2013 PROGRESS REPORT ON THE GLOBAL PLAN

towards the elimination of new HIV infections among children by 2015 and keeping their mothers alive

210 000
THE NUMBER OF NEW HIV INFECTIONS AMONG CHILDREN IN 2012 (21 GLOBAL PLAN PRIORITY COUNTRIES)

38%
DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF NEW HIV INFECTIONS AMONG CHILDREN, 2009–2012 (21 GLOBAL PLAN PRIORITY COUNTRIES)

4 OUT OF 10
PREGNANT WOMEN LIVING WITH HIV DID NOT RECEIVE ANTIRETROVIRAL MEDICINES TO PREVENT MOTHER-TO-CHILD TRANSMISSION OF HIV

5 OUT OF 10
WOMEN OR THEIR INFANTS DID NOT RECEIVE ANTIRETROVIRAL MEDICINES DURING BREASTFEEDING TO PREVENT MOTHER-TO-CHILD TRANSMISSION
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FOREWORD

We are encouraged by the progress made by countries in reducing the number of children newly infected with HIV. Two years have passed since the launch of the Global Plan, when countries embraced the goal of moving towards eliminating new HIV infections among children and keeping their mothers alive. Since then, there has been momentum in scaling up access to HIV prevention and treatment services for women and children – especially in the 21 Global Plan priority countries in sub-Saharan Africa. Ghana and South Africa have led the way, with the largest decreases in the numbers of new HIV infections among children from 2009 to 2012.

Today, many more women have access to antiretroviral medicines to reduce the risk of HIV transmission to their children than four years ago. In countries where access has increased, the rates of HIV transmission to children have fallen dramatically. This success must be celebrated and sustained. There has been particular success in reducing the number of children acquiring HIV infection during pregnancy and childbirth.

In most of the priority countries today, more than half the children newly infected with HIV acquired it during the breastfeeding period. Breastfeeding is crucial for children’s survival, growth and development. Providing antiretroviral medicines to mothers throughout the breastfeeding period is a critical step needed to further reduce rates of mother-to-child HIV transmission. The new 2013 World Health Organization treatment guidelines will help countries to implement this focus as they move towards reaching their targets for eliminating new HIV infections among children, improving maternal health and preventing HIV transmission among discordant couples.

Meeting the HIV treatment needs of both children and women is vital. We are heartened by the growing numbers of children being diagnosed and enrolled in HIV treatment. Nevertheless, we are greatly concerned that treatment continues to elude nearly two out of three eligible children. As adult coverage expands, treatment for children must also be scaled up to ensure that children have equal access to life-saving medicines. Technologies to diagnose HIV infection among children and treatment formulations for children must also be improved.

Women are key to the AIDS response. By empowering them to be able to protect themselves and make informed decisions about their health and that of their children, we can achieve the twin goals of eliminating new HIV infections among children and keeping women and children living with HIV alive. The number of women acquiring HIV infection has to be reduced, and all women living with HIV eligible for antiretroviral therapy must have access to it for their own health.

This year’s news of a single baby in Mississippi being functionally cured of HIV gives us hope that, one day, science may offer a cure for everyone, everywhere. Meanwhile, we must do all we can and use the tools and political commitment available to ensure that every child and every woman is protected from HIV and that everyone eligible for HIV treatment has access to it.

Michel Sidibé
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Global AIDS Coordinator
The Global Plan towards the elimination of new HIV infections among children by 2015 and keeping their mothers alive (Global Plan) was launched in July 2011 at the United Nations General Assembly High Level Meeting on AIDS. This report presents the interim progress made by 20 countries in sub-Saharan Africa and some of the challenges they face in meeting the agreed targets for 2015. Of the 22 Global Plan priority countries, data from India were not available at the time this report was written. Only provisional data were available from Uganda at the time of publication. The preliminary results for Uganda are included in the aggregated values, but no country-specific data are presented here.

Global Plan milestones, May 2013: significant progress made, challenges remain

Reduce the estimated number of new HIV infections among children by 50% from 2009 levels in at least 10 high-burden countries

New HIV infections among children have been reduced by 50% or more in seven countries – Botswana, Ethiopia, Ghana, Malawi, Namibia, South Africa and Zambia. Two more countries – the United Republic of Tanzania and Zimbabwe – are very close to achieving this target.

Reduce the estimated number of new HIV infections among children by 50%

The number of new HIV infections in the 21 countries has declined by 38%, falling short of the target of 50%. However, with increasing momentum in accelerating progress in key countries such as Nigeria and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, this gap can be closed.

Issue new global guidelines for antiretroviral prophylaxis and antiretroviral therapy that recommend simpler and more effective drug regimens and approaches

The World Health Organization (WHO) is releasing new guidelines on the diagnosis of HIV, the care of people living with HIV and the use of antiretroviral medicines for treating and preventing HIV infection. These include new recommendations for women and children and aim to simplify access to and delivery of HIV prevention and treatment services. The new push towards initiating HIV treatment earlier as well as simplifying and harmonizing treatment regimens among various populations and implementing new eligibility criteria will help to increase the coverage of antiretroviral medicines for pregnant women living with HIV. It will also increase the number of eligible children and women receiving HIV treatment and, in turn, help to reduce the onward transmission of HIV, improve mothers’ health and reduce maternal and child deaths.

Phase out single-dose nevirapine prophylaxis and adopt more effective antiretroviral regimens for women and children

All priority countries have transitioned from the use of single-dose nevirapine as the primary antiretroviral medicine option for pregnant women living with HIV to prevent HIV transmission to their child to more effective antiretroviral regimens.
FEWER CHILDREN ARE ACQUISITING HIV INFECTION

In most of the Global Plan priority countries in sub-Saharan Africa, the number of children newly infected with HIV has declined from 2009 to 2012, although at varying rates. At 76%, Ghana has had the largest decline in the rate of children acquiring HIV infection. In South Africa, 24 000 fewer children acquired HIV in 2012 than in 2009, a decline of 63%.

New HIV infections among children fell by 50% or more in five additional countries – Botswana, Ethiopia, Malawi, Namibia and Zambia. Two others – the United Republic of Tanzania and Zimbabwe – are also making substantial progress in reducing the number of new HIV infections among children.

However, in several countries the pace of decline in the numbers of children newly infected has been slow, and the numbers have actually risen in Angola. Nigeria has the largest number of children acquiring HIV infection – nearly 60 000 in 2012, a number that has remained largely unchanged since 2009. Without urgent action in Nigeria, the global target for 2015 is unlikely to be reached.

The 21 countries had 210 000 newly infected children in 2012. This represents a reduction of 130 000 new infections annually, or a 38% drop from 2009, when these countries had 340 000 new HIV infections among children (the summary tables provide country-specific values).

NEW HIV INFECTIONS AMONG CHILDREN, 2009–2012, IN 20 GLOBAL PLAN PRIORITY COUNTRIES

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Based on modelling, it is estimated that, at this interim point, on average, nearly half of all children in these 20 countries who are newly infected with HIV are acquiring HIV during breastfeeding, because of low antiretroviral coverage during this period. Breastfeeding is critical to ensuring child survival and remains key to reducing child mortality. WHO recommends that breastfeeding mothers known to be infected with HIV (and whose infants are HIV uninfected or of unknown HIV status) should exclusively breastfeed their infants for the first 6 months of life, introducing appropriate complementary foods thereafter, and continue breastfeeding for the first 12 months of life. Breastfeeding should then only stop once a nutritionally adequate and safe diet without breast-milk.
Antiretroviral coverage to prevent new infections among children, and the final HIV transmission rate from mother to child, including breastfeeding
Botswana and South Africa have reduced transmission rates to 5% or lower. However, the estimated coverage of antiretroviral prophylaxis among pregnant women declined in several countries between 2011 and 2012. The declines were particularly sharp in Lesotho (from 75% in 2011 to 57% in 2012) and Kenya (from 66% in 2011 to 53% in 2012), and the reasons are being analysed to identify the obstacles.

More children are receiving antiretroviral therapy than before, but access remains unacceptably low – only 3 in 10 eligible children receive HIV treatment in most countries

The number of eligible children receiving antiretroviral therapy has increased in all countries. Botswana and Namibia have already achieved universal access, with 80% or more of the children eligible in accordance with WHO criteria receiving HIV treatment; and more than half the eligible children receive antiretroviral therapy in South Africa and Swaziland. Impressive gains have been made elsewhere: the percentage of children receiving HIV treatment has doubled in Chad, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, South Africa, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zimbabwe. However, this increase still falls short of reaching the coverage goals for antiretroviral therapy for all eligible children. On average, only 3 out of 10 eligible children have access to HIV treatment in the 21 Global Plan countries. Although the number of newly infected children requiring HIV treatment will decline as new HIV infections are prevented, there is an urgent need to identify the children currently living with HIV and link them to care and treatment services so that their morbidity and mortality is reduced over time.

In addition, since the rate of mother-to-child transmission of HIV remains high in many places, early diagnosis and linkage to HIV treatment are the key to keeping children with HIV alive and healthy. Only four countries – Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland and Zambia – provided early infant diagnosis to more than 50% of the children born to women living with HIV. Five countries – Angola, Chad, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Malawi and Nigeria – had coverage of less than 10%.
The number of pregnant women living with HIV receiving antiretroviral therapy for their own health has increased since 2009. In Botswana, Ghana, Malawi, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland and Zambia, more than 75% of the pregnant women eligible according to 2010 WHO criteria – a CD4 count <350 cells/mm³ – receive antiretroviral therapy versus 50–75% in Kenya, Lesotho, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zimbabwe. Increasing access to antiretroviral therapy for pregnant women living with HIV for their own health is critical to saving the lives of women and their children. In many places where HIV treatment is available, women living with HIV have reported that stigma and discrimination, especially in health care settings, continue to be a barrier to accessing adequate information and services.

Malawi, with its policy of providing antiretroviral therapy to all pregnant and breastfeeding women (irrespective of CD4 count), increased the coverage of women from 13% in 2009 to 86% in 2012. Malawi has been able to increase antiretroviral therapy coverage during both pregnancy and the breastfeeding period by decentralizing treatment services and offering lifelong HIV treatment to all pregnant and breastfeeding women as the central tenet of its national programme to stop the mother-to-child transmission of HIV.

### Percentage of eligible children (0–14 years old) receiving antiretroviral therapy, 2012

![Bar chart showing the percentage of eligible children receiving antiretroviral therapy in various countries, with targets and actual coverage rates.]
The number of women becoming newly infected with HIV between 2009 and 2012 remains stable in most of the 20 countries. Only Ghana (44%) and South Africa (28%) have substantial declines in the number of women acquiring HIV infection.

The lack of decrease in new HIV infections among women in most of the priority countries of the Global Plan is a worrying trend, since it is detrimental to women’s own health and well-being and can also potentially increase the need for antiretroviral medicines for preventing mother-to-child transmission and increase the number of children newly infected. This also underscores that reducing the overall incidence of HIV in all adults, both men and women, by combination HIV prevention methods – safer sexual behaviour, voluntary medical male circumcision and use of antiretroviral therapy among discordant couples – is critical to reaching the Global Plan targets.

Reducing unmet need for family planning will reduce new HIV infections among children and improve maternal health. Increasing access to voluntary and non-coercive family planning services for all women, including women living with HIV, can avoid unintended pregnancies. Family planning enables women to choose...
the number and spacing of their children, thereby improving their health and well-being. Coercion for family planning and forced sterilization of women living with HIV are completely unacceptable under any circumstances and violations of human rights.

NEW WHO GUIDELINES ON THE USE OF ANTIRETROVIRAL MEDICINES WILL HELP ENSURE THAT WOMEN AND CHILDREN RECEIVE EFFECTIVE REGIMENS

On 30 June 2013, WHO will publish updated guidelines on the diagnosis of HIV, the care of people living with HIV and the use of antiretroviral medicines for treating and preventing HIV infection. These guidelines (1) harmonize guidance and treatment regimens across populations and along the continuum of care, (2) provide guidance on how to improve service delivery and to make decisions that optimally allocate resources and (3) consolidate existing and new recommendations into a single publication using a public health approach.

For pregnant and breastfeeding women and children younger than five years living with HIV, the routine offer of antiretroviral therapy irrespective of CD4 count or clinical stage will improve treatment access. Simplified approaches, including using a common regimen of tenofovir, lamivudine or emtricitabine and efavirenz as a fixed-dose combination tablet for women and older children living with HIV, should also improve uptake.

MEASURING SUCCESS IS IMPORTANT

With less than 1000 days remaining to achieve the 2015 Global Plan targets, measuring progress and addressing obstacles is critical. Countries are urged to closely monitor the targets and to provide accurate, timely data to their policy-makers and programme implementers.

A major challenge in measuring the progress of the Global Plan is that most of the priority countries do not have a direct measurement of the number of new HIV infections among children.

South Africa’s evaluation of the effectiveness of preventing the mother-to-child transmission of HIV demonstrated a decrease in early (4–8 weeks) transmission from 4% in 2010 to 3% in 2011, confirming the success of improved interventions. However, measuring final (including transmission during breastfeeding) outcomes is difficult, and costly, and in most countries, models are required to estimate the progress made towards the 2015 target of reducing these new infections by 90%. These models require high-quality, accurate national data from programmes to prevent mother-to-child transmission.

Significant progress has been made in the past decade in improving monitoring systems, including better data on antiretroviral coverage for women living with HIV during pregnancy and delivery. However national monitoring of antiretroviral coverage during breastfeeding remains weak or non-existent in some of countries. Focused efforts are needed to improve this component of data collection. However, many systems cannot identify which women are double-counted when they change regimen, or move clinics, and cannot link important data across mother–infant pairs. The data presented in this report are therefore only as accurate as the programmatic data collected in
routine monitoring systems and used in the models. Uncertainty ranges, provided in the summary tables, only partially reflect the uncertainties of the programme data included in the models.

**CONCLUSION**

Almost all the Global Plan priority countries in sub-Saharan Africa have made significant progress in reducing the number of children acquiring HIV infection and in increasing access to HIV treatment for eligible women and children. Successes have included increasing the coverage of antiretroviral medicines for pregnant women living with HIV to prevent mother-to-child transmission from 34% in 2009 to 65% in 2012, which has contributed to reducing the number of children becoming infected with HIV. The Global Plan priority countries in sub-Saharan Africa had 130 000 fewer new HIV infections among children in 2012 than in 2009 – a drop of 38%.

The rates of HIV transmission have fallen considerably from 2009 levels in most of the countries in which the coverage of antiretroviral prophylaxis exceeds 70%. In these countries, this coverage rate must be maintained and additional efforts made to ensure that women also receive antiretroviral medicines during the breastfeeding period.

A combination of efforts is required to eliminate new HIV infections among children and ensure that their mothers remain healthy: reducing the number of women acquiring HIV infection, reducing the unmet need for family planning, increasing access to safe and non-coercive HIV testing, improving the availability of antiretroviral medicines for pregnant women living with HIV and improving the diagnosis and treatment of HIV among children and keeping their mothers alive.

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**A note on data**

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Rapid decline

Botswana
Ethiopia
Ghana
Malawi
Namibia
South Africa
Zambia
rapid decline
Botswana is making strides towards eliminating new HIV infections among children as it maintains high levels of coverage of antiretroviral medicines. If progress continues, it will become one of the first countries in sub-Saharan Africa to meet this historic milestone by 2015.

The number of new HIV infections among children continues to decline rapidly
New HIV infections among children (0–14 years old), 2009–2012

Almost all eligible children are receiving HIV treatment
Percentage of eligible children (0–14 years old) receiving antiretroviral therapy

10,000 children were eligible for antiretroviral therapy in 2012
Universal access to antiretroviral medicines has translated into the near elimination of HIV transmission from mothers to children

The number of women newly infected with HIV has only declined by 14% since 2009. Botswana is not on track to meet the 2015 goal to reduce the number of women acquiring HIV infection by 50%

Women acquiring HIV infection (15–49 years old), 2009–2012

Almost all pregnant women living with HIV eligible for antiretroviral therapy for their own health are receiving it

Improved access to family planning services could further reduce the number of new HIV infections among children and improve maternal health

Access to HIV treatment will reduce maternal deaths from HIV

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ETHIOPIA

Ethiopia has made substantial gains in increasing access to HIV prevention and treatment services among pregnant women living with HIV and children between 2009 and 2012. As a result, the number of new HIV infections among children has dropped. Ethiopia proposes to roll out lifelong antiretroviral therapy for pregnant women living with HIV, known as option B+, in 2013. It also plans to integrate programmes for preventing the mother-to-child transmission of HIV with existing maternal and child health programmes to increase coverage. Ethiopia’s health extension programme has employed 31 000 lower-cadre health workers, who are stimulating demand for and increasing access to critical HIV services.

The number of new HIV infections among children has been reduced by half, but the total is still high

New HIV infections among children (0–14 years old), 2009–2012

8 out of 10 eligible children are not receiving HIV treatment

Percentage of eligible children (0–14 years old) receiving antiretroviral therapy

78 000 children were eligible for antiretroviral therapy in 2012
Universal coverage of antiretroviral medicines must be achieved to dramatically decrease HIV transmission rates from mother to child

The number of women newly infected with HIV has declined rapidly in Ethiopia in the past decade but little since 2009

Women acquiring HIV infection (15–49 years old), 2009–2012

Only 4 out of 10 eligible pregnant women living with HIV are receiving antiretroviral therapy for their own health

Improved access to family planning could further reduce the number of new HIV infections among children and improve maternal health

Access to HIV treatment will reduce maternal deaths from HIV

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In a short time span, Ghana has tripled its coverage of antiretroviral medicines for pregnant women living with HIV, resulting in a 76% reduction in the number of new HIV infections among children – the highest reduction observed among the countries with a high burden of pregnant women living with HIV. Attention now needs to turn to expanding the coverage of antiretroviral therapy for eligible children and pregnant women and addressing the large unmet need for family planning services. The high level of political and financial commitment and the expansion of services by the government are producing results.

The number of new HIV infections among children is decreasing rapidly
New HIV infections among children (0–14 years old), 2009–2012

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7 out of 10 eligible children are not receiving HIV treatment
Percentage of eligible children (0–14 years old) receiving antiretroviral therapy

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The high coverage of antiretroviral medicines has translated into sharply reduced rates of HIV transmission from mother to child

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The number of women newly infected with HIV has nearly halved, which means fewer children could be exposed to HIV

Women acquiring HIV infection (15–49 years old), 2009–2012

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1 out of 4 eligible pregnant women living with HIV are not receiving antiretroviral therapy for their own health

Improved access to family planning services could further reduce the number of new HIV infections among children and improve maternal health

Access to HIV treatment will reduce maternal deaths from HIV

- **76%** of eligible pregnant women are receiving HIV treatment for their own health
- **36%** unmet need for family planning
- **8%** of pregnancy-related deaths were attributed to HIV

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MALAWI

Malawi will continue progress towards eliminating new HIV infections among children if it accelerates coverage of antiretroviral therapy for pregnant women living with HIV. Malawi should also scale up HIV treatment for children. The country has demonstrated innovation by pioneering lifelong access to antiretroviral therapy for all pregnant women living with HIV, known as option B+. It is accelerating the training and recruitment of health professionals, expanding infrastructure for maternal, newborn and child health services and increasing basic emergency obstetric and neonatal care coverage to reach World Health Organization standards. It is also strengthening partnerships with private institutions to sustain success.

The number of new HIV infections among children continues to decline rapidly

New HIV infections among children (0–14 years old), 2009–2012

Nearly two thirds of eligible children are not receiving HIV treatment

Percentage of eligible children (0–14 years old) receiving antiretroviral therapy

11 000
THE NUMBER OF NEW HIV INFECTIONS AMONG CHILDREN IN 2012

52%
DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF NEW HIV INFECTIONS AMONG CHILDREN, 2009–2012

4 OUT OF 10
PREGNANT WOMEN LIVING WITH HIV DID NOT RECEIVE ANTIRETROVIRAL MEDICINES TO PREVENT MOTHER-TO-CHILD TRANSMISSION OF HIV

4 OUT OF 10
WOMEN OR THEIR INFANTS DID NOT RECEIVE ANTIRETROVIRAL MEDICINES DURING BREASTFEEDING TO PREVENT MOTHER-TO-CHILD TRANSMISSION

100 000
children were eligible for antiretroviral therapy in 2012

0%
2009

0%
2012

100%

2009

17%

2011

36%

2012

17 000

23 000

11 000

0%
Increasing coverage of antiretroviral medicines has translated into decreasing rates of HIV transmission from mother to child

The number of women acquiring HIV infection has not decreased since 2009

Women acquiring HIV infection (15–49 years old), 2009–2012

2009 30 000
2010 29 000
2011 29 000
2012 29 000

More than 8 out of 10 eligible pregnant women living with HIV are receiving antiretroviral therapy for their own health as Malawi rolls out lifelong treatment

Improved access to family planning could further reduce the number of new HIV infections among children and improve maternal health

Access to HIV treatment will reduce maternal deaths from HIV

86% of eligible pregnant women are receiving HIV treatment for their own health

26% unmet need for family planning

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Source: Demographic and Health Survey, 2010, all currently married women 15–49 years old.

NAMIBIA

Namibia will continue to sustain progress towards achieving the target of eliminating new HIV infections among children if it maintains high levels of coverage and access to antiretroviral therapy for women and children. Focusing on providing antiretroviral therapy during breastfeeding can further reduce the number of new HIV infections among children. Namibia has begun to provide lifelong antiretroviral therapy for pregnant women living with HIV, known as option B+, and this will help bridge this gap in access.

The number of new HIV infections among children has declined rapidly since 2009

New HIV infections among children (0–14 years old), 2009–2012

9 out of 10 children are receiving HIV treatment

Percentage of eligible children (0–14 years old) receiving antiretroviral therapy

* This proportion might be overestimated because the data on women receiving antiretroviral medicines during pregnancy and delivery are more complete than the data on women receiving antiretroviral medicines during the breastfeeding period.
HIV transmission rates from mother to child can be further reduced if women living with HIV have access to antiretroviral medicines during breastfeeding

The number of women acquiring HIV infection has remained constant since 2009

Women acquiring HIV infection (15–49 years old), 2009–2012

Almost all pregnant women living with HIV are receiving antiretroviral therapy for their own health

Improved access to family planning could further reduce the number of new HIV infections among children and improve maternal health

Access to HIV treatment will reduce maternal deaths from HIV

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South Africa has shown tremendous progress in reducing the numbers of children and women acquiring HIV infection and in providing access to HIV treatment to both groups. Strong political leadership and commitment has been translated into clear results for the people affected.

The number of new HIV infections among children continues to decline rapidly
New HIV infections among children (0–14 years old), 2009–2012

The number of eligible children who are receiving HIV treatment has increased rapidly, to nearly 7 out of 10
Percentage of eligible children (0–14 years old) receiving antiretroviral therapy

South Africa
High coverage of antiretroviral medicines has resulted in low HIV transmission rates from mother to child

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28% fewer women newly infected with HIV means that fewer children will be exposed to HIV

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The target for universal access to antiretroviral therapy has been reached and must be sustained

Improved access to family planning services could further reduce the number of new HIV infections among children and improve maternal health

Access to HIV treatment will reduce maternal deaths from HIV

83% of eligible pregnant women are receiving HIV treatment for their own health

60% of pregnancy-related deaths were attributed to HIV

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ZAMBIA

Zambia will continue to make progress towards eliminating new HIV infections among children if it maintains its current high coverage level of antiretroviral medicines for pregnant women living with HIV, while also addressing HIV transmission through breastfeeding. However, the number of eligible children receiving HIV treatment needs to be increased. Zambia has committed to roll out lifelong antiretroviral therapy for pregnant women living with HIV (option B+), which will accelerate the country’s progress towards the goal of eliminating mother-to-child transmission of HIV.

The number of new HIV infections among children is declining

New HIV infections among children (0–14 years old), 2009–2012

About 6 out of every 10 eligible children are not receiving HIV treatment

Percentage of eligible children (0–14 years old) receiving antiretroviral therapy

*This proportion might be overestimated because the data on women receiving antiretroviral medicines during pregnancy and delivery are more complete than the data on women receiving antiretroviral medicines during the breastfeeding period.
High levels of coverage of antiretroviral medicines have halved the rates of HIV transmission from mother to child, and they can be cut further by providing antiretroviral medicines during the breastfeeding period.

Reducing the number of women newly infected with HIV can reduce HIV exposure to their children.

Women acquiring HIV infection (15–49 years old), 2009–2012

9 out of 10 eligible pregnant women living with HIV are receiving antiretroviral therapy for their own health.

Improved access to family planning could further reduce the number of new HIV infections among children and improve maternal health.

Access to HIV treatment will reduce maternal deaths from HIV.

89% of eligible pregnant women are receiving HIV treatment for their own health.

27% unmet need for family planning

Source: Demographic and Health Survey, 2007, all currently married women 15–49 years old.

31% of pregnancy-related deaths were attributed to HIV


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Moderate decline

Burundi
Cameroon
Kenya
Mozambique
Swaziland
United Republic of Tanzania
Zimbabwe
Since 2009, Burundi has nearly doubled the coverage of antiretroviral prophylaxis for pregnant women living with HIV to 53% and fewer women are becoming infected with HIV. However, additional coverage is needed during pregnancy, and especially during breastfeeding, where most children newly infected with HIV acquired it. Coverage of antiretroviral therapy for eligible children remains low, at 21%. The national effort has to be redoubled in the coming years. Burundi is now integrating the efforts to eliminate mother-to-child transmission into its reproductive health programmes and has committed to increase domestic investment in health from 8% in 2011 to 15% in 2015.

**The number of new HIV infections among children is decreasing, but slowly**

New HIV infections among children (0–14 years old), 2009–2012

**Only 2 out of 10 eligible children are receiving HIV treatment**

Percentage of eligible children (0–14 years old) receiving antiretroviral therapy
The number of women newly infected with HIV remains high, declining by only 10% since 2009

Women acquiring HIV infection (15–49 years old), 2009–2012

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More than half of eligible pregnant women living with HIV are not receiving antiretroviral therapy for their own health

47% of the eligible pregnant women are receiving HIV treatment for their own health

Improved access to family planning services could further reduce the number of new HIV infections among children and improve maternal health

32% unmet need for family planning

Access to HIV treatment will reduce maternal deaths from HIV

7% of pregnancy-related deaths were attributed to HIV

Source: Demographic and Health Survey, 2010, all currently married women 15–49 years old.


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CAMEROON

Cameroon has tripled coverage of antiretroviral prophylaxis in recent years, leading to 30% fewer new HIV infections among children. Continuing increases in the number of pregnant women living with HIV reached with HIV services and increasing access to HIV treatment for eligible children and pregnant women will reduce maternal and child mortality. Cameroon is one of the first countries in sub-Saharan Africa to decentralize its AIDS response, and almost all health districts are now equipped to provide HIV treatment services for pregnant women and children living with HIV.

The number of new HIV infections among children has declined by more than one quarter since 2009

New HIV infections among children (0–14 years old), 2009–2012

More than 8 out of 10 eligible children are not receiving HIV treatment

Percentage of eligible children (0–14 years old) receiving antiretroviral therapy

33 000 children were eligible for antiretroviral therapy in 2012
Dramatically decreasing HIV transmission rates from mother to child requires achieving universal coverage of antiretroviral medicines, including during breastfeeding

No significant change in the number of women newly infected with HIV

Women acquiring HIV infection (15–49 years old), 2009–2012

More than half of eligible pregnant women living with HIV are not receiving antiretroviral therapy for their own health

Improved access to family planning could further reduce the number of new HIV infections among children and improve maternal health

Access to HIV treatment will reduce maternal deaths from HIV

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Kenya needs to build upon its success and accelerate efforts to achieve the 2015 targets. New HIV infections among children have decreased, but coverage of antiretroviral prophylaxis for pregnant women living with HIV fell by 20% in 2011-2012 because of disruptions in the health system. However, Kenya has launched a new initiative to provide free maternity services at all public health services. User fees in all public dispensaries have also been waived. Kenya is also scaling up its Mentor Mother programme nationwide to provide improved support to HIV positive women, and is also strengthening exclusive breastfeeding support for women living with HIV. These efforts are needed to enable greater progress in the country.

The number of new HIV infections among children has declined at a moderate pace

New HIV infections among children (0–14 years old), 2009–2012

Almost 6 out of 10 eligible children are not receiving HIV treatment

Percentage of eligible children (0–14 years old) receiving antiretroviral therapy

13 000 children were eligible for antiretroviral therapy in 2012
HIV transmission rates from mother to child have nearly halved; increasing the coverage of antiretroviral medicines can reduce them further

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Fewer women becoming newly infected with HIV means that fewer children will be exposed to HIV

Women acquiring HIV infection (15–49 years old), 2009–2012

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Almost 6 out of 10 pregnant women living with HIV are receiving antiretroviral therapy for their own health

Improved access to family planning services could further reduce the number of new HIV infections among children and improve maternal health

Access to HIV treatment will reduce maternal deaths from HIV

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The number of new HIV infections among children continues to decline

New HIV infections among children (0–14 years old), 2009–2012

7 out of 10 of eligible children are not receiving HIV treatment

Percentage of eligible children (0–14 years old) receiving antiretroviral therapy

MOZAMBIQUE

Mozambique has made significant progress in providing HIV prevention and treatment services for women and children. As the coverage of antiretroviral prophylaxis for pregnant women living with HIV increased, HIV transmission rates have plummeted. Nevertheless, more reductions are possible if the coverage of antiretroviral medicines is increased during the breastfeeding period. The country has begun providing lifelong antiretroviral therapy for pregnant women living with HIV (option B+), which will help to close this gap in access.
Increased coverage of antiretroviral medicines has reduced HIV transmission rates, but they remain high. Access to antiretroviral medicines during breastfeeding can further cut HIV transmission rates from mother to child.

Many women acquire HIV infection each year, and the number has not declined in recent years

Women acquiring HIV infection (15–49 years old), 2009–2012

Almost two thirds of eligible pregnant women living with HIV are not receiving antiretroviral therapy for their own health

Improved access to family planning services could further reduce the number of new HIV infections among children and improve maternal health

Access to HIV treatment will reduce maternal deaths from HIV

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Swaziland has improved access to HIV treatment and prevention services for women and children. Extending the coverage of antiretroviral medicines during breastfeeding and meeting the gaps in family planning needs can further reduce the number of new HIV infections among children. Swaziland also needs to increase the coverage of antiretroviral therapy for eligible children. Recognizing the importance of identifying eligible children, the Ministry of Health has scaled up early infant diagnosis and integrated the testing of HIV-exposed infants at six weeks of age into routine postnatal and under-five health care. This has resulted in a significant increase in the number of HIV-exposed infants tested within their first two months of life.
Increased coverage of antiretroviral medicines has cut HIV transmission rates, and increasing coverage during breastfeeding can reduce them further

Reducing the number of women newly infected with HIV will reduce the number of children exposed to HIV

Women acquiring HIV infection (15–49 years old), 2009–2012

Universal access to HIV treatment for pregnant women living with HIV is within reach

Improved access to family planning could further reduce the number of new HIV infections among children and improve maternal health

Access to HIV treatment will reduce maternal deaths from HIV

79% of eligible pregnant women are receiving HIV treatment for their own health

25% of unmet need for family planning

67% of pregnancy-related deaths were attributed to HIV

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UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

The United Republic of Tanzania is making progress in reducing the number of new HIV infections among children, although more effort is needed to reduce the number of children becoming infected with HIV during breastfeeding. Also, attention should be focused on providing treatment, since only 26% of the eligible children and 53% of the eligible pregnant women are receiving antiretroviral therapy. The country is reinforcing the implementation of its policy to provide reproductive health services free of charge. It is expanding prepayment schemes, increasing access to contraceptives and improving comprehensive emergency obstetric and newborn care. These measures will drive demand and expand access to HIV services for women and children.

The number of new HIV infections among children continues to decline rapidly

New HIV infections among children (0–14 years old), 2009–2012

7 out of 10 eligible children are not receiving HIV treatment

Percentage of eligible children (0–14 years old) receiving antiretroviral therapy

130 000 children were eligible for antiretroviral therapy in 2012
Increased coverage of antiretroviral medicines has halved the HIV transmission rate from mother to child, but it is still high at 15%.

The number of women newly infected with HIV remains high

Women acquiring HIV infection (15–49 years old), 2009–2012

1 out of 2 pregnant women living with HIV are receiving antiretroviral therapy for their own health

Improved access to family planning could further reduce the number of new HIV infections among children and improve maternal health

Access to HIV treatment will reduce maternal deaths from HIV

53% of eligible pregnant women are receiving HIV treatment for their own health

25% unmet need for family planning

18% of pregnancy-related deaths were attributed to HIV

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ZIMBABWE

Zimbabwe has significantly scaled up access to HIV prevention and treatment services for women and children and is moving towards eliminating new HIV infections among children. A concerted effort to increase coverage of antiretroviral medicines during the breastfeeding period will reduce the number of new HIV infections among children even further. Zimbabwe has committed to rolling out lifelong antiretroviral therapy for pregnant women living with HIV (option B+), which will accelerate progress towards the goal of eliminating mother-to-child transmission of HIV in the country.

The number of new HIV infections among children continues to decline rapidly

New HIV infections among children (0–14 years old), 2009–2012

More than 1 out of 2 eligible children are not receiving HIV treatment

Percentage of eligible children (0–14 years old) receiving antiretroviral therapy
Increases in coverage of antiretroviral medicines have decreased HIV transmission rates from mother to child by nearly half, but the rate still remains high. Increasing access to antiretroviral medicines during breastfeeding can further cut HIV transmission rates.

The number of women acquiring HIV infection has risen and remains high

4 out of 10 eligible pregnant women are not receiving antiretroviral therapy for their own health

56% of eligible pregnant women are receiving HIV treatment for their own health

15% of currently married women 15–49 years old.

39% of pregnancy-related deaths were attributed to HIV.

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Slow decline

Angola
Chad
Côte d’Ivoire
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Lesotho
Nigeria
slow
decline
Angola needs to take important strides to rapidly scale up HIV prevention and treatment services for pregnant women living with HIV and for children. It is the only country in which the number of new HIV infections among children has increased since 2009, and fewer women received antiretroviral medicines to prevent HIV transmission than in 2009. However, Angola has begun to intensify its efforts. The First Lady of Angola, under the role of “Godmother” of the national plan for eliminating mother-to-child transmission, is generating visibility and political momentum for the programme.

Leadership to reach all pregnant women living with HIV with appropriate services is needed to halt and reverse the trend of increasing new HIV infections among children.

New HIV infections among children (0–14 years old), 2009–2012

9 out of 10 of eligible children are not receiving HIV treatment

Percentage of eligible children (0–14 years old) receiving antiretroviral therapy

23,000 children were eligible for antiretroviral therapy in 2012

8 out of 10 pregnant women living with HIV did not receive antiretroviral medicines to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV

The number of new HIV infections among children in 2012

12% increase in the number of new HIV infections among children, 2009–2012
With the coverage of antiretroviral medicines decreasing, the HIV transmission rate from mother to child has not declined and remains high at 34%

Increasing numbers of women newly infected with HIV means that more children could be exposed to HIV

Women acquiring HIV infection (15–49 years old), 2009–2012

Pregnant women living with HIV should receive antiretroviral therapy for their own health

Improved access to family planning services could further reduce the number of new HIV infections among children and improve maternal health

Access to HIV treatment will reduce maternal deaths from HIV

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CHAD

In Chad, the rate of decrease in the number of people acquiring HIV infection is among the lowest in sub-Saharan Africa. However, by focusing efforts, the country can achieve substantial progress before 2015. Chad has made a political commitment to increase health sector spending to 15% of the national budget and to provide HIV testing and antiretroviral therapy free of charge.

The number of new HIV infections among children is declining but very slowly
New HIV infections among children (0–14 years old), 2009–2012

Almost 7 out of 10 eligible children are not receiving antiretroviral therapy
Percentage of eligible children (0–14 years old) receiving antiretroviral therapy

20 000 children were eligible for antiretroviral therapy in 2012
Very low coverage of antiretroviral medicines has meant continued high rates of HIV transmission from mother to child

Increasing numbers of women newly infected with HIV means that more children could be exposed to HIV

More than two thirds of the eligible pregnant women living with HIV are not receiving antiretroviral therapy for their own health

Improved access to family planning services could further reduce the number of new HIV infections among children and improve maternal health

Access to HIV treatment will reduce maternal deaths from HIV

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More than 8 out of 10 eligible children are not receiving HIV treatment

Percentage of eligible children (0–14 years old) receiving antiretroviral therapy

35 000 children were eligible for antiretroviral therapy in 2012

The number of new HIV infections among children is declining but not rapidly enough

New HIV infections among children (0–14 years old), 2009–2012
The moderate levels of coverage of antiretroviral medicines may not provide adequate protection during breastfeeding, keeping HIV transmission rates high

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Increasing numbers of women newly infected with HIV means that more children could be exposed to HIV

Women acquiring HIV infection (15–49 years old), 2009–2012

- **2009**: 11,000
- **2010**: 14,000
- **2011**: 19,000
- **2012**: 14,000

More than two thirds of eligible pregnant women living with HIV are not receiving antiretroviral therapy for their own health

- **32%** of eligible pregnant women are receiving antiretroviral therapy for their own health

Improved access to family planning could further reduce the number of new HIV infections among children and improve maternal health

Access to HIV treatment will reduce maternal deaths from HIV

- **17%** of pregnancy-related deaths were attributed to HIV

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Continuing large numbers of new HIV infections among children and women requires an urgent focus on rapidly scaling up HIV prevention and treatment services in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Achieving success here is imperative to the worldwide efforts towards eliminating new HIV infections among children and keeping their mothers alive. The President of the Democratic Republic of Congo has committed to launching a national initiative to create an AIDS-free generation, and the First Lady is championing the integration of HIV within family planning and reproductive health services.

The number of new HIV infections among children has remained alarmingly high

New HIV infections among children (0–14 years old), 2009–2012

9 out of 10 eligible children are not receiving HIV treatment

Percentage of eligible children (0–14 years old) receiving antiretroviral therapy

53,000 children were eligible for antiretroviral therapy in 2012
With low coverage of antiretroviral medicines during pregnancy and breastfeeding, HIV transmission rates remain high

No important change in the numbers of women newly infected with HIV

More than 8 out of 10 eligible pregnant women living with HIV are not receiving antiretroviral therapy for their own health

Improved access to family planning services could further reduce the number of new HIV infections among children and improve maternal health

Access to HIV treatment will reduce maternal deaths from HIV

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Source: Demographic and Health Survey, 2007, all currently married women 15–49 years old.

In Lesotho, service provision appears to have slowed between 2011 and 2012, resulting in a drop in the coverage of antiretroviral medicines, which increased the number of new HIV infections among children. Efforts are already underway to halt and reverse this trend. Lesotho has demonstrated that it has the capacity for innovation and rapid progress. It has been one of the pioneers of nurse-driven antiretroviral delivery programmes as well as integrated services for mother–baby pairs in maternal, newborn and child health settings. The country has prepared a comprehensive and costed plan and is also rolling out option B+ (lifelong access to antiretroviral therapy for pregnant women living with HIV). These steps can serve as the foundation for increasing the expansion of services in the country.
HIV transmission rates from mother to child remain high, and the coverage of antiretroviral medicines has fluctuated

The number of women acquiring HIV infection (15–49 years old) has declined by 15%

1 out of 2 eligible pregnant women are receiving antiretroviral therapy for their own health

Improved access to family planning services could further reduce the number of new HIV infections among children and improve maternal health

Access to HIV treatment will reduce maternal deaths from HIV

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Nigeria accounts for one third of all new HIV infections among children in the 21 priority countries in sub-Saharan Africa: the largest number of any country. Progress here is therefore critical to eliminating new HIV infections among children globally. Nearly all indicators assessed show stagnation and suggest that Nigeria is facing significant hurdles. Meeting the 2015 targets requires massive effort. However, the government has already taken a bold step to focus on the 12+1 states with the highest burden of HIV, which account for about 70% of new HIV infections. In addition, it is rapidly scaling up service delivery to stop new HIV infections among children and has embarked on an intensive state-focused data-driven decentralization initiative.
Significantly reducing HIV transmission rates requires rapidly scaling up the coverage of antiretroviral medicines

The number of women acquiring HIV infection has not changed substantially

8 out of 10 pregnant women living with HIV do not have access to antiretroviral therapy for their own health

Improved access to family planning could further reduce the number of new HIV infections among children and improve maternal health

Access to HIV treatment will reduce maternal deaths from HIV

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17% of eligible pregnant women are receiving HIV treatment for their own health

20% unmet need for family planning

8% of pregnancy-related deaths were attributed to HIV


Source: Demographic and Health Survey, 2008, all currently married women 15–49 years old.
Summary tables
## OVERALL TARGET 1

**Number of women living with HIV giving birth**

## OVERALL TARGET 2

**Number of new infections among children**

**AIDS-related deaths during pregnancy or within 42 days of the end of pregnancy**

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