



COUNTRY OVERVIEW

For more than 25 years, FHI 360 has been working as a strategic partner to the Government of South Africa and South African civil society. We have implemented a wide range of technical assistance projects at national, provincial and community levels to strengthen policies and programs that prevent the transmission of HIV, provide high-quality HIV care and treatment, strengthen nutritional assessment and counselling and support, improve reproductive health, increase access to family planning, and strengthen partners' technical and organizational capacity.



Capacity Development and Support (CDS) Program

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The Capacity Development and Support (CDS) project is a five-year project (2014-2019) funded by USAID/South Africa under the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). CDS contributes to the goal of mitigating the impact of HIV, sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and tuberculosis (TB) by providing capacity strengthening to civil society organizations and the South African Government, increasing their effectiveness in achieving expanded and high-quality services.

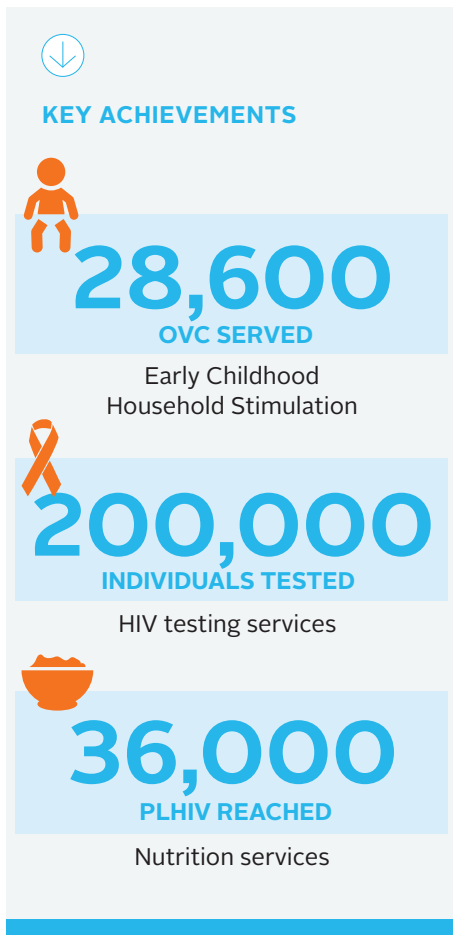
OBJECTIVES

- Supporting the provision of sustainable high-quality services in HIV, AIDS and nutrition in South Africa through strategic approaches that address specific needs with practical and pragmatic business plans for implementation.
- Developing sustainable institutional capacity and increasing the effectiveness of local partners to achieve expanded and high quality services.
- Strengthening the overall health, nutrition and social services system.
- Enhancing local sub-partners' capacity in treatment, care (including support of orphans and vulnerable children) and prevention.






CDS pursues these objectives through three major project components: grant management, institutional capacity development of South African organizations, and capacity development assistance to the Government of South Africa.

METHODOLOGY

CDS employs a broad and flexible methodology that incorporates a wide range of tools and approaches selected according to their suitability to specific requests received from USAID and SAG. The CDS methodology ensures accountability for results by developing meaningful indicators and benchmarks for measuring project outcomes.



CDS capacity development interventions include:

-  **Standardized trainings:** incorporating competency-based training principles and follow-up support to ensure application of new knowledge.
-  **Tailored trainings:** focusing on a department/organization's needs, develop skills and competencies that address them effectively.
-  **Mentoring and coaching:** provided by technical and functional specialists through secondments or regular support visits.
-  **Communities of practice:** creating physical and virtual spaces for stakeholders to conduct program review, share lessons learned (best practices), tools and resources, and ultimately develop greater capacity for collective learning and problem-solving.
-  **Monitoring & Evaluation:** measurement of progress towards targets, provision of technical support on quality assurance/Quality Improvement initiatives and periodic data quality assessments to ensure quality and integrity of reported data, and routine program evaluation.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Service delivery:

- Provision of HIV testing services to more than 200,000 vulnerable populations, including adolescent girls and young women and their male sex partners, as well as OVCY
- Delivery of comprehensive services to more than 28,000 orphans and vulnerable children
- Provision of nutrition services to more than 36,000 people living with HIV through 44 supported health facilities
- Distribution of more than 1.4 million condoms

Capacity development:

- Provision of tailored technical and organizational capacity development to 14 implementing partners
- Provision of capacity development training to 11 PEPFAR OVCY partners in leadership and governance, human resource management, financial management, monitoring and evaluation, gender mainstreaming and nutrition
- Secondment of eight Technical Advisors to support the Department of Health, Department of Social Development and The National Treasury

Research:

- HIV prevention research, including a study on the characteristics of the male sexual partners of adolescent girls and young women, demonstration project on provision of pre-exposure prophylaxis to young women at high risk of HIV infection, and assessment of key populations in South Africa
- Programming research, including on the Isibindi model, alcohol-related gender-based violence, and baseline assessments

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