



PATH's work in HIV and AIDS

PATH has worked for the past two decades to develop integrated responses to the AIDS epidemic. As techniques for prevention and treatment become more effective, we have focused on uniting strategies, funding, and knowledge, fully using the available resources to eliminate AIDS from the fabric of global society.

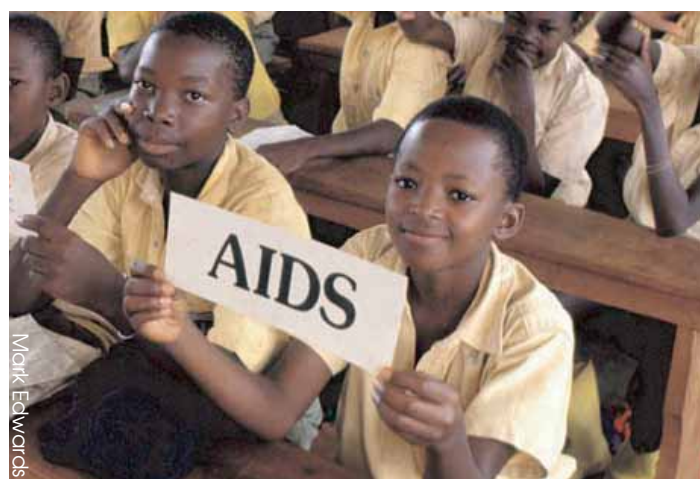
PATH implements creative and rigorous prevention, care and treatment, and advocacy programs through international collaborations and local partnerships in countries around the world. We advance technologies for faster diagnosis, easier prevention, and better treatment; we strengthen health systems to increase the reach of comprehensive HIV and AIDS programs; and we engage communities and individuals in dialogue, empowering women, addressing gender inequities, and encouraging healthier choices.

Prevention

- PATH's nevirapine infant-dose pouch makes it easier for health workers to give HIV-positive women the power to protect their newborns—by sending home an antiretroviral drug that can prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV. The ministry of health in Kenya plans to introduce the pouch countrywide by the end of 2006.
- PATH is leading the effort to act on new evidence that exclusive breastfeeding not only reduces HIV transmission, but also increases infant survival. Our experts in nutrition, HIV, and pediatric medicine are working to unite the issues of HIV prevention and infant health and nutrition—and optimize HIV-free survival rates.
- Our improved female condom has the potential to put affordable protection against HIV in women's

own hands. Our next-generation design is easy to handle and comfortable for both partners. During testing, users in both developed and developing countries found it highly acceptable.

- In seven of the Indian states with the highest prevalence of HIV, and along national highways, PATH is using peer education and innovative interpersonal communication techniques to help truck drivers and other people at risk of HIV protect themselves against infection. Through research, we are finding points of convergence between HIV and other reproductive health services—building a sustainable network of information and improved access.
- PATH is an implementing partner under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), intensifying its youth prevention efforts and taking effective programs to national scale. On the Making Medical Injections Safer project, PATH works with other partners in 11 of the 15 PEPFAR countries to reduce medical waste and strengthen systems for procurement of autodisable syringes, which help prevent transmission of disease through reuse.



- PATH uses innovative approaches to reach young people with life skills training and information about HIV prevention: in Africa, mentoring for girls married in early adolescence, interactive street theater, and comic books that mirror challenges teens face daily; in Asia, collaboration with schools and communities to bring vital reproductive health information to young girls in rural areas.
- In Brazil, PATH has been assessing the effectiveness of strategies that encourage young men to reconsider traditional beliefs about sexuality and gender that leave them and their partners vulnerable to HIV. The information gathered will help other regions adapt gender-equitable strategies to their own needs.



working to make safe, effective microbicides a reality. Propelled by these collective efforts, public and philanthropic investment in microbicides has more than doubled in the last four years.

Care and treatment

- In Kenya and Tanzania, PATH is supporting the integration of HIV and tuberculosis services to provide better care for the many people who are affected by both. With national and international partners, we are expanding the capacity of local health workers to diagnose and treat this often deadly co-infection and strengthening health systems to address the HIV–tuberculosis public health emergency.
- In Ukraine, which has one of the fastest-growing HIV epidemics in the world, PATH is working to address tuberculosis–HIV co-infection. We are facilitating changes in the public health system that will allow Ukraine to meet the challenges of co-infection, promote early diagnosis and treatment, and reduce stigma that can stop people from getting the care they need.
- In some of the world's hardest-hit countries, PATH is participating in a large-scale effort to procure and deliver vital antiretroviral drugs and medicines for opportunistic infections.

- PATH is a member of the global Stop TB Partnership and supports the Call to Stop TB campaign, which is raising awareness about tuberculosis and galvanizing support among governments, organizations, civil society, corporations, and individuals. This partnership emphasizes addressing HIV–tuberculosis co-infection as integral to tuberculosis control.
- PATH serves as the technical secretariat for Intercambios (the Latin American Consortium on Gender-Based Violence and Health). This collaboration is shining a light on the connections between HIV and gender-based violence—gathering and disseminating evidence and information to those who work in each field.

About PATH

PATH is an international nonprofit organization that creates sustainable, culturally relevant solutions, enabling communities worldwide to break longstanding cycles of poor health. By collaborating with diverse public- and private-sector partners, PATH helps provide appropriate health technologies and vital strategies that change the way people think and act. PATH's work improves global health and well-being.

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Advocacy

- The Global Campaign for Microbicides, based at PATH, is accelerating the efforts of 55 partners and more than 250 endorsing organizations worldwide