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FHI 36O began working on the frontlines of HIV and AIDS awareness, intervention, research and support in the United States more than two decades ago. Our activities have focused both on individuals affected by HIV and AIDS and on communities and populations hit hardest by the epidemic. We partner with funders, such as the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to multiply our impact.

## 1999

#### THE HIV PREVENTION TRIALS Network (HPTN)

FHI 36O becomes the operations center for HPTN. Funded by NIH, the network is a partnership between scientists and communities around the world to develop, evaluate and implement cutting-edge biomedical, behavioral and structural interventions to reduce the transmission of HIV.

## 2005

#### STRENGTHENING CONSUMER INVOLVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP PROJECT (SCILS)

People living with HIV or AIDS were trained in Leadership in Advocacy and Planning (LEAP), a curriculum based on self-actualization theory wherein participants build skills and set personal goals. A total of 189 LEAP students graduated from nine different sites.

## 2007

#### ConnectHIV: A CONTINUUM OF PREVENTION TO CARE

ConnectHIV integrated HIV prevention, care and treatment efforts among 3,300 participants in ten states with the greatest need. A subsequent evaluation showed statistically significant gains in behavior change, health outcomes and knowledge of HIV and AIDS.

## 2001

#### **THE DEBI PROJECT**

FHI 360 experts administered the CDC's Diffusion of Effective Behavioral Interventions (DEBI) project, which brought sciencebased HIV prevention interventions to community-based service providers and state and local health departments. Over ten years, FHI 360 staff managed the delivery of more than 1,100 training-of-facilitator sessions, engaging nearly 18,700 participants from over 5,000 organizations throughout the country.

# 2003

#### NATIONAL ANTI-STIGMA INITIATIVE

Created a national anti-stigma initiative framework to foster and catalyze innovative, replicable approaches to eliminating stigma against people with HIV in the United States. Worked with community-based and national organizations to develop interventions.

## 2006

## **BE THE GENERATION**

In collaboration with NIAID, HANC and HPTN, Be the Generation Bridge (BTG-Bridge) focused on disseminating biomedical HIV prevention research findings and information to communities, especially those most affected by HIV and AIDS.

## 2008

#### ANTIRETROVIRAL TREATMENT BEYOND THE FIRST VISIT

FHI 360 pioneered an intervention funded by CDC that linked individuals recently diagnosed with HIV to medical care beyond their first visit. The Anti-Retroviral Treatment and Access to Services (ARTAS) project then replicated the intervention in real-world settings, using ten urban and rural demonstration sites as testing grounds for national rollout.

## 2009

#### COMMUNITY BUILDING ASSISTANCE

Community Building Assistance, funded by CDC, strengthened infrastructure, sustainability and HIV prevention programs for individuals, community-based organizations, communities and health departments. The resource center improved communication and collaboration among key stakeholders and launched an online resource center, MyCBA.org.

#### HPTN 061: EXPANDING TESTING, HEALTH EDUCATION, **RESOURCES AND SERVICES**

The Broadening the Reach of Testing, Health Education, Resources and Services for Black Men Who Have Sex with Men (BROTHERS) study was the first to determine the rate of new HIV infection among a large prospective cohort of this group. Conducted in six U.S. cities, the study found greatly elevated HIV infection rates among black, gay and bisexual men under the age of 30. Further analyses revealed that HIV infection in this group was associated with very high rates of untreated sexually transmitted infections and poverty.

#### HPTN 064: WOMEN'S HIV SEROINCIDENCE STUDY

This study estimated the overall HIV-1 incidence rate in women at risk for acquisition in select areas of the United States. The study found an incidence significantly higher than the CDC national estimate in the general population of U.S. black women, based on findings from women living in areas with higher HIV prevalence and poverty. The study also explored other health indicators of the enrolled women, as well as preferred strategies for future studies.

## 2016

#### **DISSEMINATING PREVENTION INFORMATION TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC**

Through the CDC's Act Against AIDS initiative, including the Let's Stop HIV Together and Start Talking. Stop HIV. campaigns, FHI 360 leads the way in creating and implementing inspiring social marketing and HIV communication campaigns that promote prevention and combat stigma.

#### **HPTN 073: ACCURATE SELF-REPORTING** SHOWS EFFECTIVE PREVENTION

HPTN 073, which assessed uptake and adherence of oral preexposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for the prevention of HIV infection among black men who have sex with men in the United States, demonstrated consistency between self-report and biological markers of adherence. This demonstrated that, when given the opportunity, members of this group are eager to promote their own health and well-being.

## 2017

#### HPTN 077: LONG-ACTING INJECTABLE CABOTEGRAVIR

Study results show that long-acting injectable cabotegravir is well-tolerated by men and women and support the dosing schedule currently used in two phase 3 HPTN studies for HIV prevention. The analysis of study data supported further development of the drug for HIV prevention in men and women.

## 2018 AND Beyond

FHI 360 continues its work to control HIV and AIDS in the United States through and groundbreaking HIV communities to address the epidemic.



## 2011

#### **HPTN 052 NAMED TOP SCIENTIFIC** BREAKTHROUGH

The HPTN 052 study was named "Breakthrough of the Year" by Science magazine. The study was the first randomized clinical trial to show that providing early antiretroviral therapy to an HIV-infected person can reduce the risk of sexual transmission of HIV to an uninfected partner by 96 percent. Results from HPTN 052 have been used to generate new World Health Organization policies and support research that includes treatment of

FHI 360 serves as the leadership and operations center for HPTN.

#### **TESTING MAKES US STRONGER**

The CDC launched Testing Makes Us Stronger, an initiative that targeted black men who have sex with men to "stay strong and informed" through regular testing. FHI 360 established a workgroup of experts — with experience serving these vulnerable communities - who will collect data on the effectiveness of the intervention, the social and sexual networks of the group and their risk factors.

## 2010

#### **HPTN 065: TREATMENT** LINKAGE-TO-CARE

FHI 360 participated in this study to evaluate the feasibility of a community-focused strategy to expand HIV testing, diagnose HIV infection early, link HIV-positive individuals to care and ensure that patients adhere to treatment regimens. Pilot studies were in the Bronx, NY, and Washington, DC.

HIV infection as part of a cohesive HIV prevention strategy.

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