

# ESWATINI 2022

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



In 2022, Eswatini focused on scaling up HIV prevention, treatment services, and socioeconomic empowerment for adolescents and young people, with 13 350 of them trained on HIV prevention, mental health, sexual and reproductive health, and rights (SRHR), in partnership with the government and nongovernmental organizations (UNICEF). In addition, 800 adolescents in religious settings were capacitated in HIV prevention and SRHR (UNFPA) and 1505 community health volunteers received a comprehensive package of HIV and SRHR services while five targeted healthcare facilities received computer tablets to strengthen services; 1690 motivators were also trained on HIV, non-communicable diseases, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health and nutrition (World Bank).

The *Education Plus* initiative was launched to further empower adolescent girls and young women and reduce their risk of HIV infection (UNICEF, UNFPA, UN Women, UNESCO, UNAIDS Secretariat). To address the high HIV incidence and unintended pregnancies among adolescents and young women, 18 teachers also received training on delivering comprehensive sexuality education to provide education for 5152 learners and mentor 266 other teachers in their respective schools (UNESCO).

As part of a health system strengthening project, the newly launched *MobiSAM*, a public service monitoring platform reached 981 adolescents to rate their access to HIV and SRHR services (World Bank).

An estimation of populations at risk of HIV infection in Eswatini also generated evidence for HIV prevention programming in the National Multisectoral HIV and AIDS Strategic Framework (NSF).

HIV screening tools were developed and HIV self-testing process flow and pharmacy distribution to improve access and quality of HIV testing and counselling services (UNAIDS Secretariat).

The National Health Accounts (NHA) was conducted to analyse available resources and spending for the national health system, including the HIV response (UNAIDS Secretariat). In addition, 30 nongovernmental organizations were mobilized through a collaboration with the Ministry of Tinkhundla, Administration and Development to push for the formal adaptation of the Decentralization Bill, which will improve access to HIV and other public services (UNDP).

## KEY RESULTS

- Eswatini launched the *Education Plus* initiative.
- Over 30 000 adolescents and young people trained on HIV prevention, sexual and reproductive health, and rights.
- 30 nongovernmental organizations mobilized to push for formal adaptation of the Decentralization Bill which will improve access to HIV and other health services.
- *MobiSAM* monitoring platform launched to strengthen delivery of health services.

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UNDP	World Bank
UNFPA	UNAIDS Secretariat
UN Women	FAO
ILO	IOM

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A total of 562 smallholder farmers, people living with HIV, adolescent girls and young women as well as people from key populations improved their treatment literacy and community engagement and were informed about existing safe spaces (WFP). In addition, 103 trained community facilitators oriented 3167 people living with HIV (1035 women) in community support groups on HIV treatment, SRHR and the risk of cancer to improve viral suppression and their overall health outcome through financial and technical support to the Community Health Empowerment Forum (WHO, UNAIDS Secretariat).

As part of an economic empowerment initiative, 230 people living with HIV and key populations as well as 30 adolescent girls and young women improved their financial and business management skills, including poultry and commercial crop farming in partnership with the Membatsise Home-Based Care and Swaziland Network of Young Positives, networks working with young mothers (WFP, UNAIDS Secretariat).

The Ministry of Health sensitized healthcare providers in four facilities on discrimination (UNAIDS Secretariat). More than 15 245 adolescent girls also received HIV, SRHR and gender-based violence messages, including information on multiple and concurrent partnerships during various traditional events, such as the Umhlanga

(or Reed Dance) festival (UNFPA). Further, 6200 community members, including adolescent girls and men were sensitized on gender-based violence prevention, mitigation and response during the World AIDS Day, 16 Days of Activism and Day of the Girl Child (UNFPA, UN Women, UNAIDS Secretariat).

### Contributing to [United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework in Eswatini \(2021-2025\)](#)



#### 2022 Joint Programme Expenditure

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