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A health worker at an ART distribution office of the Nimule Hospital. Photo by Trevor Snapp for IntraHealth International.



14,862 people living with HIV on ART



5,130 women received ART to prevent mother-to-child HIV transmission since 2009



100% of people on ART on multimonth dispensing to improve adherence

Since 2006, IntraHealth International has worked with the government and local organizations in **South Sudan** to provide high-quality HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and treatment services; increase access to modern contraceptives; and strengthen the health system by improving data quality and use, addressing the country's shortage of health workers, and developing the capacity of local partners.

USAID Advancing HIV & AIDS Epidemic Control Activity (2020–2025)

With funding from USAID, this critical program builds on nearly two decades of partnership in South Sudan as we work with the government to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the country's efforts to advance HIV epidemic control. This includes working directly with the Ministry of Health to strengthen the skills of health workers through training, coaching, and mentoring, as well as strengthening local capacity and resilience to provide comprehensive HIV/AIDS services through the continuum of HIV prevention, testing, treatment, and viral suppression services.

The program focuses on the general public, as well as on key populations, including nearly 13,000 female sex workers, to raise awareness of HIV; promote pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and other prevention methods; and identify people who are HIV positive, enroll them in antiretroviral therapy (ART), and support adherence to maximize HIV viral suppression. The focus on key populations not only reduces AIDS-related deaths but also further reduces HIV transmission of the virus. Through a layered approach with local organizations and PEPFAR implementing partners, the South Sudanese government, and local communities, the Advancing HIV & AIDS Epidemic Control Activity has helped train 394 health workers and 160 community outreach volunteers to adapt evidence-based HIV prevention, care, and treatment interventions for people living with HIV. As of June 2024, we support 14,862 active clients on ART, including 4,338 female sex workers.

The project also collaborates with the **USAID Accelerating Support to Advanced Local Partners II project**, implemented by IntraHealth, to strengthen the organizational and technical capacity of 15 local entities to lead future USAID and PEPFAR programs and sustain the country's HIV/AIDS response.

CDC Strengthening National Capacity for Integrated HIV/AIDS Health Data Collection, Use, and Dissemination in Support of an Evidence-Based Response in South Sudan (2017–2022)

Funded by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) with PEPFAR support, this project built the Ministry of Health's capacity to generate, gather, disseminate, and use integrated, high-quality information about HIV services and needs to inform evidence-based HIV programming and strategic planning in South Sudan. High-quality information is key to uncovering trends and gaps in service implementation in order to make progress toward HIV epidemic control. The project established and conducted routine surveillance to track HIV prevalence among pregnant women and key populations, which enabled the program to respond to HIV service needs when and where they arose.

IntraHealth worked alongside the ministry to establish the nation's health information system architecture, which elevated HIV service monitoring from a nascent, primarily paper-based system to a fully electronic health information system operating at scale across the country. This included supporting a weekly and monthly dashboard to provide real-time data to PEPFAR partners for improved HIV care and treatment services at clinics. When COVID-19 began to spread, the project helped develop the nation's preparedness and response plan and designed and deployed a COVID-19 vaccination tracker.

This project was a follow-on to **Strengthening System Capacity & Data Collection with a Focus on Strategic Information in South Sudan (2012–2017)**, during which IntraHealth conducted the first-ever HIV monitoring and evaluation assessment in South Sudan and revised HIV data collection tools.

USAID Strengthened Reproductive Health for Key Populations (2018–2020)

This activity improved access to services and the quality of care and treatment for members of key populations, including female sex workers, who are known to be at high risk of HIV. Implemented initially through the **USAID LINKAGES** and **Evidence to Action (E2A)** projects, the initiative provided targeted HIV services at the community level and linked female sex workers to facilities for various services, including HIV testing and treatment. The project reached 4,000+ female sex workers with HIV interventions.

USAID Accelerating Quality Family Planning Access and Use in South Sudan (2018–2020)

Through the USAID LINKAGES and E2A projects, IntraHealth worked with partners to improve access to family planning services. In 2018, we implemented a dedicated family planning provider model, which addressed the shortage of health workers and helped increase service access and acceptance. Over 18,000 clients received family planning methods resulting in 20,000+ years of protection from unwanted pregnancies for couples through contraceptives. IntraHealth also developed the first-ever national family planning curriculum with the Ministry of Health.

Past Projects

- ▶ **Strengthening the Capacity to Scale-up HIV Prevention, Care, and Treatment Programs in South Sudan, 2015–2020 (CDC)**
- ▶ **Coordinating Comprehensive Care for Children (4Children), 2014–2019 (USAID)**
- ▶ **Linkages Across the Continuum of HIV Services for Key Populations Affected by HIV Project, 2014–2018 (USAID)**
- ▶ **Immunization & Field Epidemiology Training Project, 2014 (CDC)**
- ▶ **Strengthening System Capacity & Data Collection with a Focus on Strategic Information in South Sudan, 2012–2017 (CDC)**
- ▶ **Department of Defense HIV/AIDS Prevention Program, 2012–2013 (US Department of Defense)**
- ▶ **Preventing and Reducing the Impact of HIV in South Sudan, 2009–2014 (CDC)**
- ▶ **The Provision of Prevention and Awareness Services among Uniformed Cadres in the Fight against HIV/AIDS in Southern Sudan, 2008–2009 (UNHCR)**
- ▶ **Reduce the Impact of HIV in South Sudan, 2006–2009 (CDC)**
- ▶ **The Capacity Project, 2004–2009 (USAID)**

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