CHINA 2022

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



In 2022, the Joint Team in China significantly contributed to the implementation of the strategic pillars of "People and Prosperity" and "Partnership" in the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSCDF) 2021-2025, ensured the UN *Delivering as One* and continued supporting the country to strengthen HIV prevention, testing, treatment, and care services for its citizens as well as playing a pivotal role in cooperating with developing countries to end AIDS.

The National Center for AIDS/STD Control and Prevention for the first time in 2022 disclosed information on AIDS-related deaths. The Government also included Dolutegravir as second-line treatment regimen in the National Free Antiretroviral Treatment programme starting from 2023, which will benefit more than one million people living with HIV in China (WHO, UNAIDS Secretariat). Additionally, the National Health Commission launched the National action plan for the elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV of HIV, syphilis and hepatitis B by 2025 (UNICEF, WHO, UNAIDS Secretariat).

In the areas of HIV prevention, more than 120 college students joined an online dialogue on youth health and HIV prevention, drawing more than 4 million views on Chinese social media. In addition, 20 AMAZE videos on comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) in sign language were released to promote HIV services and CSE among people with disabilities (UNFPA, UNESCO, UNAIDS Secretariat).

Hundreds of college students and representatives of community-based organizations joined the 2022 Zero Discrimination Day exhibition under the theme *Symbiosis, Solidarity and Sustainability* (UN Women, ILO, UNAIDS Secretariat).

Capacity building workshops on mental health counselling were organized for community-based organizations and an LGBTI Centre in Beijing received support for the Zero-AIDS Youth Project, benefiting more than 1500 young people (UNAIDS Secretariat). Furthermore, 325 women living with HIV and people from the LGBTI communities accessed legal and essential gender-based violence services through a partnership with Women's Network Against AIDS China (ILO, UN Women).

China lowered the legal age for gender reassignment surgery from 20 to 18 years through intense advocacy and technical support from the Joint Team (UNDP). Equal Eyes, an e-journal on sexual minorities in Chinese published twenty-two issues in 2022, gaining more than 500 000 views in China (UNDP, UNAIDS Secretariat).

China accelerated its contribution to global efforts on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through South-South cooperations, humanitarian assistance under the *leave no one behind* principle. For instance, the National Center for AIDS/STD Control and Prevention organized the sixth Sino-Africa and Sino-Asia South-South learning workshops, enabling 25 experts from African and Asian countries to share their HIV response experiences with China.

A mapping report on accessible HIV-related commodities in China for the world and a case report on the local production of antiretroviral medicines in Africa were developed with the support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. To promote local pharmaceutical production in Africa, the ratification of the African Medicine Agency was advocated for and coordinated (UNDP, UNAIDS Secretariat).

KEY RESULTS

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- The National Center for AIDS/STD Control and Prevention disclosed information on AIDS-related deaths for the first time.
- Sino-Africa and Sino-Asia South-South learning workshops on the HIV response enabled experts from respective countries to share experiences.

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2022 Joint Programme Expenditure

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