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Pediatric AIDS Foundation**
Fighting for an AIDS-free generation

THE ESWATINI PROGRAM

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

THE ELIZABETH GLASER PEDIATRIC AIDS FOUNDATION IN ESWATINI

The Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation (EGPAF) began supporting the Kingdom of Eswatini in 2003 to prevent mother-to-child HIV transmission and to provide HIV and AIDS care and treatment services. EGPAF-Eswatini's work ensures every client has access to comprehensive health care, high-quality counseling, linkage to effective treatment for HIV and opportunistic infections, and psychosocial support within a variety of health settings throughout the country.

EGPAF-Eswatini provides support to improve local infrastructure and health systems through trainings, mentorship, and procurement of essential HIV drugs and commodities. We also work to increase community engagement in, and access to prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission (PMTCT), early infant HIV diagnosis, and voluntary medical male circumcision services. Currently, EGPAF-Eswatini provides comprehensive support to ensure these services are offered in 62 sites in the Hhohho and Shiselweni regions.

KEY PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Since 2003, Eswatini has:



Provided PMTCT services to nearly 262,000 women



Ensured over 92,000 HIV-positive pregnant women received ART

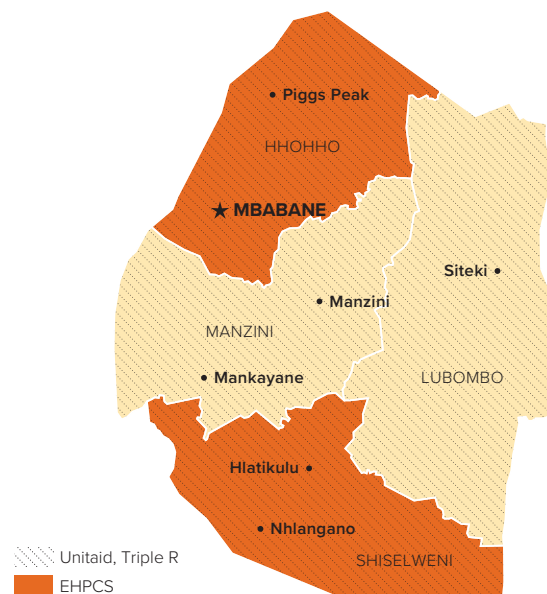


Averted nearly 17,500 HIV infections

COUNTRY PROFILE*

Population	1,343,000
Number of people living with HIV	210,000
Adult (15-49 years of age) HIV prevalence	27%
Women aged 15 and older living with HIV	120,000
Children (0-14 years of age) living with HIV	11,000
Deaths due to AIDS in 2018	2,400
Coverage of adults and children receiving ART	85%

EGPAF-ESWATINI PROGRAM GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE



* Sources: Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS), HIV and AIDS Estimates (2017), and World Bank population estimates (2018)

** Data as of May 2019

PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

Eswatini HIV Prevention and Clinical Services (EHPCS) Project (2019-2020)

The EHPCS project works to ensure uninterrupted, lifesaving HIV services in Hhohho and Shiselweni regions. EGPAF collaborates with the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and the Ministry of Health (MOH) to provide quality, comprehensive and integrated service delivery. Through EHPCS, EGPAF is intensifying case finding, improving linkage to treatment services, ensuring retention in care and viral suppression, improving coverage of biomedical prevention services, expanding sexual and reproductive health services, and improving integration of TB/HIV prevention and treatment services, and supporting the MOH.

The Ready, Resourceful, Risk-Aware "Insika" Project (2018-2023)

The Ready, Resourceful, Risk-Aware (Triple R) project, locally named Insika ya Kusasa, which means The Pillars of Tomorrow, is a USAID-funded project implemented by Pact, with assistance from EGPAF. Through this project, Pact and EGPAF will support USAID and the Kingdom of Eswatini in accelerating Eswatini's progress towards the 95-95-95 targets and in achieving sustainable HIV epidemic control. The goal of Insika is to prevent new HIV infections and bolster support and opportunities among orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) and adolescent girls and young women (AGYW). Insika aims to increase social and economic resilience to overcome the impact of HIV among OVC and AGYW and to increase service uptake of high-quality HIV, sexual and reproductive health, family planning, and gender-based violence care and treatment services among OVC and AGYW.

Securing Pediatric ARV Access Now (SPAAN) Project (2019-2020)

The SPAAN project will streamline and accelerate the introduction of new, child-friendly HIV treatment formulations. This project will focus on implementation of current plans for solid formulations of Lopinavir/Ritonavir and the Dolutegravir 50mg tablet, as well as future plans to introduce DTG dispersible formulations.

Project Supporting Operational AIDS Research (2016-2020)

The goal of Project Supporting Operational AIDS Research (SOAR) in Eswatini is to evaluate the effect of a family-centered care model to improve pediatric retention and ART, thereby increasing rates of viral suppression among HIV-positive children on ART. In this model of care, after a child is identified as HIV-positive, active HIV testing of all family members is conducted and all HIV-positive family members are seen together as a unit and receive their care together. The project has four implementation and four control health facilities, which allows EGPAF to assess impact of the family-centered model.

New Horizons: Advancing Pediatric HIV Care Collaborative (2014-present)

In response to limited availability of second- and third-line pediatric and adolescent treatment options, Johnson & Johnson, EGPAF, and the Partnership for Supply Chain Management launched the New Horizons project, which aims to improve sustainable ART service delivery for children, and confront challenges faced by adolescents around disclosure, adherence, and psychosocial support. The heart of the Collaborative is a darunavir/etravirine donation program, which increases access to third-line pediatric and adult ART for children and adolescents failing second-line treatment.

ADVOCACY

EGPAF advocates for revised HIV care and treatment policies, and enables the roll-out of treatment guidelines, such as Test and Start, and cervical cancer prevention and treatment protocols through national working group involvement and implementation of health worker trainings and mentorship. EGPAF-Eswatini works in close collaboration with local community leaders throughout the country to increase demand for these updated PMTCT services.

EGPAF also advocates for expanded use of early HIV diagnosis of children at community and national levels. We advocate to national policy makers for easy access to HIV testing through procured point-of-care diagnostic technology in community settings.

RESEARCH

- **Demographic, clinical, and laboratory outcomes of patients who ever received Etravirine and/or Darunavir- multi-country data abstraction (New Horizons)**
- **Effect of a family centered model of HIV care on viral suppression and retention in care of HIV positive children in Eswatini (SOAR)**
- **Enhancing HIV, AIDS, and TB program design, implementation and impact through quality improvement in Hhohho and Shiselweni regions**
- **Acceptability and experiences of pregnant and lactating women delivered HIV self-testing kits to male partners in selected health facilities in Eswatini**
- **Program and patient outcomes in Eswatini**

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