

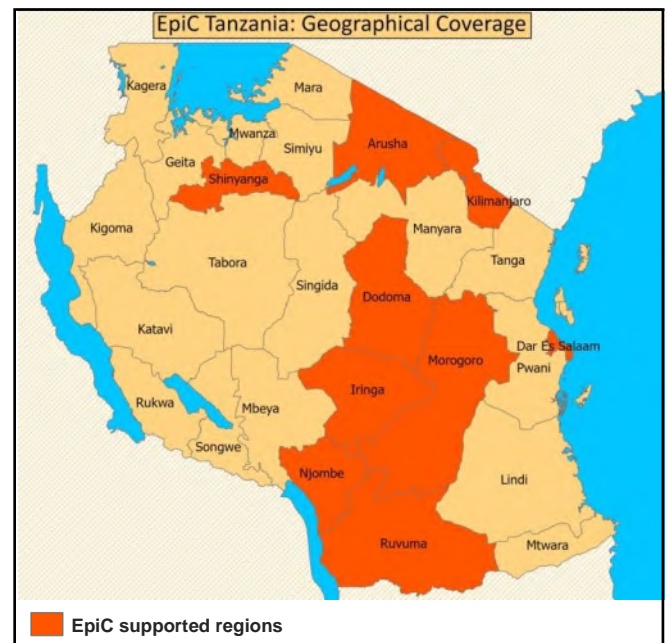
EpiC Tanzania Fact Sheet

Global Project Overview

Meeting Targets and Maintaining Epidemic Control (EpiC) is a five-year, global project funded by the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). EpiC's goal is to deliver efficient, affordable, results-based technical assistance and direct services. Although the project is global in reach, programs are tailored to local contexts and epidemic needs to effectively surge, scale, and sustain HIV services and systems for long-term epidemic control. EpiC programs work with key populations, including men who have sex with men, people who inject drugs, and sex workers, as well as priority populations.

EpiC in Tanzania

While HIV prevalence among the general population in Tanzania is 4.7 percent, the rates among key populations are much higher. HIV prevalence among people who inject drugs is 35 percent. Among men who have sex with men, the rate is 25 percent, and among female sex workers, it is 15.4 percent.ⁱ High HIV prevalence among key populations is propelled by gender-based violence, stigma, and the criminalization of these groups. Among the general population, only 83 percent of adults 15 and older are aware of their HIV-positive status, of whom 90 percent are on antiretroviral therapy (ART). Of adults on ART, 92 percent have suppressed viral loads.ⁱⁱ



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EpiC Tanzania provides technical assistance and service delivery among key populations, adolescent girls and young women (AGYW), and other adult men and women at higher risk. The project supports targeted prevention and case finding strategies at the community level to strive toward the following global epidemic control targets:

- Ninety-five percent of people living with HIV know their status.
- Ninety-five percent of individuals who know they are HIV positive are enrolled in treatment.
- Ninety-five percent of those enrolled in treatment have suppressed viral loads.

To accomplish this, EpiC provides direct services and technical assistance for HIV prevention and mitigation that prioritize scalable prevention, care, and treatment, and viral load monitoring. To reduce the risk of HIV infections among AGYW, the project focuses on empowerment through social and behavior change interventions, economic strengthening, and provision of biomedical services, as well as mobilizing the community to reduce negative norms that affect AGYW. The project supports civil society organizations (CSOs) in strengthening their organizational and financial management capacity to implement and provide high-quality HIV services and strong human resources management.



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By working across the HIV cascade, EpiC Tanzania aims to increase access to HIV prevention, testing, and care services to attain and maintain epidemic control; strengthen HIV program management, health information systems, human resources, and financing solutions; and improve organizational capacity of CSOs to support transition of direct funding and implementation.

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ⁱ Avert. HIV and AIDS in Tanzania. 2020. Available from: <https://www.avert.org/professionals/hiv-around-world/sub-saharan-africa/tanzania>.

ⁱⁱ The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS). Country progress report – United Republic of Tanzania. Global AIDS Monitoring 2020. Available from: https://www.unaids.org/sites/default/files/country/documents/TZA_2020_countryreport.pdf.