

BENIN 2022

Summary of the Joint Programme's support to the national HIV response in 2022



With the Joint Team's support, Benin continues to improve access to HIV prevention, testing, treatment and social protection services for vulnerable and key populations. A total of 5349 people, including adolescents, young people, men who have sex with men and transgender persons accessed HIV, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), hepatitis B, and breast and cervical cancer screening and 213 people who tested positive for HIV, hepatitis B or STIs were linked to treatment services, thanks to collaborations with various key civil society partners, including the national network of LGBTI persons, Bénin Synergie Plus. Additionally, 1058 young people improved their knowledge of HIV, STIs, unintended pregnancy, contraceptive methods, and sexual and reproductive health and rights through sensitization sessions organizations organized on university campuses (UNFPA).

Prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV (PMTCT) and HIV testing services improved thanks to sensitization and capacity building initiatives. For instance, 63 midwives and nurses received training on the delivery of HIV self-testing services for partners of pregnant women (WHO). Newly created community networks and learning centres for partners of pregnant and lactating women promoted good practices and PMTCT services in Alibori and Borgou departments (UNICEF). As a result of training workshops, a total of 152 doctors, paramedics, medical biologists and departmental HIV focal persons are also better equipped to provide various services, including HIV and STI treatment, viral load sampling and therapeutic education (WHO).

In Couffo and Mono departments, 76 people living with HIV, predominantly women received skill building training and agricultural inputs improving their livelihoods, adherence to treatment and health outcomes (WFP). In collaboration with the Ministry of Social Affairs and as part of the Education Plus initiative, 118 girls living with HIV received financial support to help them complete their secondary education, and towards achieving gender equality in the country (UNAIDS Secretariat).

A total of 2520 people including women working on markets, members of men's committee against gender-based violence and elected officials were sensitised on prevention of gender-based violence and case management, as part of the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence campaign. In addition, 74 people living with HIV, young people aged 18-24 years and people from key populations improved their understanding of HIV and gender-based violence prevention, human rights, safe choices and transformative leadership to end AIDS (UNDP).

A new National Action Plan 2023-2027, aimed at closing the gender gap the HIV response was developed with critical inputs from the gender assessment of the national HIV response in 2021, including the need to strengthen gender mainstreaming to ensure effectiveness of HIV programmes. Finally, the review of the National HIV/AIDS Strategic plan, the evaluation of the HIV mother-to-child transmission rate, the analysis of the low testing rate among spouses of pregnant women, and the conduction of the national AIDS spending assessment (NASA) generated strategic evidence for greater efficiency and equity.

KEY RESULTS

- Sensitization and capacity building initiatives expanded HIV services including HIV prevention and PMTCT.
- Supported gender assessment of the national HIV response; review of the 2019-2024 National HIV/AIDS (and other diseases) Strategic plan; development of the Gender National Action Plan 2023-2027; analyses of HIV vertical transmission rate and low testing rate among spouses of pregnant women; and conduction of NASA.
- Supported review of the HIV Law and the draft law was transmitted to the Ministry of Health.

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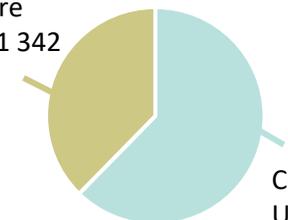


2022 Joint Programme Expenditure

Total US\$ 879 339

2022 expenditure data available at the time of the update (August 2023)

Non-core
US\$ 331 342



Core
US\$ 547 997