



The NIH supports a number of programs in collaboration with the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) to enhance research and clinical capacity.

Medical Education Partnership Initiative (MEPI)

- Launched in 2010, this program is designed to train and retain 140,000 new health care workers and improve the capacity of partner countries to deliver primary care. Provides direct support for transformative models of medical education in sub-Saharan Africa.
- Provides support for grants to African institutions in a dozen countries, forming a network including about 30 regional partners, country health and education ministries, and more than 20 U.S. collaborators.
- Focused on development of expertise in topics such as maternal and child health, cardiovascular diseases, cancer, mental health, surgery, emergency medicine, and infectious diseases, including HIV.
- Supported by the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator (OGAC), U.S. Department of State; the Health Resources and Services Administration, and the National Institutes of Health (NIH), both of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Implementation Science Initiative

- Launched in 2010, this initiative provides support for operational research in 10 countries in Africa to translate biomedical research advances into community practice in five areas:
 - Prevention interventions (including adult, maternal, and neonatal interventions)
 - Implementation of male circumcision programs
 - Treatment of HIV-related comorbidities, such as malignancies, tuberculosis, and malaria
 - HIV treatment initiation for pediatric populations
 - Adherence/compliance to treatment and prevention regimens.
- Supported by OGAC and the NIH.

Implementation Mother-to-Child Transmission Initiative

- Launched in 2011, this initiative provides support for translational research to develop more efficient and cost-effective methods to deliver proven interventions for prevention of maternal-to-child HIV transmission.
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