HIV Epidemic Control: The RISE Project

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RISE is a Key Partner in HIV Epidemic Control

Reaching Impact, Saturation and Epidemic Control (RISE) assists countries to respond to the HIV and COVID-19 pandemics, providing technical assistance, service delivery, research, and cross-cutting health system support to address critical pandemic response priorities.

RISE is funded by the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). RISE supports countries to achieve a shared vision of attaining and maintaining HIV epidemic control, working with local partners capable of achieving results through sustainable, self-reliant health systems. RISE's contributions will lead to fewer HIV transmissions, decreased HIV-related deaths, and increased quality of life for people living with HIV. RISE also strengthens COVID-19 emergency response efforts in multiple countries.

Helping USAID Achieve PEPFAR Targets

RISE enables USAID missions to access direct service delivery and technical assistance to achieve PEPFAR targets, and is a trusted USAID partner in achieving targets across the HIV prevention, testing, and treatment cascade. RISE kept HIV service delivery programs running throughout the COVID-19 health emergency, supporting USAID missions and Ministries of Health to adapt HIV programming to allow for uninterrupted HIV/TB services for priority populations. RISE collaborates with countries to identify barriers, customize and adapt project approaches, and institutionalize effective and efficient programming at a health system level.

Key Award Information:

- RISE is led by Jhpiego, in consortium with: ICAP at Columbia University (ICAP), Management Sciences for Health (MSH), ANOVA Health Institute (ANOVA), BAO Systems, JHU Center for Public Health and Human Rights (JHU), and Mann Global Health (MGH)
- Award Ceiling: **$391m**
- Period of Performance: **April 2019 – December 2025**
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RISE HIV Technical Priorities and Approaches

1st 95 — Person-Centered HIV Prevention and Approaches

- Supports scale-up of **biomedical HIV prevention** services including oral Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) and introduction of new PrEP methods, including long-acting injectable Cabotegravir (CAB-LA). RISE also supports expansion of Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC) through facility-based and mobile services.
- Optimizes **HIV testing services** including support for safe and ethical partner notification and index testing services, elevates provider-initiated HIV testing and counseling (PITC), and HIV self-testing to expand the reach of HIV testing services.

2nd 95 — Optimized ART Services and Adherence Support

- Strengthens **linkage and same day initiation of ART service** by drawing on expert clients, peer navigators, linkage officers, and case managers, and increases case management to support people from diagnosis through viral suppression.
- Expands **differentiated service delivery (DSD) models** for people established in care, including fast-track ART refills, community ART groups, decentralized drug distribution, community pick-up points, and private pharmacies. RISE also supports **Multi-Month Dispensing (MMD)**, along with expanded pediatric and youth friendly services including Operation Triple Zero to optimize care for adolescents and youth on ART.
- Supports policy and implementation transition to **optimized ART regimens,** including dolutegravir (DTG)-based regimens for all PLHIV, and support for supply chain management for improved forecasting, quantification, and distribution of optimized ART regimens.

3rd 95 — Viral Load Testing and Lab Strengthening

- **Enhances laboratory systems** by mapping laboratory networks to improve access to services, referral networks, sample transport, and collaboration between labs and facilities;
- Advances access to **viral load testing** to reduce lab turnaround time, return of results to clients, and prompt action by providers for clients with detectable viral load.

Cross-Cutting — Health System Strengthening Priorities

- Establishes and/or integrates **strategic information and data use** into national, subnational, and site-level information systems, grows the use of electronic medical records and biometrics, DHIS2, and data quality assurance through data verification and assessments.
- Provides **health systems strengthening** in support of national and local leadership, touching on all facets of the health system: policy and systems support to optimize human resources for health, domestic resource mobilization, health financing, supply chain forecasting and management, and pharmaceutical system strengthening.
- **Strengthens capacities of local implementing partners** by assisting partners to establish the necessary structures, policies, processes and procedures to serve as USAID prime implementing partners.

Where We Work

RISE has implemented PEPFAR and/or COVID-19 response programs across more than 20 countries, including HIV programs in Angola, Burundi, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Eswatini, Haiti, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Tanzania, Ukraine, and Zambia.