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THE CÔTE D'IVOIRE PROGRAM

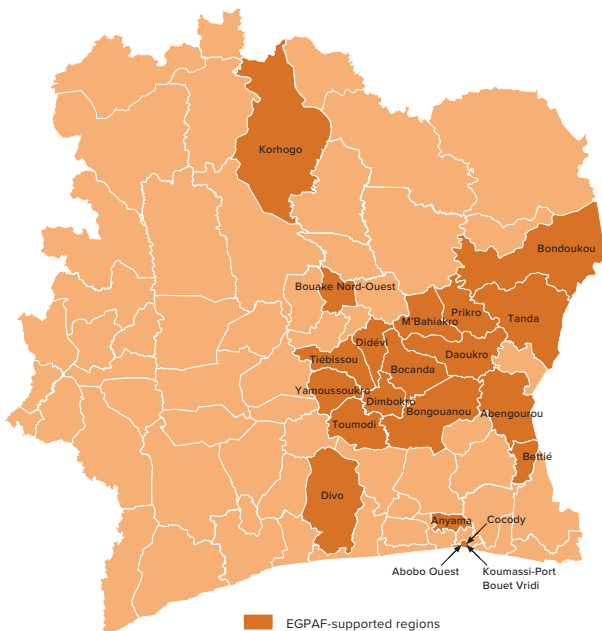
Working with Women, Children, and Families to End Pediatric AIDS

EGPAF IN CÔTE D'IVOIRE

The Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation (EGPAF) began supporting HIV and AIDS care and treatment programs in 2004 and prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV (PMTCT) services in 2005 in Côte d'Ivoire. EGPAF-Côte d'Ivoire is working to end the country's HIV epidemic by increasing access to comprehensive, high-quality, and well-integrated HIV prevention, care, and treatment services among women, children, and families.

As of September 2020, EGPAF was supporting activities within seven regions and 21 districts with U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), through the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and Unitaid funding.

EGPAF-CÔTE D'IVOIRE PROGRAM GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE



COUNTRY PROFILE*

Population	25,716,544
Number of people living with HIV	430,000
Adult (15-49 years of age) prevalence rate	2.4%
Women 15 years of age and older living with HIV	260,000
Children (0-14 years of age) living with HIV	32,000
Deaths due to AIDS	13,000
Adults and children receiving antiretroviral therapy (ART)	63%

KEY PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Currently, EGPAF-Cameroon is supporting:
- HIV treatment to **over 67,000** adults
 - The testing of **over 333,000** individuals
 - PMTCT services to **nearly 114,012** pregnant women throughout the country
 - Antiretroviral therapy to **over 2,100** babies

* Sources: Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS), Côte d'Ivoire HIV and AIDS estimates (2020); World Bank, Côte d'Ivoire, population estimates (2020)

** EGPAF data as of January 2020

PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

Project Djasso (2017-2022)

Launched in 2017, the goal of the CDC-funded Project Djasso is to support Côte d'Ivoire to reach 90-90-90 goals by 2020 and achieve epidemic control. Under Project Djasso, EGPAF improves the identification of people living with HIV (PLHIV), initiation on ART, and retention of PLHIV in care and treatment services to achieve viral suppression and reduce HIV- and AIDS-associated mortality in four health regions and 16 health districts. Working hand-in-hand with the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene, civil society organizations, and EGPAF's local affiliate Fondation Ariel, Project Djasso works to promote sustainability of and capacity within the public health system in Côte d'Ivoire for an effective transition of services to local entities.

Project Kenya Dougou (2017-2022)

Funded by the CDC, Project Kenya Dougou aims to strengthen the technical and organizational capacity of community-based organizations (CBOs) to effectively manage community-based HIV prevention, care, and treatment in five regions and seven districts across northern, eastern, and southern Côte d'Ivoire. Kenya Dougou's primary goal is to create a sustainable local response to HIV by ensuring those most vulnerable to HIV—including adolescent girls and young women, adult men, orphans and vulnerable children and their families, and mobile populations—are empowered to receive strengthened HIV prevention, testing, and care and support services. This project was designed to increase HIV case detection and promote community linkages around HIV to ultimately achieve epidemic control.

Catalyzing Pediatric Tuberculosis Innovations (CaP TB) Project (2017-2021)

This Unitaid-funded project aims to improve TB screening in children, and accelerate access to TB diagnosis and new child-friendly treatments for both active and latent TB - a disease which affects one million children worldwide. This project, launched in 2017 using networks built through the POC EID project, will bring new child-friendly TB drug formulations and improved diagnostic technology to ten countries, including Côte d'Ivoire. Through the CaP TB Project, EGPAF has screened 133,512 children (0-14 years) for TB; diagnosed 404 children with active TB disease and started 397 children with TB on DS-TB treatment, of which, 92% have successfully completed the treatment. Additionally, 1,682 children under 5 years old, who are contacts of TB cases, have been initiated on preventive therapy

Project Optimal (2020 - 2022)

The Accelerating Patient Access to Optimal Antiretrovirals and Relevant Health Products via a sub-agreement with CHAI (Project Optimal) is a follow-up to the Unitaid-funded SPAAN Project (August 2019 – July 2020). SPAAN streamlined and accelerated the introduction of new, child-friendly ARV formulations by focusing on plans for solid formulations of LPV/r and the DTG 50 mg tablet, as well as future plans to introduce DTG dispersible formulations. Building on the success of that project, Project Optimal aims to (1) streamline and accelerate the transition to WHO-recommended optimal pediatric ARV formulations, focusing on DTG 10mg dispersible tablets and LPV/r solid formulations, (2) strengthen information, supply chain, service delivery, and pharmacovigilance systems for pediatric ARVs, and (3) strengthen differentiated service delivery models of care

for children, focusing on multi-month dispensing (MMD) and facility-based, family-centered models that include children < 5 years of age.

ADVOCACY

EGPAF-Côte d'Ivoire advocates at the national level with the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene to: promote EGPAF's global best practices to inform national implementation, such as differentiated service delivery initiatives; improve integration of regional work plans to ensure better coordination of the in-country response to HIV and AIDS; prioritize data quality management and systems at health care facilities; and strengthen access to functional laboratory equipment. EGPAF has advocated for the transition to the World Health Organization guidelines recommending universal access to ART.

RESEARCH

EGPAF-Côte d'Ivoire conducts program evaluations to improve HIV prevention, testing, care, treatment, and support. Ongoing evaluation topics include:

- Evaluation of viral suppression in the context of differentiated service delivery in Cote d'Ivoire
- Evaluation of patients and program outcomes achieved through integrated HIV prevention care and treatment programs in clinical and community settings in Cote d'Ivoire
- Mortuary based HIV surveillance in Cote d'Ivoire
- Evaluation of project ELMA interventions

Completed research projects include:

- Pre test evaluation of Cap TB M&E protocol in Cote d'Ivoire
- Market study: Willingness to pay for HIV self-test kit and PMTCT services in Cote d'Ivoire
- Pre- and post-test evaluation of the implementation of project ECHO pilot phase in Cote d'Ivoire
- Pre-test evaluation and post-test evaluation of POC EID M&E protocol in Cote d'Ivoire

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