

# At A Glance

## HIV & AIDS

Pathfinder is striving for a world free from stigma, discrimination, and HIV-related morbidity and mortality.

For over 25 years, Pathfinder has contributed greatly to the global HIV pandemic response, integrating HIV services with other sexual and reproductive health interventions, recognizing the opportunity to meet people’s needs in a single visit.

Our HIV prevention, care, and treatment work has spanned 10 countries, and entailed an evidence-based, rights-based, and gender-responsive approach. Pathfinder’s current programs advance the integration of HIV care into the primary health care system through community and health systems strengthening.



"I feel good, I'm properly complying with the medication" - Rogério Salomão Mondlane  
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### Strategies

**Quality, people-centered HIV care:** Ensure that supported countries implement people-centered, evidence-informed, quality, and comprehensive HIV interventions.

**Promoting equity:** Reduce inequity and achieve inclusivity, considering age, poverty, residence, and other disruptions to care.

**Gender-transformative:** Ensure people, regardless of their gender identity, can exercise their rights and access the HIV services they are eligible for.

**Sustainability:** Partner with governments to ensure they take the lead in HIV program implementation, allowing for continuity of interventions at scale and beyond the life of projects.

**Innovation:** Demonstrate the effectiveness of innovations, including new products and digital technologies, and options for self-care.

### Pathfinder Impact in Fiscal Year 2022

**1,978,494** clients tested for HIV,  
**19%** were pregnant women.



**365,788** clients active on antiretroviral therapy (ART).

**98%** of pregnant women and breastfeeding women on ART.



**92%** of clients on ART virally suppressed.

**53,423** clients newly initiated on ART.





## PRIMARY HIV PREVENTION

Pathfinder offers a strategic mix of behavioral, biomedical, and structural HIV prevention interventions tailored to local contexts and the needs of different populations. These populations include adolescent girls and young women, high-risk boys and young men, key populations, people in HIV serodiscordant relationships, and those within prison settings.

### Highlight: Efficiencies for Clinical HIV Outcomes (ECHO), Mozambique

The ECHO project is providing pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) to HIV-negative clients at substantial risk of HIV infection. ECHO is scaling up PrEP through assignment of a PrEP focal point in each PrEP health facility; close collaboration with community partners for PrEP referrals, data sharing, and demand creation; and, deploying mobile brigades to areas with high HIV prevalence, in coordination with PASSOS, a community partner.

## HIV/CERVICAL CANCER PREVENTION INTEGRATION

Pathfinder is committed to ensuring women living with HIV have access to cervical cancer screening and treatment of pre-invasive lesions. Pathfinder provides services to eligible women living with HIV and supports provision of cryotherapy, thermoablation, and loop electrical excision procedures (LEEP) in selected high-volume sites.

### Highlight: ACE6 - Cervical Cancer Screening among Women Living with HIV, Nigeria

To decrease the vulnerability to cervical cancer among women living with HIV, Pathfinder supports the provision of regular cervical cancer screening and treatment services through the ACE6 project in Nigeria's Lagos, Edo, and Bayelsa states.

From July to December of 2023, over 3,324 HIV-positive women were screened, 39 were identified positive for cervical cancer and received treatment, and 5 were referred to specialist centers for further treatment.

## PREVENTION OF MOTHER-TO-CHILD TRANSMISSION

Pathfinder is dedicated to improving prevention services for mother-to-child transmission of HIV (PMTCT). This involves expanding and improving the testing and retesting of pregnant women, ensuring that pregnant and breastfeeding mothers have access to antiretroviral therapy (ART), and providing early infant diagnosis services for babies born to HIV-positive mothers. Additionally, Pathfinder aims to extend the reach of PMTCT services by using community structures to offer HIV testing, counseling, and education. This approach ensures that pregnant women and their families receive comprehensive support and care within their own communities.

### Highlight: ACE2, Nigeria

Pathfinder is supporting HIV testing among pregnant women in Bauchi, Kano, and Jigawa states as part of the ACE2 project. Between October 2022 and March 2023, out of more than 150,000 pregnant women who received antenatal care, 97% had their HIV status ascertained; 435 were identified as HIV-positive and successfully linked to treatment.

## LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY

Pathfinder creates an enabling environment for sustained access to HIV and AIDS interventions by enhancing good governance practices and accountability mechanisms. We work within policy and public health discussions, occurring among subnational and national platforms, and globally.

### Highlight: Bridging the Gaps, Mozambique

Since 2017, the Bridging the Gaps project has worked with Mozambique's Ministry of Interior to develop and implement a national approach that addresses the needs of key populations. The project focuses on legal barriers facing sex workers, people who use drugs, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) populations—who are disproportionately affected by HIV. The project developed a police manual to address issues affecting key populations and facilitated a police officer training of trainers program that will be scaled up across the country.

Pathfinder International is driven by the conviction that all people, regardless of where they live, have the right to decide whether and when to have children, to exist free from fear and stigma, and to lead the lives they choose. As a global health organization with locally led, community-driven programs, we support women to make their own reproductive health decisions. We work with local partners to advance contraceptive services, comprehensive abortion care, and young people's sexual and reproductive rights in communities around the world—including those affected by poverty, conflict, climate change, and natural disasters. Taken together, our programs enable millions of people to choose their own paths forward.

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