Since 2004, the U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) has invested more than $5 billion in South Africa in response to the HIV/AIDS and TB epidemics. PEPFAR works in partnership with national, provincial and local governments, with non-governmental and faith-based organizations, and with academia and the private sector to scale up life-saving HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment services across South Africa. Joint national outcomes in 2015 include:

- 3 million HIV-positive individuals on antiretroviral treatment,
- 9, 9 million individuals received HIV counseling and testing,
- 472,047 men received medical male circumcision as part of a package of prevention services,
- 592,260 orphans and vulnerable children were reached with care services.

HIV in the Province

Gauteng comprises the largest share of South Africa’s population. Approximately 13.2 million people (24%) live in the province. The sexually active age group (males and females 15—49 years) represents 56.7% of Gauteng’s population; HIV prevalence amongst this group is 17.8%7. According to recently released DoH data, Gauteng recorded a decrease in antenatal HIV prevalence of 1.7% from 30.4% to 28.7% (95% CI: 27.3—30.1). However, West Rand and Ekurhuleni districts recorded HIV prevalence of 32.3% and 31.1% respectively among pregnant women6.

PEPFAR’s Current Work

In August 2012, the US and SA governments signed a Partnership Framework Implementation Plan which outlines joint investments through 2017 to further reduce HIV infections and build health systems capacity. PEPFAR works in alliance with Gauteng’s provincial and local governments to strengthen health system infrastructure through ensuring high quality standard of care at health facilities; enhancing training, recruiting, and strengthening human resource systems for clinicians, community health workers, and managers; strengthening use and data capturing of routine health information systems, and promoting evidence-informed planning. In support of the UNAIDS 90-90-90 goals, PEPFAR will focus for impact using evidence-based interventions in high HIV burden areas. PEPFAR plans to scale up support in four high burden districts in Gauteng: City of Johannesburg, Ekurhuleni, City of Tshwane and Sedibeng.

Gauteng Achievements

Through district health partners, PEPFAR has supported the provincial government in reaching the following milestones in 2015:

- 695,570 HIV-positive individuals on antiretroviral treatment, and
- 1,902,377 individuals received HIV counseling and testing.

Additionally, PEPFAR implementing partners in the province contributed directly to:

- 147,496 medical male circumcisions;
- 163,332 orphans and vulnerable children reached with care services;

DREAMS is a global partnership between PEPFAR, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Girl Effect, Johnson & Johnson, ViiV HealthCare and Gilead HealthCare that seeks to reduce new HIV infections among adolescent girls and young women by addressing the structural drivers that increase girls’ HIV risk including poverty, gender inequality and illiteracy. The initiative aims to foster Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS-free, Mentored, and Safe women; targeting in and out of school adolescent girls, orphans and vulnerable children age 10-19, and young women and their male sexual partners age 20-49. Interventions include post-violence care, parenting/caregiver programs, and facilitating access to education. DREAMS focuses KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng Provinces. In Gauteng, the focus is on the Cities of Johannesburg and Ekurhuleni.

PEPFAR IN GAUTENG

PEPFAR Overview

PEPFAR Investments

PEPFAR National Budget—2016

$467,000,000

Demographic and Health Statistics—2015

Population

SA: 54,956,900
GP: 13,200,300 (24% of SA)

Life Expectancy (m/f)

SA: 60.6 / 64.3
GP: 61.7 / 64.3

Unemployment:

SA: 26.7%
GP: 30.1%

PMTCT Rate:

SA: 2.2%
GP: 1.9%

TB Incidence

SA: 689.3/100,000
GP: 388/100,000

Additional Information

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http://za.usmission.gov/vsa-relations/sa/pepfar/

South Africa Partnership Framework & Implementation Plan:

http://za.usmission.gov/vsa-relations/pepfar/partnership-framework/

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