

# **WHY IT MATTERS**

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Without diagnosis and treatment, **50% of HIV-infected infants will die** before their 2nd birthday



of child infections are from **mother-to-child transmission** 

### THESE INFECTIONS ARE PREVENTABLE

In 2019, EGPAF is supporting activities in 19 countries.



#### PROVIDED NEARLY

30 MILLION

women with services to prevent the transmission of HIV to their babies.

TREATED NEARLY

2 MILLION

pregnant women with antiretroviral medications.

**AVERTED CLOSE TO** 

320,000

HIV infections.

TO DATE, EGPAF HAS

EGPAF advocates for the accessibility of high-quality health services to women, children and families; engages in research to progress elimination of HIV; and supports over 5,000 health facilities that provide comprehensive health services, including HIV treatment to nearly one million individuals (70,000 of whom are children under the age of 15).

Through these efforts, we are leading the charge to **ELIMINATE PEDIATRIC AIDS** 

### **AREA OF EXPERTISE**

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

#### **SERVICES PROVIDED**

- Provide pregnant women with HIV testing and counseling to ensure timely access to HIV prevention, care and treatment services
- Provide lifelong antiretroviral treatment (ART) to HIVpositive women to prevent transmission of HIV to their infants in current and all future pregnancies
- Initiate HIV-positive pregnant women on treatment per national guidelines
- Educate and support breastfeeding mothers to ensure safe and appropriate infant feeding practices
- Provide pregnant women with education about HIV primary prevention

#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Provided nearly 30 million women with access to services to prevent vertical transmission of HIV to their babies
- Provided nearly 2 million pregnant women with ARV prophylaxis to prevent mother-to-child HIV transmission

#### **Maternal Newborn and Child Health (MNCH)**

#### **SERVICES PROVIDED**

- Keep infants and children healthy by providing infant and young child feeding support, and care and follow-up of HIV-exposed infants
- Train health care providers working in PMTCT in: basic emergency maternal obstetric and newborn care, integrated management of childhood illnesses, and HIV prevention, care and treatment
- Provide support for and linkages to family planning and reproductive health services
- Integrate HIV services within MNCH clinics
- Scaling up use of the latest TB diagnostic and treatment innovations in 10 countries

#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- EGPAF works to strengthen broader MNCH outcomes such as improved provision and uptake of antenatal care, promote birth preparedness and delivery with a skill birth attendant, and strengthen postnatal care for mothers and newborns in over 5,000 sites where it currently support PMTCT services
- EGPAF works to improve MNCH services by increasing the capacity of health care workers to deliver PMTCT services, as well as, focused antenatal care, family planning, basic emergency maternal obstetric and newborn care, cervical cancer prevention, nutrition, and psychosocial support programs
- EGPAF is currently enhancing TB identification, diagnosis, and access to new and palatable treatment options for children through its recently launched Catalyzing Pediatric TB Innovations (Cap TB) in 10 countries.

#### Adult and Pediatric HIV Care & Treatment

#### SERVICES PROVIDED

- Provide comprehensive HIV care and treatment to adults, children, and infants
- Link mothers and infants receiving PMTCT services to HIV care and treatment services
- Early identification and testing of HIV-exposed infants and young children using the best available screening methods
- Ensure appropriate linkages with other critical services
- Provision of psychosocial support for adults and children

#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Currently supports 1.6 million adults and nearly 90,000 children on ART.
- Working with nine countries to scale-up use of early infant diagnostic technology, allowing more eligible children to access HIV care and treatment faster.

## Health Systems Strengthening and Capacity Building

#### **SERVICES PROVIDED**

- Provide sub-grants and technical, financial, and operational capacity building support to districts to foster country engagement and ownership
- Strengthen human resource practices by assisting ministries of health to develop effective human resources management systems
- Improve leadership and governance by providing targeted technical assistance to ministries of health and building the capacity of local organizations
- Provide technical guidance and recommendations to ministries of health for national guidelines and policies, as well as for the development of national training curriculums and materials
- Strengthen health management information systems to collect, review, analyze, and use data to ensure evidence-based decision making
- Strengthen the supply chain and reduce stock outs by mentoring pharmacy staff to improve forecasting, quantification, and timely ordering of drugs and other commodities

#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Improve the quality of services delivered through training and supportive supervision
- Established and providing on-going support to three local affiliates in Côte d'Ivoire, Tanzania, and Mozambique
- Through its Project DELTA, EGPAF has expanded technical assistance to ministries of health in 11 countries to enhance national initiatives on pediatric HIV testing, ARV resistence surveillance, and community involvement in PMTCT service quality