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THE INTEGRATED HIV/AIDS PROJECT – KINSHASA

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In the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), over 370,000 people are living with HIV, of which over 40,000 are children under the age of 15.¹ Despite great progress in HIV prevention and treatment access, particularly in recent years, many people living with HIV in DRC do not have access to testing, care, treatment and support needed to live long and healthy lives. The country's health system currently lacks the capacity to reach all those in need of services.

The Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation (EGPAF) began supporting critical HIV and AIDS services in DRC in 2001, providing funding and technical assistance to prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission (PMTCT) programs implemented by the Kinshasa School of Public Health and the University of North Carolina. Since 2001, EGPAF has implemented and scaled up access to HIV testing and counseling, early infant HIV diagnostics (EID), adult and pediatric HIV care and treatment, TB and HIV co-infection management, sexually transmitted infection management, and sexual and gender-based violence services.

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The Integrated HIV/AIDS Project (IHAP)-Kinshasa is a major U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)-funded HIV/AIDS program in Kinshasa, DRC, which will be implemented by EGPAF from March of 2017 through February of 2022. Its mission is to improve service delivery and provide technical assistance to the government of DRC and specific health zones in Kinshasa. IHAP-Kinshasa will scale-up HIV/AIDS services including comprehensive prevention, HIV testing, antiretroviral therapy (ART) enrolment, ART and retention support service access at high-yield entry points throughout these health zones. EGPAF will focus on community engagement to increase demand for HIV and AIDS services. Through IHAP-Kinshasa, EGPAF will also work to address TB/HIV co-infection through increased access to testing and TB prevention services, and more efficient laboratory functions for more readily accessible diagnostics of HIV/AIDS and TB. This work will be sustained by building and reinforcing the capacity of staff at the health zones, Ministry of Health, and the National AIDS Control Program.

¹ Accomplishments as of February 2016

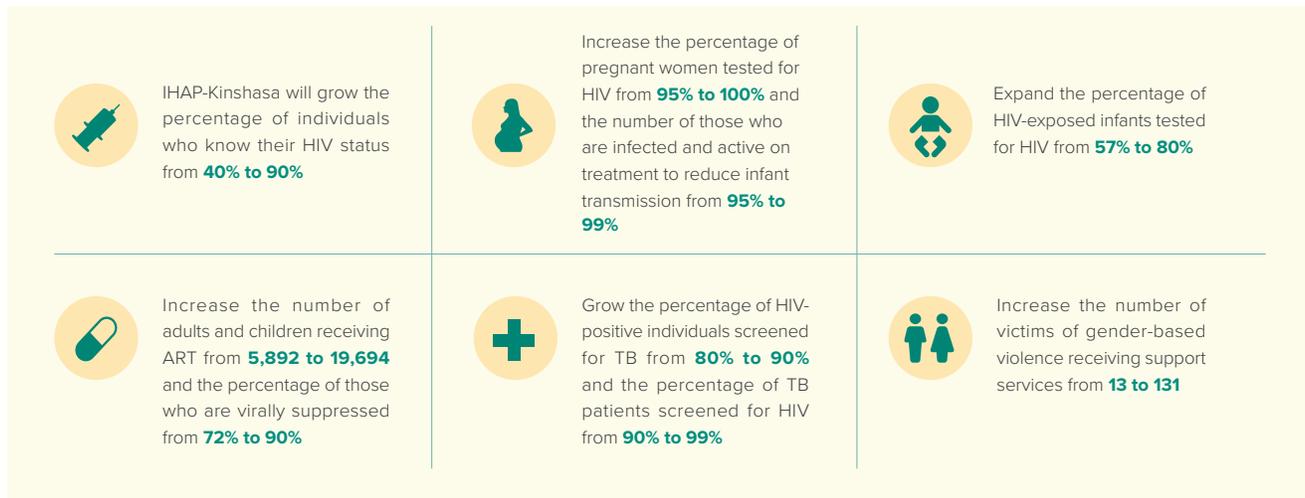
OBJECTIVES AND TARGETS

IHAP-Kinshasa has three main objectives:

Objective 1: Ensure the continuum of care for HIV/AIDS services:

By increasing the availability and coverage of comprehensive HIV/AIDS care, EGPAF will be able to increase the percentage of people who know their HIV status, and increase the number HIV-positive clients able to access ART. EGPAF will also improve the integration of HIV and TB services and expand network and referral systems.

Targets:



Objective 2: Increase utilization of integrated HIV/AIDS services at facility- and community-based levels:

By increasing community involvement to support healthy behaviors and helping health facilities develop and integrate innovative community-based delivery of ART, EGPAF will increase the number of adolescents and adults receiving care and support services needed to ensure sustained health.

Targets:



Objective 3: Strengthen health systems to improve access to services and health outcomes for people living with HIV:

EGPAF will work with health facilities to effectively manage resources and reduce the occurrence of drug stock-outs. The project will also aim to improve the use of reliable data and effective laboratory systems at health facilities.

Targets:

