



**Acronym:** PEPFAR  
**Full Name:** The United State President's Emergency Plan for AIDS  
**Website:** [www.pepfar.gov](http://www.pepfar.gov)  
**Established:** 2003  
**Location:** Washington, DC, United States

**Areas of expertise:** Prevention, treatment and care services to combat HIV/AIDS.

**Main Partners and collaborations:** The governments of the Republic of Angola, Republic of Ghana, Republic of Kenya, Kingdom of Lesotho, Republic of Malawi, Kingdom of Swaziland, United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria and the World Health Organization (WHO).

**Short Description:**

In 2003, the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) was created by President George W. Bush and a bipartisan Congress. The main goal of PEPFAR is to combat HIV/AIDS, establishing and expanding the infrastructure necessary to deliver prevention, care, and treatment services in low resource settings. PEPFAR works to address HIV/AIDS in countries with a diversity of need in these service areas. It operates both in countries where epidemics are concentrated among specific populations and those where HIV infection occurs among the general population. In many countries where HIV infection prevalence rates are above 1% - the accepted threshold for generalized epidemics - PEPFAR also works to address the epidemic among most at-risk populations.

From its creation, PEPFAR received total funding of more than \$18 billion. In 2009, the United State Government invested more than \$6.4 billion in bilateral HIV/AIDS programming and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria. In 2009 alone, PEPFAR directly supported more than 2.4 million patients on treatment, and more than 11 million people with care and support programs.

**Main Activities:**

PEPFAR supports an evidence-based prevention program, targeting interventions based on the epidemiology of HIV infection in each country. These include reducing sexual transmission with the ABC Strategy (Abstain, Be Faithful, correct and consistent use of Condoms), the prevention of mother-to-child transmission, and the transmission of HIV through unsafe blood and medial injections, and male circumcision. PEPFAR also integrates new prevention methods and technologies. PEPFAR aims the support prevention of 7 million infections in five years.

Another main activity achieved by PEPFAR is the support treatment for 2 million HIV-infected individuals; hereby PEPFAR provided \$1.6 billion in support of treatment programs, or approximately 48.4 percent of program funding in the program's focus countries.

PEPFAR also provides care and support to people living with HIV/AIDS and other affected persons, such as family members. In order to accomplish this important area, PEPFAR covers the five following categories of services: clinical (including prevention and treatment of opportunistic infections and AIDS-related malignancies, and pain and symptom management), psychological, social, spiritual, and preventive services. Also, PEPFAR defined three key dimensions to care for an effective care and support: care for orphans and vulnerable children; care and support (other than antiretroviral treatment) for people infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS; and HIV counseling and testing (which has been counted as Care during the first phase of PEPFAR, but will be counted as part of Prevention for future years). The goal of PEPFAR in this area is the support care for 10 million infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, including orphans and vulnerable children.

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