

The Health for All (HFA) Project (April 2017–September 2019) is funded by USAID, led by Population Services International, and implemented in partnership with Management Sciences for Health (MSH) and local partners Rede de Mulheres Angolanas and the MENTOR Initiative.



HFA supports the Angolan Ministry of Health, the National Directorate of Public Health, the National Malaria Control Program, and the National Institute for the Fight against AIDS (INLS) in the effective use of Angola's resources to meet the health needs of its population. The project delivers a package of health interventions to bring high-quality malaria, HIV and AIDS, family planning, and reproductive health care services to the population of Angola and supports capacity building in selected municipalities and provinces throughout the country.

MSH leads implementation of the project's work on HIV and AIDS (Result 3) at seven health facilities selected by the US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) across the province of Luanda. Working with the Government of Angola, HFA developed a sustainable model of high-quality integrated care for people living with HIV (PLHIV), including HIV/tuberculosis (TB) co-infection and HIV/family planning integration.



INNOVATIVE APPROACHES

Working with health facility management, National Institute for the Fight against AIDS, and local government partners, HFA identified new approaches and technologies to improve quality of care, including:

- Active search through the index case testing and treatment strategy
- TB testing through GeneXpert
- HIV viral load collection and analysis
- TB and HIV care integration
- Family planning and HIV services integration
- Lost to follow-up active search
- Newly diagnosed HIV-positive patients linked to care with patient assistant facilitators
- Development and implementation of standard operating procedures for each health facility
- Microplanning and quarterly evaluation, monitoring, and supervision

RESULT 3: ESTABLISH A SUSTAINABLE MODEL FOR DELIVERING HIGH-QUALITY HIV AND AIDS SERVICES

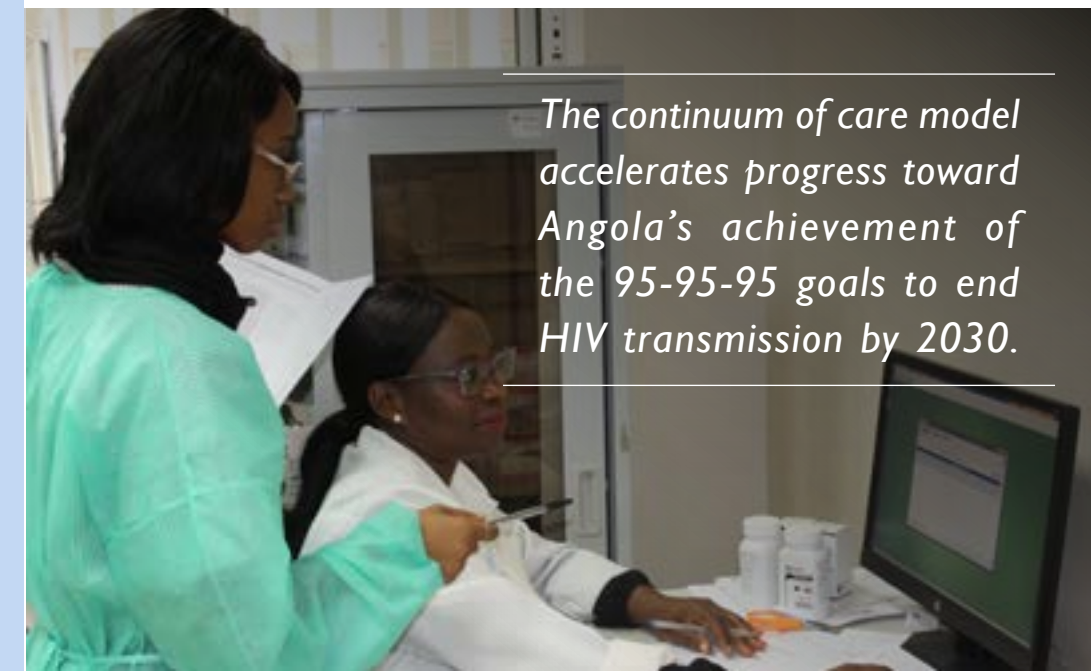
HFA's continuum of care model is implemented through a unique collaboration among patient assistant facilitators, community counselors, and case managers, all of whom interact with PLHIV at various stages of the HIV continuum of care. HFA provides technical support, training, mentoring, and coaching to the case managers, patient assistant facilitators, and community counselors so they can successfully carry out the model and implement Angola's same-day test-and-treat strategy.

Together, patient assistant facilitators, community counselors, and case managers increase the number of people being tested for HIV, the number of those who start treatment, and the adherence to treatment and viral suppression needed to stop the HIV epidemic.


HFA'S CONTINUUM OF CARE MODEL

In seven health facilities in Luanda, the HFA Project deployed patient assistant facilitators, community counselors, and case managers to pilot a continuum of care model that includes testing, counseling, and treatment for HIV in addition to supporting retention and care services for PLHIV and patients co-infected with HIV and TB, viral load suppression testing, and index case testing and tracing.

The model considers a person's journey through the HIV treatment cascade and recognizes the various steps necessary for everyone who needs HIV care to remain engaged in it—from the initial stage of getting tested for HIV to suppressing the virus through treatment.



The continuum of care model accelerates progress toward Angola's achievement of the 95-95-95 goals to end HIV transmission by 2030.



As a result of the HFA Project, more people in each of the seven health facilities are receiving HIV testing and counseling, and more are immediately being linked to care following a positive test result than ever before.

HFA RESULTS

Implementation of HFA's continuum of care model achieved the following results between April 2017 and June 2019, across the seven supported health facilities:

- **Targeted testing yields results:** The project tested 172,733 people and identified 13,408 new PLHIV.
- **Linking patients to treatment:** Through the index case strategy, the project expanded testing and treatment services to the family and close contacts of 4,694 newly identified HIV-positive patients and tested an additional 6,162 people, of whom 1,519 were identified as HIV positive and 1,190 were linked to HIV treatment (78% of new cases). The percentage of HIV-positive individuals linked to HIV treatment increased from less than 40% to more than 60% in three years.
- **Meeting the needs of patients to strengthen adherence and retention:** The project initiated antiretroviral therapy (ART) for 8,479 newly identified HIV-positive patients and followed up with 17,502 current ART users to ensure treatment adherence.
- **Strengthening HIV and TB integration:** The project identified 13,445 new and recurring TB patients between October 2017 and June 2019, 12,172 (91%) of whom now know their HIV status.
- **Achieving viral suppression:** As of June 2019, more than 17,000 Angolans were receiving HIV medications in the seven HFA-supported health facilities, and 75% of tested patients had an undetectable viral load, making them much less likely to pass the virus to their sexual partners.

ACCELERATING HIV AND AIDS EPIDEMIC CONTROL

Lessons from the HFA Project help to establish a sustainable model for providing high-quality HIV and AIDS services through the prevention, care, and treatment continuum. With a focus on local ownership and leadership, the project contributes to strengthening Angola's health system, promoting sustainability, scaling up proven solutions, and maximizing efficiencies in investment.



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HEALTH FOR ALL PROJECT

The USAID Health for All (HFA) Project in Luanda seeks to develop a sustainable model that can be replicated nationwide.