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**Milestones and Accomplishments**

**1986**
AN EARLY RESPONSE TO THE HIV/AIDS EPIDEMIC

FHI 360 initiated some of the earliest pilot HIV prevention programs in Cameroon, Ghana and Mali. Within a year, these pilots led to two major USAID awards for HIV programs: AIDSTECH and AIDSCOM. These two projects built the foundation for the U.S. Government’s response to HIV/AIDS in low- and middle-income countries.

**1992**
THE AIDSCAP PROJECT AND EXPANSION OF LOCAL CAPACITY

FHI 360 was awarded funding for AIDSCAP, a combined follow-up project to AIDSTECH and AIDSCOM. This collaborative program mobilized communities and resources for HIV prevention programs in developing countries. In 1993, FHI 360 opened regional offices in Bangkok and Nairobi, followed by more than forty country offices, to expand HIV prevention responses on the ground.

**1994**
THE HIVNET AND HPTN RESEARCH NETWORKS

The U.S. NIH began its underwriting of HIV research research through a consortium of academic, NGO and global/domestic clinical sites. In the past 20 years, FHI 360 has facilitated some of the most important scientific breakthroughs in our understanding of how best to prevent HIV infection.

**1999**
PREVENTING MOTHER-TO-CHILD TRANSMISSION

FHI 360 helped demonstrate that a simple, inexpensive dose of nevirapine given to pregnant women and their newborns could sharply reduce the likelihood of perinatal HIV transmission (HIVNET 052). With funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, FHI 360 also helped implement the first demonstration projects showing this approach was feasible in low-income settings.

**2001**
DELIVERING ANTIRETROVIRAL THERAPY (ART)

FHI 360 initiated pilot projects in Ghana, Kenya and Rwanda to demonstrate that ART could be delivered in low-resource settings in Africa. Within five years, FHI 360 was implementing ART programs in 10 countries in Africa and Asia (to almost 60,000 persons), and comprehensive HIV prevention, care and treatment programs in another 40 countries.

**2003**
HIV PREVENTION AND TREATMENT ADVOCACY

FHI 360 launched the Action for West Africa Region-HIV/AIDS (AWARE) project, dedicated to fighting HIV and AIDS in the region by disseminating best practices, building capacity of regional institutions and networks, promoting policy change and developing health-sector reform.

**2004**
PARTNERING TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE

FHI 360 entered the Zambia Prevention, Care and Treatment Partnership (ZPTC), a cooperative partnership with the U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), ZPTC assisted the Ministry of Health to implement its policies, program planning, implementation and monitoring. ZPTC acts by providing support to provincial health offices, district health management teams and health facilities.

**2005**
INTEGRATING FAMILY PLANNING AND HIV SERVICES

FHI 360 and many local partners completed a study of early integration efforts in Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, South Africa and Uganda. Clients of HIV services in all five countries had a large unmet need for family planning services. As a result, FHI 360 promoted integrating family planning into HIV services and trained trainers to implement longer-acting contraceptives.

**2006**
THE FEM-PrEP STUDY

In 2012, FHI 360's FEM-PrEP study demonstrated the crucial role of product adherence in pre-exposure prophylaxis trials and programs.

**2009**
PROVIDING INFORMATION AND EXPANDING KNOWLEDGE

WHO, USAID and FHI 360 collaborated on the publication Strategic Considerations for Strengthening the Linkages Between Family Planning and HIV/AIDS, Programs, Policies and Services, which guides leaders of international public health programs through the process of determining whether and how to pursue the integration of family planning and HIV services.

**2010**
ART FOR PREVENTION

The HPTN 052 study found that early initiation of ART by HIV-infected persons led to a 96% reduction in HIV transmission among serodiscordant, heterosexual couples.

**2011**
WOMAN-INITIATED PREVENTION

With USAID funding, the CAPRISA 004 trial demonstrated that a topical antiretroviral (ARV) gel containing 1% tenofovir could prevent HIV infection by 39% in South African women. Women who used the gel most consistently were 54% less likely to contract HIV.

**2012**
THE FEM-PrEP STUDY

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**2013**
ADVANCING HIV PREVENTION RESEARCH

WHO, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and partners launched the Linkages project to conduct a range of activities to reduce HIV transmission among key populations (sex workers, men who have sex with men, transgender persons and people who inject drugs) and to improve their enrolment in retention in HIV care and treatment.

**2014**
RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH

USAID, FHI 360 and partners launched the Linkages across the Continuum of HIV Services for Key Populations Affected by HIV (LINKAGES) project to conduct a range of activities to reduce HIV transmission among key populations (sex workers, men who have sex with men, transgender persons and people who inject drugs) and to improve their enrolment in retention in HIV care and treatment.

**2016**
OUR WORK CONTINUES

FHI 360 continues its dedication to strengthening health systems. We reinforce primary health care in places where we provide clinical HIV and family planning services. We focus on building the capacity of community health workers, nurses and laboratory staff through task-shifting and clinical training. Our technical efforts make sure that health systems can manage information, monitor stocks of essential medical supplies and measure impact.

**2018**
THE FEM-PrEP STUDY

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**2020**
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**2021**
PROVIDING INFORMATION AND EXPANDING KNOWLEDGE

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**2022**
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**2023**
THE FEM-PrEP STUDY

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