



GLOBAL FUND HIV PROGRAM FACTSHEET NEPAL

2021-2023

PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

GOAL

Fast track approach towards ending the AIDS epidemic as public health threat by 2030 achieving 95-95-95 targets

OBJECTIVES

- Expand access to HIV services ensuring the needs of communities
- Improve health outcomes for people living with HIV and key populations
- Address stigma and discrimination in partnership with key populations that impede HIV treatment

BUDGET: USD 27,763,388

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

NCASC and 21 SRs and as an implementing entity

HIV EPIDEMIC SITUATION, 2020 (UNAIDS)

- 30,000 individuals living with HIV
- 0.1 prevalence rate among adults
- Less than 1,000 new HIV infections

2021-2023 TARGETS

- 91% of people who inject drugs receive HIV prevention services including sterile needle and syringe under the Harm Reduction program
- 90% of migrants who work in selected high-HIV risk states in India, and their spouses, receive HIV prevention services
- 48% of prison population reached with BCC and 43% of the prison population tested for HIV
- 83% of people who inject drugs and 32% of labor migrants and their partners will know their HIV status.
- 91% of people living with HIV enrolled in antiretroviral therapy (ART) and virally suppressed by the end of implementation period
- 100% of newly initiated ART clients will have been screened for TB

TARGET POPULATIONS

- Men who have sex with men (MSM) Transgender people
- Sex workers (SW)
- People who inject drugs (PWID)
- People living with HIV (PLHIV)
- Children living with HIV
- Labor migrants and their spouses
- Prison inmates

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

All 77 districts of Nepal



OVERVIEW

The National HIV Strategic Plan 2021-2026, under the leadership of National Centre for AIDS and STD Control (NCASC), established identify, reach, test, treat, and retain (IRTTR) as the country's strategy for achieving the 95-95-95 targets and ending AIDS as a public health threat by 2030. Save the Children is supporting all the components of IRRTR to contribute achieving the national and global targets. Since adopting the IRRTR strategy, and particularly community-led testing (CLT) and the policy of "test and treat", Nepal has made significant strides in finding people living with HIV and getting them on treatment.

KEY INTERVENTIONS

1. HIV prevention program for key populations (KPs), PWIDs, migrants and their spouses, and prison inmates
2. Needle and syringe program, referral and linkage to treatment, Opioid Substitution Therapy (OST), and condom distribution
3. Differentiated HIV testing services, Viral Load testing, early infant diagnosis (EID) testing, and elimination of vertical HIV transmission
4. Community and Home-based Care (CHBC) and Community Care Centre (CCC) for PLHIV
5. Cash transfer program for Children Living with HIV a
6. Reducing human rights-related barriers to HIV and TB services
7. Health Management Information Systems, Monitoring and Evaluation, and laboratory systems strengthening

ACCOMPLISHMENTS & INNOVATIONS

March 2021 -April 2023

- Tested 141,908 HIV key populations clients and provided 349 people with first line treatment in 2021.
- Maximize digital reach of KPs and in-person services for needy, high-risk clients.
- Provide PPE items and virtual orientation/training to outreach workers and staffs.
- Identified good practices to continue service delivery during COVID-19 and scaled with SRs,
- Provided HIV Self-testing (HIVST), home delivery of ARV drugs, and weekly OST take-away dose to increase access to services.
- Integration of HIV, TB and Malaria services targeting seasonal migrants.
- Scale up HIVST and pilot CD4 rapid tests and alternative viral load testing.
- Multi-month dispensing (3-6 months) for clients who are stable on ART.
- Integration of prevention component in One National HIV Information System (ONHIS).