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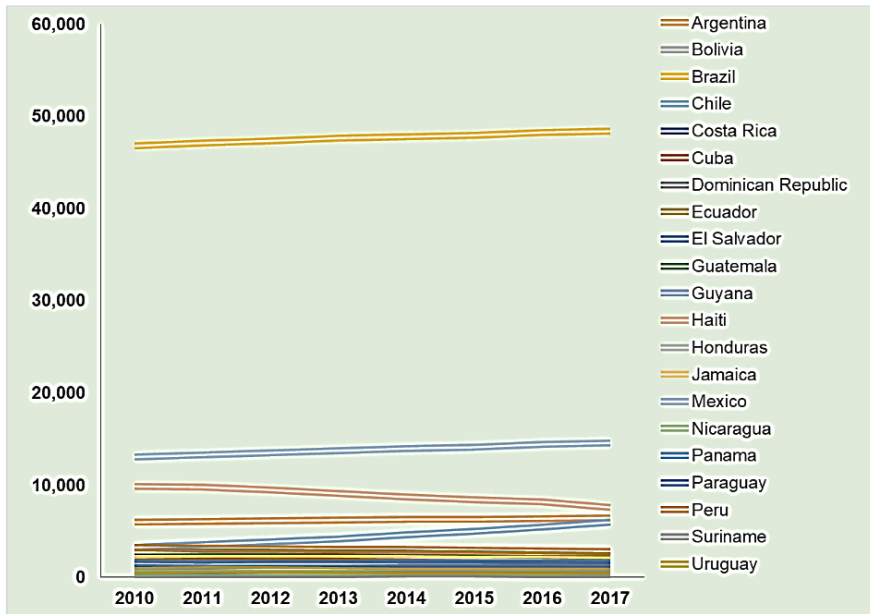
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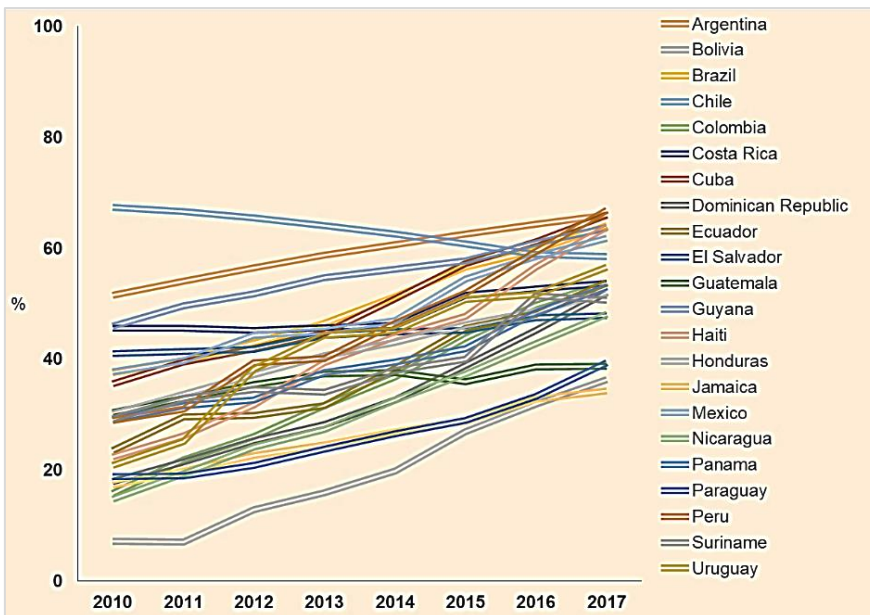
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# Introduction



*Rate of new HIV infections in Latin America and the Caribbean*



*ART coverage in Latin America and the Caribbean*

## Progress towards the Fast-Track targets

| Indicators prioritized by the Regional Joint Team     | Status         | Remarks   |
|---|----------------|---|
| 90% of people living with HIV know their HIV status.  | • WITHIN REACH | 77% of people living with HIV know their HIV status.  |
| 75% of people living with HIV are receiving ART.      | • WITHIN REACH | Treatment coverage in 2017 was 57% in the Caribbean (compared with 45% in 2015) and 61% in Latin America (compared with 54% in 2015). |
| 60% of people living with HIV are virally suppressed. | • ON TRACK     | In Latin America, viral suppression levels increased from 42% in 2015 to 52% in 2017.   |
|   | • NOT ON TRACK | In the Caribbean, viral suppression increased from 31% in 2015 to 40% in 2017.  |

## Joint Programme contributions

The Joint Programme addressed several emerging challenges in Latin America and the Caribbean. They included issues associated with the substantial and growing exodus of people from Venezuela, which is stretching national capacities in host countries.

With coordinated support from the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), the UNAIDS Secretariat and national offices in Venezuela, as well as the participation of UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP, a master plan was developed to ensure continued access to HIV, TB and malaria care and services. In October 2018, the Global Fund, PAHO and UNAIDS convened a meeting in Washington DC to advocate for full implementation of the master plan.

The Secretariat supported UNFPA in responding to gender-based violence and sexual and reproductive health issues among refugees, migrants and other vulnerable populations from Venezuela. UNFPA focused actions particularly on Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela, and is working with national and regional partners to implement the minimum initial service package for sexual and reproductive health, provide survivor-centred gender-based violence services, and support gender-based violence prevention along migratory routes.

Technical support from the Joint Programme increased the capacity of governments and civil society organizations in 11 Caribbean countries to increase access for adolescents and other vulnerable groups to youth-friendly, client-centred, relevant and responsive sexual and reproductive health programmes. A regional, high-level meeting on comprehensive sexuality education focused on strategies to improve access to sexual and reproductive health services for young people.

The Joint Programme co-hosted a train-the-trainer workshop on HIV and social protection, with HIV networks and government officials from 13 countries participating. The training introduced an assessment tool on HIV, social protection and key populations, which countries can use to increase the HIV-sensitivity of social protection programmes and engage civil society.

Together with the UNAIDS Secretariat and the Central American Network of People Living with HIV, UNDP organized a conference on documenting human rights violations against people living with HIV and key populations. The Central American Council of Ombudspersons pledged to strengthen partnerships between national HIV programmes, national human rights institutions, civil society and development partners, with the aim of defending the rights of key populations and people living with HIV. With leadership from UNICEF and the National Institute of Public Health in Mexico, the Joint Programme finalized a report on adolescents and HIV in the region and presented the findings at the 2018 International AIDS Conference in Amsterdam.

A South-South consultation brought together 12 Latin American countries to share experiences on advancing human rights and social and economic inclusion for transgender people. Sensitization and capacity building workshops were attended by regional programme leaders, 96 programme managers, health-care providers and community peer advocates in the Caribbean.

The World Bank continued to provide financing for health systems-strengthening projects that include HIV components. In Brazil, for example, World Bank technical support enabled an assessment of the integration and continuity of care in the public health system. Overall, the World Bank approved USD 4.3 billion in lending to the region in Fiscal Year 2018, including USD 3.9 billion in loans and USD 428 million in International Development Association commitments.

The World Bank and UNDP supported skills-building training in five countries, with a focus on improving the use of data in health policy decision-making and implementation, specifically for HIV, TB and access to UHC.

In the countries of the Latin America and the Caribbean Region, the Joint UN Teams on AIDS supported the achievement of specific targets related to testing and treatment, sustainability, as well as civil society engagement.

## Challenges and bottlenecks

Several challenges and hindrances have been encountered, including:

- Insufficient mobilization of resources to fully implement the Venezuela master plan.
- Persistent gaps in viral load monitoring and access to optimal antiretroviral regimens, HIV tests and prevention commodities.
- Stagnating progress in reducing the eMTCT rate (currently at 12%, with little change since 2015), in part due to declining ART among pregnant women in the Caribbean.
- Barriers to programmes for adolescent health, including age of consent laws in many Caribbean countries and sociopolitical resistance to sexuality education.
- Complexities of political and bureaucratic processes in some countries, which cause extensive delays in reaching consensus on key activities.
- Growing number of countries that have achieved middle-income status, which reduces their access to donor funding.
- Insufficient funding for the collection and use of strategic information about the positive impact social protection programmes and other interventions that reduce vulnerability.

## Key future actions

The Joint Programme will support and monitor the distribution of donor-funded ARV medicines to ensure uninterrupted access to treatment for people living with HIV in Venezuela. Close attention will be paid to ongoing coordination with stakeholders and partnership building in Venezuela and the international community to mobilize resources and remove implementation gaps. Efforts will continue to strengthen maternal and neonatal health services, including HIV, in Venezuela.

Work in the Caribbean will prioritize implementation strategies and actions to improve adolescent and youth health and wellbeing. This will include strengthening strategic

information and supporting youth-led organizations to engage fully in the development, implementation and monitoring of programmes for improving young people's health and wellbeing. Across the region, national responses to address adolescent health needs will be strengthened, with particular focus on providing comprehensive HIV prevention and treatment packages for adolescents. Coordination will be improved to accelerate progress towards the eMTCT of HIV and syphilis.

The Joint Programme will support the development of national action plans to achieve social and economic inclusion of trans populations. It will provide support to REDTRASEX to develop a system for monitoring human rights violations against sex workers. The assessment tool on social protection, HIV and vulnerable populations will be adapted and rolled out, and good practices will be documented and shared.

In Latin America and the Caribbean, the country envelope resources were directed mainly at activities related to key populations (24.6%), young people (20.1%), eMTCT (19.2%) and testing and treatment (10.8%).



## Expenditure information

**Table 1**  
**Expenditure and encumbrances in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2018, by organization (US\$)**

| Organization       | Core (globally allocated) (US\$) | Core (country envelope) (USD) | Non-core (US\$)   | Grand total (US\$) |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| UNHCR              | -                                | 44 000                        | 726 112           | 770 112            |
| UNICEF             | 266 729                          | 356 850                       | 1 476 409         | 2 099 988          |
| WFP                | 212 633                          | 33 282                        | 100 360           | 346 276            |
| UNDP               | 272 955                          | 219 379                       | 503 039           | 995 372            |
| UNDP GF            | -                                | -                             | 11 080 762        | 11 080 762         |
| UNFPA              | 429 704                          | 594 000                       | 2 782 784         | 3 806 487          |
| UNODC              | -                                | 27 600                        | 21 451            | 49 051             |
| UN WOMEN           | 125 630                          | 69 704                        | 561 027           | 756 361            |
| ILO                | 12 620                           | 6 807                         | 241 428           | 260 855            |
| UNESCO             | 316 108                          | 141 709                       | 3 392 454         | 3 850 271          |
| WHO                | 214 933                          | -                             | 111 285           | 326 218            |
| World Bank         | 277 280                          | -                             | 389 625           | 666 905            |
| Secretariat        | 8 170 757                        | -                             | 596 742           | 8 767 499          |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b> | <b>10 299 350</b>                | <b>1 493 331</b>              | <b>21 983 477</b> | <b>33 776 158</b>  |

**Table 2**  
**Expenditure and encumbrances in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2018, by country (US\$)**

| Country                           | Core (globally allocated) (US\$) | Core (country envelope) (US\$) | Non-core (US\$)   | Grand total (US\$) |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Argentina                         | 664 142                          | 94 653                         | 196 612           | 955 407            |
| Bolivia                           | -                                | -                              | 513 703           | 513 703            |
| Brazil                            | 794 493                          | 317 616                        | 3 982 675         | 5 094 784          |
| Chile                             | 43 849                           | -                              | 178 933           | 222 783            |
| Colombia                          | 20 864                           | 116 563                        | 256 196           | 393 623            |
| Costa Rica                        | 1 005                            | -                              | 195 670           | 196 674            |
| Cuba                              | 17 407                           | 72 442                         | 3 755 232         | 3 845 082          |
| Dominican Republic                | 384 635                          | 124 485                        | 338 371           | 847 491            |
| Ecuador                           | 13 744                           | 100 000                        | 77 276            | 191 020            |
| El Salvador                       | 143 329                          | -                              | 101 978           | 245 307            |
| Guatemala                         | 665,994                          | 96,565                         | 610,501           | 1,373,060          |
| Guyana                            | 405 448                          | -                              |                   | 405 448            |
| Haiti                             | 836 360                          | 174 711                        | 482 998           | 1 494 069          |
| Honduras                          | 24 836                           | -                              | 166 943           | 191 779            |
| Jamaica                           | 1 743 414                        | 154 809                        | 3 536 926         | 5 435 149          |
| Mexico                            | 53 181                           | -                              | 1 100 036         | 1 153 217          |
| Nicaragua                         | 27 744                           | -                              | 122 654           | 150 398            |
| Panama                            | 4 137                            | -                              | 3 096 580         | 3 100 718          |
| Paraguay                          | -                                | -                              | 89 153            | 89 153             |
| Peru                              | 796 016                          | 116 693                        | 50 386            | 963 094            |
| Uruguay                           | -                                | -                              | 193 016           | 193 016            |
| Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of | 153 959                          | 124 794                        | 162 075           | 440 828            |
| LAC Regional                      | 3 504 793                        | -                              | 2 775 562         | 6 280 356          |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>                | <b>10 299 350</b>                | <b>1 493 331</b>               | <b>21 983 477</b> | <b>33 776 158</b>  |

**Table 3**  
**Core and non-core expenditure and encumbrances in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2018, by Strategy Result Area (US\$)**

| Strategy Result Area                                  | Core* (US\$)     | Non-core (US\$)   | Total (US\$)      |
|---|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| SRA 1 – HIV testing and treatment                     | 194 671          | 4 187 759         | 4 382 430         |
| SRA 2 – eMTCT   | 21 095           | 377 982           | 399 077           |
| SRA 3 – HIV prevention and young people               | 956 419          | 3 299 695         | 4 256 114         |
| SRA 4 – HIV prevention and key populations            | 221 573          | 2 122 844         | 2 344 417         |
| SRA 5 – Gender inequalities and gender-based violence | 180 431          | 1 385 328         | 1 565 759         |
| SRA 6 – Stigma, discrimination and human rights       | 103 873          | 5 243 179         | 5 347 052         |
| SRA 7 – Investment and efficiency                     | 280 670          | 524 176           | 804 846           |
| SRA 8 – HIV and health services integration           | 169 860          | 4 245 774         | 4 415 634         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>2 128 592</b> | <b>21 386 737</b> | <b>23 515 329</b> |

\* This does not include expenditures against country envelope funds.

**Table 4**  
**Core and non-core expenditure and encumbrances in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2018, by Secretariat function (US\$)**

| Secretariat function   | Core (US\$)      | Non-core (US\$) | Total (US\$)     |
|--|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| S1 – Leadership advocacy and communication                     | 1 991 543        | 271 253         | 2 262 796        |
| S2 – Partnerships mobilization and innovation                  | 204 463          | 41 525          | 245 988          |
| S3 – Strategic information                                     | 1 041 159        | 15 031          | 1 056 190        |
| S4 – Coordination convening and country implementation support | 3 972 185        | 268 230         | 4 240 415        |
| S5 – Governance and mutual accountability                      | 961 408          | 703             | 962 111          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>8 170 757</b> | <b>596 742</b>  | <b>8 767 499</b> |



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