EGPAF IN CÔTE D’IVOIRE

The Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation (EGPAF) began supporting HIV and AIDS care and treatment programs in 2004 and prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV (PMTCT) services in 2005 in Côte d’Ivoire. EGPAF-Côte d’Ivoire is working to end the country’s HIV epidemic by increasing access to comprehensive, high-quality, and well-integrated HIV prevention, care, and treatment services among women, children, and families.

As of September 2020, EGPAF was supporting activities within seven regions and 21 districts with U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), through the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and Unitaid funding.

EGPAF-CÔTE D’IVOIRE PROGRAM

COUNTRY PROFILE*

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<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Value</th>
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<tr>
<td>Population</td>
<td>25,716,544</td>
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<tr>
<td>Number of people living with HIV</td>
<td>430,000</td>
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<td>Adult (15-49 years of age) prevalence rate</td>
<td>2.4%</td>
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<td>Women 15 years of age and older living with HIV</td>
<td>260,000</td>
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<td>Children (0-14 years of age) living with HIV</td>
<td>32,000</td>
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<td>Deaths due to AIDS</td>
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<td>Adults and children receiving antiretroviral therapy (ART)</td>
<td>63%</td>
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KEY PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Currently, EGPAF-Cameroon is supporting:
  - HIV treatment to over 67,000 adults
  - The testing of over 333,000 individuals
  - PMTCT services to nearly 114,012 pregnant women throughout the country
  - Antiretroviral therapy to over 2,100 babies

* Sources: Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS), Côte d’Ivoire HIV and AIDS estimates (2020); World Bank, Côte d’Ivoire, population estimates (2020)

** EGPAF data as of January 2020
for children, focusing on multi-month dispensing (MMD) and facility-based, family-centered models that include children < 5 years of age.

**ADVOCACY**

EGPAF-Côte d’Ivoire advocates at the national level with the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene to: promote EGPAF’s global best practices to inform national implementation, such as differentiated service delivery initiatives; improve integration of regional work plans to ensure better coordination of the in-country response to HIV and AIDS; prioritize data quality management and systems at health care facilities; and strengthen access to functional laboratory equipment. EGPAF has advocated for the transition to the World Health Organization guidelines recommending universal access to ART.

**RESEARCH**

EGPAF-Côte d’Ivoire conducts program evaluations to improve HIV prevention, testing, care, treatment, and support. Ongoing evaluation topics include:

- Evaluation of viral suppression in the context of differentiated service delivery in Côte d’Ivoire
- Evaluation of patients and program outcomes achieved through integrated HIV prevention care and treatment programs in clinical and community settings in Côte d’Ivoire
- Mortuary based HIV surveillance in Côte d’Ivoire
- Evaluation of project ELMA interventions

Completed research projects include:

- Pre test evaluation of Cap TB M&E protocol in Côte d’Ivoire
- Market study: Willingness to pay for HIV self-test kit and PMTCT services in Côte d’Ivoire
- Pre- and post-test evaluation of the implementation of project ECHO pilot phase in Côte d’Ivoire
- Pre-test evaluation and post-test evaluation of POC EID M&E protocol in Côte d’Ivoire

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