies action for impact through strategic partnerships:

Accelerating action on HIV prevention and treatment

Global Prevention Coalition (38 countries) and Global Alliance to End AIDS in Children (12 countries) elevated focus, resources and action for results and specific priority populations.

Putting communities at the center

Community empowerment in key decision-making, people-centred policies and systems and community-led HIV response promoted to ensure a response that addresses inequalities.



Gaining ground on societal enablers

Global Partnership for Action to Eliminate All Forms of HIV-Related Stigma and Discrimination (41 countries), and Education Plus Initiative (15 countries), applied evidence-informed advocacy, policy guidance and action plans to support national responses.

Investing money where it is most needed

In close collaboration with the Global Fund and PEPFAR, provided technical support, innovations, granular data analytics and more for targeted and impactful interventions.

THE IMPACT OF UNAIDS'S WORK

UNAIDS works on the ground, supporting countries and communities to lead, own and sustain their HIV responses. UNAIDS has helped:

- achieve key landmark international commitments on HIV and translate successful policy changes into programmes for the people who need them;
- bring about more equitable access to people-centered HIV prevention, treatment and care services, including quicker access to new health technologies and other innovations;
- break down barriers to achieve strong HIV outcomes and robust community-led HIV responses; and
- ground sustainable and integrated HIV responses in gender equality and human rights.

UNAIDS is also transforming itself and becoming more fit-for-purpose and sustainable by uniting six “lead” and four “affiliate” cosponsoring United Nations agencies with the UNAIDS Secretariat to provide multisectoral support to countries and communities through a clear results and accountability framework.

Learn more about UNAIDS's work, results and investments for saving lives at: [UNAIDS RESULTS AND TRANSPARENCY PORTAL](#)



UNAIDS Results and Transparency Portal

This open data portal provides key information about the resources of UNAIDS and its results in leading the global HIV response, in line with UNAIDS' strong commitment to transparency and accountability.

UNAIDS RESULTS – SAVING LIVES

24.1 million AIDS-related deaths averted by antiretroviral therapy (1996-2023)

31.6 million people receive life-saving treatment (end 2024)

40% decrease in the number of new infections (2010-2024)

54% decrease in the number of AIDS-related deaths (2010-2024)



87% of people living with HIV knew their HIV status.
89% of them received HIV treatment in 2024



15 countries decriminalized consensual same-sex sexual acts 2016-2024



60% of resources domestically funded 2015-2023

UNAIDS key results

MAXIMIZED EQUITABLE & EQUAL ACCESS TO HIV SERVICES

84 countries supported to scale up combination HIV prevention programmes with specific focus on key populations, adolescent and youth

More than 99% of countries implemented the “treat-all” approach for HIV. **107 countries** adopted self-testing policies

76 countries have a national plan for the elimination of vertical transmission of HIV and implement the treat all policy for pregnant and breast-feeding women

BROKEN DOWN BARRIERS TO ACHIEVE HIV OUTCOMES

79 countries supported for the expansion of community-led HIV responses

72 countries supported to remove/ amend punitive and discriminatory laws and policies affecting the HIV response

65 countries supported to reduce HIV-related stigma & discrimination

50 countries with stronger gender expertise and capacity to further integrate gender equality into the national HIV response

SUSTAINED & INTEGRATED HIV RESPONSES

73 countries supported to establish HIV antiretroviral services financed as part of the overall systems

59 countries conducted studies to improve allocative efficiency. **30 countries** supported for HIV response sustainability roadmaps

49 countries implement interventions/services for key populations in humanitarian settings

Leadership, partnership, advocacy country support & accountability

State-of the art strategic information guide the global response, including HIV estimates from 172 countries

84 countries where the Joint Programme reinforced the meaningful engagement between people living with HIV, key and other priority populations and government institutions

Leverage the **power of partnerships** with communities, governments, and other key stakeholders, including close complementarity/ synergies with Global Fund & PEPFAR

INVEST IN UNAIDS

Global solidarity and leadership are needed to protect decades of progress against the AIDS pandemic. A fully funded UNAIDS will galvanize the momentum that is needed to end AIDS by 2030 and sustain the response into the future.



UNAIDS urgently needs financial support to do and sustain its work. Every contribution helps to protect families, strengthen communities and make the world safer for all of us. [Help us end AIDS - Donate now | UNAIDS](#)

UNAIDS is the only United Nations entity that is entirely dedicated to the global HIV response, working with the coordinated support of UN and other partners to drive high-impact actions on the ground in countries across the world.

Your contributions enable UNAIDS to perform this vital work and to ensure that:

- All people living with, at risk of or affected by HIV have equitable and dignified access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support services;
- Communities of people living with, at risk of or affected by HIV are empowered to lead the HIV response; and
- National HIV responses are country-led, resilient, sustainable and ready for the future



