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Lesotho

The Foundation's International Programs

WORKING TO ELIMINATE HIV & AIDS

IN CHILDREN, WOMEN, AND FAMILIES.

ABOUT THE LESOTHO PROGRAM

In 2004, the Foundation began collaborating with the Lesotho Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (MOHSW) and other partners to achieve a shared goal: decreasing the rate of new HIV infections and reducing the impact of AIDS by implementing integrated, family-centered HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and treatment services.

Today, the Foundation is the government of Lesotho's primary HIV/AIDS partner. Thanks to the support of our donors, the Foundation is working to strengthen, expand, and integrate prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV (PMTCT) and HIV care and treatment services across Lesotho.

HIV AND AIDS IN LESOTHO

Approximately 290,000 people are living with HIV in Lesotho. Of those, 28,000 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 Lesotho had

- provided nearly 96,000 women with services to prevent the transmission of HIV to their babies;
- enrolled more than 141,000 clients into HIV care and support programs, including nearly 6,000 children under the age of 15; and
- started nearly 60,000 HIV-positive individuals on lifesaving treatment, including nearly 3,000 children under the age of 15.

WHERE WE WORK

As of March 31, 2011, the Foundation was providing direct support to all health facilities in the country, supporting essential PMTCT and HIV care and treatment programs at a total of 187 sites in the ten districts in Lesotho; of these sites, 185 provide PMTCT services and 164 provide HIV care and treatment services.



STORY OF HOPE

Marekelalitsoe, age 22

I am pregnant with my first child, and I came to the Foundation-supported clinic at Mokhotlong Hospital for my first antenatal checkup. The nurse explained that I would receive an HIV test. I was a bit nervous to be tested, but my counselor made me feel comfortable. I felt relieved and happy when my test came back HIV-negative. I am very excited about the birth of my child now, and I plan to keep returning to the clinic to get the care I need for myself and my baby. I'd like to thank the nurses and counselors at Mokhotlong for everything they are doing to help women like me in Lesotho.

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 funding and research 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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