



ELIZABETH GLASER
PEDIATRIC AIDS
FOUNDATION



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Zambia

The Foundation's International Programs

WORKING TO ELIMINATE HIV & AIDS IN CHILDREN, WOMEN, AND FAMILIES

ABOUT THE ZAMBIA PROGRAM

The Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation began providing critical prevention, care, and treatment services in Zambia in 2001 with the establishment of 17 small health clinics. Today, the program has expanded to support hundreds of sites in four of Zambia's nine provinces.

In partnership with the Zambia Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (MOHSW) and in collaboration with in-country partner the Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia (CIDRZ), the Foundation is increasing access to prevention, care, and treatment services for children, women, and families and is working to eliminate pediatric AIDS in Zambia.

HIV AND AIDS IN ZAMBIA

Approximately 980,000 people are living with HIV in Zambia. Of those, 120,000 are children under the age of 15 (UNAIDS, *Report on the Global AIDS Epidemic 2010*).



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KEY PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

As of March 31, 2011, Foundation-supported programs in Zambia had

- reached more than 1 million women with prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) services;
- enrolled nearly 296,000 clients into HIV care and support programs, including nearly 23,000 children under the age of 15;
- started more than 191,000 HIV-positive individuals on antiretroviral therapy, including nearly 14,000 children under the age of 15;
- worked with the Zambia MOHSW to build high-quality, sustainable programs and begun the transition of Foundation programs to local leadership; and
- ensured quality HIV and AIDS services through support of the national SmartCare program, a “continuum of care” electronic health record system used in monitoring and improving care of individuals enrolled in HIV prevention, care, and treatment services.



WHERE WE WORK

The Foundation's Zambia program currently supports 365 sites in four of the country's nine provinces. Of these, 338 sites provide PMTCT services and 70 provide care and treatment (C&T) services.

STORY OF HOPE

Sam Nyirenda, age 28

“I have been living with HIV for five years now, so it makes me feel happy to help children who are also living with the virus to cope with the challenges. I am a child mentor for the HIV child support club at Africa Directions, a Foundation-supported organization in Lusaka, Zambia. The Foundation paid for me to attend a child-counseling course, which taught me how to educate and counsel children and helped me to establish a child support club for young children living with HIV. Through my children's group, I provide guidance for staying healthy, educating others, and preventing future infections. I also make visits to the children's houses to ensure they are receiving the appropriate nutritional and health care.”

WHO WE ARE

The Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation is a global leader in the fight to eliminate pediatric HIV and AIDS. In 17 countries and at more than 5,500 sites around the world, we work to implement HIV prevention, care, and treatment services; advance innovative research; and advocate for the best public policies for women, children, and families worldwide.

OUR STORY

In 1981, Elizabeth Glaser contracted HIV through a blood transfusion. Unaware that she was infected, she passed the virus on to her daughter, Ariel, and her son, Jake. After losing Ariel to AIDS-related illness in 1988, Elizabeth and her two best friends, Susie Zeegen and Susan DeLaurentis, created a foundation dedicated to bringing hope to families affected by HIV and AIDS. Elizabeth fought for increased pediatric HIV research and funding until her death in 1994, and today the foundation that bears her name continues her work. Thanks to the movement Elizabeth started, we now have the science and medicines to make the elimination of pediatric AIDS a reality, and Elizabeth's son, Jake, is a healthy young adult.



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