Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation

OUR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

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EGPAF has reached over 27 million pregnant women with PMTCT.

More than 30 years ago, Elizabeth Glaser inspired a movement that led to near elimination of pediatric AIDS in the United States and Europe. Through HIV programs, advocacy, and research, the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation (EGPAF) continues to work toward ending pediatric AIDS in high-prevalence, resource-limited countries. EGPAF works hand-in-hand with governments, local organizations, and health facilities in supported countries to ensure that all women, children, and families have access to comprehensive HIV and AIDS health services.

Today, we are working harder than ever to reach global targets set by the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS: to reach 90% of all people living with HIV with HIV testing; to make sure that 90% of those diagnosed with HIV receive sustained antiretroviral therapy (ART); and to ensure that 90% of all people receiving ART experience viral suppression.

Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV (PMTCT)

Globally, nearly 500 children are infected with HIV every day. HIV-positive children are most often infected through mother-to-child transmission, whereby an HIV-positive mother transmits the infection in utero, through delivery, or breastfeeding. A pregnant woman actively taking ART throughout this transmission risk period, can reduce the risk or HIV infection to her child to less than 5%. However, in 2017, only 80% of pregnant women living with HIV had access to treatment.

EGPAF is a pioneer in expanding PMTCT programs worldwide. To this end, we help implement national PMTCT policies; train and mentor program managers and health facility staff to ensure all women have access to HIV counseling, testing, and linkage to lifelong treatment, if diagnosed positive. We create family-friendly clinic settings which integrate these services with other health services such as TB identification and treatment, cancer screening and treatment, family planning, child wellness, and psychosocial support services.

HIV Care and Treatment

EGPAF currently provides access to ART among nearly one million individuals, including 70,000 children

Globally, almost 37 million people are living with HIV, with just under 2 million people becoming newly infected each year. Although there is no cure for HIV or AIDS, HIV-positive people who remain on ART have nearly the same life expectancy as those without the virus. However, only about 21.7 million individuals living with HIV had access to ART in 2017. Only 52% of 1.8 million children living with HIV globally have access to treatment needed to keep them healthy and alive.

To reduce HIV-related morbidity and mortality in young children, we have expanded access to HIV identification and treatment through implementation of early infant HIV diagnostic technology in nine supported countries. We have linked children in our care to over 500 psychosocial support groups, which strive to prevent affects of HIV-related stigma and strengthen treatment management. We have implemented early child development programs to ensure children are thriving.

A growing body of evidence suggests that the epidemic is surging in adolescents and young adults. In response, EGPAF has worked with youth populations to develop and expand access to age-appropriate clinic and counseling services to this group.

EGPAF works across 19 countries to increase access to lifelong HIV care and treatment and to integrate HIV services with primary health care services such as antenatal care, general outpatient services, and opportunistic infection screening and treatment. We train and mentor health workers to improve HIV care and treatment services, and we empower patients through peer and family support groups to help them remain on treatment for life. Currently, EGPAF is working with host countries to scale-up use of differentiated models of care; tailoring comprehensive and holistic health care to individual patient needs.

Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health (MNCH)

EGPAF integrates HIV prevention, care and treatment with routine MNCH services while strengthening MNCH services to include quality sexual and reproductive health care and cancer prevention and treatment

EGPAF is a leader in integrating PMTCT into reproductive health, antenatal care, and postnatal care, which aims to reduce maternal and infant mortality and morbidity. EGPAF supports a variety of women's health initiatives, including activities to increase access to family planning; testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections; and testing, care, and treatment of cancer.

EGPAF programs support prenatal care, which encourage women to deliver their children in health facilities where health staff can treat obstetric emergencies. We provide technical assistance to labor and delivery wards to offer comprehensive and high-quality care. EGPAF also supports postnatal care for both mothers and newborns to help women care for their children: postnatal services include support for safe infant feeding practices in and out of the context of HIV, HIV testing and treatment, growth monitoring, and vaccinations.

Health Systems Strengthening

EGPAF provides technical assistance and capacity building to over 5,000 health facilities, hundreds of local organizations, including three affiliates

Increased access to comprehensive HIV services and ending pediatric HIV cannot be achieved and sustained without strong national health systems. EGPAF works hand-in-hand with governments and local organizations to build capacity and implement health services. We provide ministries of health with technical assistance and recommendations to inform national guidelines and policies. We work with local organizations to build financial, operational, and technical capacity and to promote local ownership. EGPAF also helps national health programs develop human resource systems for managing health workers, and strengthen medical supply chains to reduce stock-outs of HIV prevention, testing, and treatment supplies.

Strategic Information and Evaluation

EGPAF supports thousands of HIV program managers to ensure effective use of data to improve health programs

We focus on continuously improving the accuracy of data. We actively evaluate best practices for collecting and using data to improve our programs. Our support for strategic information and evaluation includes a strong focus on building capacity and increasing the ownership of program activities by ministries of health and local organizations. Through training, mentorship, and development of information management systems, EGPAF is better able to direct health program management at facility, regional, and national levels.

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