



Save the Children®

GLOBAL FUND HIV PROGRAM FACTSHEET BANGLADESH

2021 - 2023

PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

GOAL

Minimize the spread of HIV and the impact of AIDS on the individual, family, community, and society, working towards ending AIDS in Bangladesh by 2030

OBJECTIVES

- Increase HIV testing and coverage of services to prevent new HIV infections for 81.76% of people who inject drugs (from 28.73%) and 30.6% of female sex workers (from 18.09%)
- Provide universal access to support services for the people living with HIV
- Ensure an effective national multi-sectoral HIV & AIDS response
- Strengthen strategic information systems and research for an evidence-based response

BUDGET: USD 12,726,194.96 including C19RM

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

CARE Bangladesh, Ashoka Punorbashan Shangstha (APOSH), Mukto Akash Bangladesh (MAB), Nari Mukti Sangha (NMS), Ashar Alo Society, Network of People who Use Drugs (NPUD), Sex Workers Network of Bangladesh (SWNoB), and Network of People Living with HIV (NOP+)

TARGET POPULATION

- 5,000 people living with HIV (PLHIV)
- 14,035 people who inject drugs (PWID)
- 30,000 female sex workers (FSW)

HIV EPIDEMIC SITUATION, 2020-2021

- 14,000 people living with HIV ¹
- <0.01% HIV prevalence rate among general population ²
- <1% HIV prevalence among FSWs ²
- 4.1% HIV prevalence among PWID in intervention areas²
- HIV prevalence among PWID has reached concentrated epidemic levels (>5%) in two districts (Dhaka and

Narayanganj)²

¹ Bangladesh | UNAIDS

² 2020 HIV Integrated Biological and Behavioural Survey | Bangladesh

2021-2023 TARGETS

- PWID and FSWs receive essential HIV prevention and treatment services
- Early detection of HIV and initiation of treatment to halt HIV transmission, reduce morbidity and mortality of PLHIV
- Safer injection practice and safer sex behavior increased among PWID and FSWs respectively
- Reduced number of new HIV infections and STIs among targeted FSW and their clients
- PLHIV including other key populations will be linked to Government HIV treatment centers
- Increase accessibility of health and HIV services for key populations in Government facilities
- Functional engagement of community networks and organizations that leads to sustainability of HIV interventions

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

18 districts



OVERVIEW

Save the Children, as a leader in the national HIV and AIDS response in Bangladesh, has managed five consecutive HIV grants of the Global Fund between 2004 and 2023, serving as both the Management Agency (March 2004 – November 2009) and Principal Recipient (December 2009-December 2023). As PR on New Funding Model-3 (NFM3), running April 2021 to December 2023, Save the Children is implementing a high impact and cost-effective intervention that considers priority districts, the epidemiological trend, and other contextual factors. The program has expanded to reach total 14,035 PWID, a 48% increase in PWID coverage from the previous NFM2 grant, in 13 districts through three implementing partners. Additionally, it has scaled to reach 30,000 FSWs, a 62% increase in PWID coverage, in 13 districts through two implementing partners and three CBOs through strategic partnership with sub-recipients (SR). The program is also offering complementary support to the government to provide treatment and care services for PWID in 10 districts.

KEY INTERVENTIONS

1. Essential Harm Reduction Services for PWID
2. HIV testing services to FSWs/PWID
3. Condom distribution and clinical service provision (STI, abscess etc.)
4. Provide Oral Substitution Therapy (OST) to 2,600 PWID to reduce the dependency on injectable drugs
5. Establish linkages between diagnosed HIV positive key populations and Comprehensive drop in centers (CDICs) and to selected government facilities to ensure antiretroviral therapy (ART) utilization and adherence
6. Conduct peer education and training on income generating activities for alternative livelihoods and empowerment
7. Strengthen, set up, and functionalize ART centers in 10 districts and provide supplementary support to PLHIV

ACCOMPLISHMENTS & INNOVATIONS

April 2021 - December 2021

- Tailored HIV services based on epidemiological disease trends and vulnerability of populations.
 - Introduced take-home dose of OST and ART to ensure adherence during COVID-19.
 - Coordinated with stakeholders to facilitate the integration of HIV/AIDS services into Bangladesh Police and Prison Directorate.
 - Supported government to organize mass HIV testing campaign to reach the global target of 90-90-90.
 - Installed various secondary channels for health product distribution to KPs and introduced drop box & other safe disposal mechanisms for collection of health products.
 - Differentiated community-based and community-led HIV testing services and integration into public health facilities.=
- NFM3 reached a total of 45,889 people with HIV prevention services and tested 41,975 people in 2021
 - Livelihood support (\$3,000 per person) provided to 449 most vulnerable PWID and FSWs at Dhaka city corporation through mobile cash transfer
 - Reached 14,665 PWID and 30,856 FSWs with essential HIV services
 - Distributed 2,448,623 syringes and needles to PWID
 - Provided HIV testing services (HTS) to 11,237 PWID and 23,551 FSWs through differentiated modalities
 - Provided 2,405 PWID with OST through 11 OST centers
 - Distributed 6,150,745 condoms to FSWs and 472,193 condoms to PWID
 - Managed 1,727 STI cases among the PWID and 12,695 STI cases among FSWs
 - CDIC and selected Government facilities provided ART services to 790 HIV positive PWID