



ELIZABETH GLASER  
PEDIATRIC AIDS  
FOUNDATION



# Côte d'Ivoire

The Foundation's International Programs

# WORKING TO ELIMINATE HIV AND AIDS IN CHILDREN, WOMEN, AND FAMILIES

## ABOUT THE CÔTE D'IVOIRE PROGRAM

The Foundation's Côte d'Ivoire program began supporting HIV/AIDS care and treatment in 2004 and prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) of HIV services in 2005. Through its program implementation, research, and advocacy efforts, the Foundation in Côte d'Ivoire is working to eliminate HIV infection and to increase access to comprehensive, high-quality, well-integrated HIV prevention and care and treatment services for women, children, and families living with and affected by HIV and AIDS.

## HIV AND AIDS IN CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Approximately 450,000 people are living with HIV in Côte d'Ivoire. Of those, 63,000 are children under the age of 15 (UNAIDS, *Report on the Global AIDS Epidemic 2010*).



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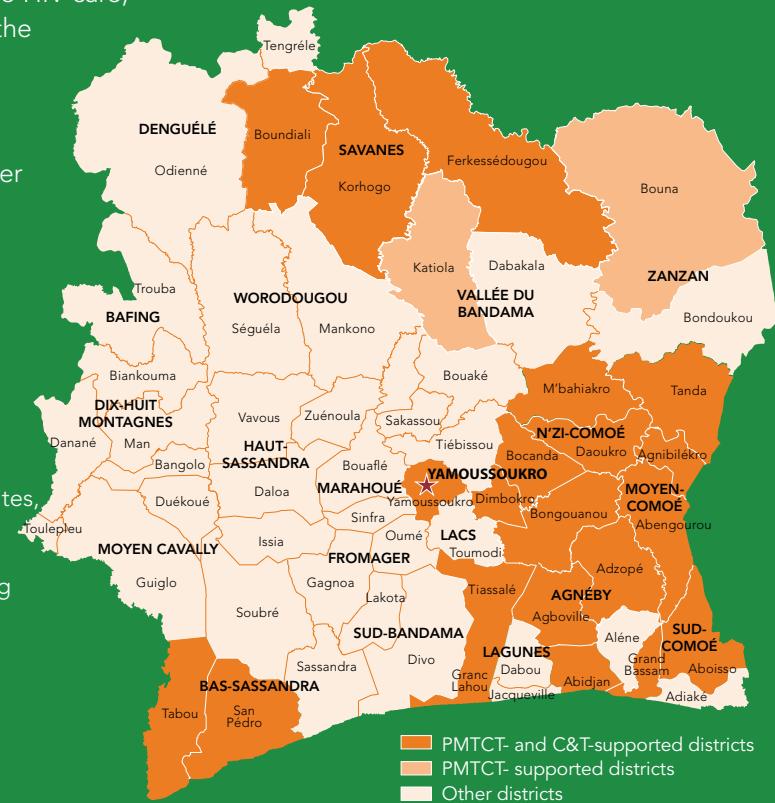
## KEY PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

As of March 31, 2011, Foundation-supported programs in Côte d'Ivoire had

- provided nearly 794,000 women with PMTCT services;
- enrolled more than 180,000 patients into HIV care, including nearly 13,000 children under the age of 15;
- started more than 86,000 individuals on lifesaving treatment for HIV/AIDS, including more than 4,900 children under the age of 15; and
- advocated for and supported the development of easy-to-use and affordable early infant diagnosis methods appropriate to local settings.

## WHERE WE WORK

The Foundation currently supports 351 total sites, with 312 sites providing PMTCT services and 146 sites supplying care and treatment (C&T) services to women, children, and families living with or affected by HIV and AIDS.



## STORY OF HOPE

Kevin, age 32

“ I was living in the capital city of Abidjan when my health quickly deteriorated. My story might have ended there but for my father's advice: Get tested for HIV. I went to the Centre Notre Dame des Apôtres (NDA) in Dimbokro—a health center supported by the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation through the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)—where I took an HIV test. I learned that I was HIV-positive and chose to disclose my status to my father. When I told him, he said, “You're my son, and I'm not going to reject you because of an illness.” From then on, I became more confident. My father accompanied me to all my appointments, he made sure that I took my medications, and he paid for my prescriptions. Fifteen months later, I was free of HIV-related infections and was back at a healthy body weight. I now work full-time as a community HIV counselor at the Centre NDA and urge families to support those with HIV/AIDS. My father remains one of my strongest supporters. ”

# WHO WE ARE

The Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation is a global leader in the fight to eliminate pediatric HIV and AIDS. In 17 countries and at more than 5,500 sites around the world, we work to implement HIV prevention, care, and treatment services; advance innovative research; and advocate for the best public policies for women, children, and families worldwide.

## OUR STORY

In 1981, Elizabeth Glaser contracted HIV through a blood transfusion. Unaware that she was infected, she passed the virus on to her daughter, Ariel, and her son, Jake. After losing Ariel to AIDS-related illness in 1988, Elizabeth and her two best friends, Susie Zeegen and Susan DeLaurentis, created a foundation dedicated to bringing hope to families affected by HIV and AIDS. Elizabeth fought for increased pediatric HIV research and funding until her death in 1994, and today the foundation that bears her name continues her work. Thanks to the movement Elizabeth started, we now have the science and medicines to make the elimination of pediatric AIDS a reality, and Elizabeth's son, Jake, is a healthy young adult.



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