



South Africa Sustainable Response to HIV/AIDS and TB (SA SURE Pro) Project

Project description

The 'South Africa Sustainable Response to HIV/AIDS and TB' (**SA SURE Pro**) project strengthens and supports local capacity to provide sustainable HIV and TB-related care and treatment service delivery in South Africa through technical assistance (training, mentoring, coaching) and supplemental support including direct service delivery.

The project focuses at all levels of the health system – national, provincial, district, sub-district, facility and community – to support Department of Health (DoH) facilities in four PEPFAR focus districts in KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) Province: eThekweni, uMgungundlovu, uThukela, and Zululand.

Project activities

To reach and maintain South Africa's 95-95-95 targets for epidemic control in these districts, SA SURE Plus works closely with the Provincial DoH to strengthen health systems by implementing high-quality, patient-centred, sustainable and adaptable interventions in the following areas:

- ❖ Technical assistance and supplemental support for HIV and TB case-finding – including HIV index contact testing, HIV self-screening (HIVSS) and recency testing; adult and child HIV care and treatment services entailing linkage to care, same-day ART initiation and fast-track treatment initiation, adherence counselling, case management and viral load monitoring for improved continuity of care, and related data management; and maximum coverage for TB prevention and treatment outcomes
- ❖ Strengthening care and treatment practice through development and application of a combined mentorship and supervision model
- ❖ Expanding service options for men and young women to improve uptake of treatment in these critical populations, and supporting the elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV (EMTCT)
- ❖ Supporting the roll-out of differentiated modalities of care and alternative access to chronic medication through the Central Chronic Medicine Dispensing and Distribution (CCMDD/Dablapmeds) programme and administration of the Synchronised National Communication in Health (SyNCH) system
- ❖ Strengthening the clinic–laboratory interface (CLI) through baseline assessment, development of quality improvement plans, and building capacity for sample and results management
- ❖ Community engagement, outreach, mobilisation and innovation to ensure patient-centred practice for intensified community-based service delivery that is designed to build the capacity of communities, civil society and the DoH

- ❖ Working with District Trainers and the Regional Training Centre to ensure skills transfer in key activities such as index contact tracing and testing, Adult Primary Care, Adherence Guidelines, HIVSS, Advanced Clinical Care (ACC), CLI, and HIV Rapid Test Continuous Quality Improvement (RTCQI)
- ❖ Strengthening DoH management structures, surveillance capabilities and quality improvement approaches through technical support for policy and planning
- ❖ Managing data quality, routine health information systems, and use of information for management through a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation (M&E) framework to improve performance tracking, data analysis for programmatic improvement, and guidance for evidence-based interventions
- ❖ Documenting and writing up project implementation experiences for internal and external dissemination.

Under the current third PEPFAR grant, SA SURE Pro is focused on a phased transition of activities to district and facility DoH management that will enable achievement of epidemiological control.

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Partners

Our partners include a number of community-based organisations that complement our work through layering of interventions for testing and treatment services dedicated to key populations, referrals for psychosocial and disclosure support, as well as community outreach where required.

Project team management

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