

Intra Health Workers Save Lives. SOUTH SUDAN

Since 2006, IntraHealth International has worked with our partners in South Sudan to improve access to health services amid civil war, famine, a refugee crisis, and rampant inflation. In collaboration with governmental and nongovernmental agencies, we provide high-quality HIV prevention services, improve access to modern contraceptives, address the country's shortage of health workers, and work with the South Sudan Ministry of Health to strengthen the health system.

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 builds the Ministry of Health's capacity to generate, gather, disseminate, and use integrated, high-quality information to inform evidence-based HIV programming and strategic planning in South Sudan. Increasing the availability and use of reliable electronic medical records allows more accurate targeting of HIV programming and better use of scarce resources for care and prevention. This project is a follow-on to Strengthening System Capacity and 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.

Strengthening the Capacity to Scale-up HIV Prevention, Care, and Treatment Programs in South Sudan (2015-2020)

This CDC-funded PEPFAR project strengthens the quality and delivery of HIV prevention, care, and treatment programs in partnership with the Ministry of Health. It expands HIV testing and counseling services, strengthens linkages to care and treatment, and improves access to antiretroviral treatment for pregnant and breastfeeding mothers, their partners, and children. IntraHealth and its partners have provided HIV testing and counseling services—including pre- and post-test counseling, voluntary counseling and testing, prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, and provider-initiated counseling and testing—to more than 243,000 individuals. In 2020, IntraHealth is providing technical assistance to the Ministry of Health to improve leadership and coordination among implementing partners in managing high-quality HIV/AIDS services. \mathbf{R}

367,661+ people tested and counseled for HIV since 2009



3,000+ women received antiretroviral therapy to prevent mother-to-child HIV transmission since 2009



72,600+ people received family planning services since 2009



Strengthened Reproductive Health for Key Populations (2018-2020)

This activity improves access to services and the quality of care and treatment for members of key populations who live with HIV, primarily female sex workers. Implemented initially through Linkages (see past projects below) and currently through the Evidence to Action (E2A) Project, this USAID-funded project provides targeted HIV services at the community level and links female sex workers to facilities for various services, including HIV testing and treatment. The project has reached 4,072 female sex workers with HIV interventions and provided 3,635 HIV testing services. Of those who tested positive, 84% have started antiretroviral treatment.

Coordinating Comprehensive Care for Children (4Children) (2014-2019)

As a partner on 4Children, a global USAID-funded project led by Catholic Relief Services, IntraHealth applies its expertise in human resources for health and HIV to strengthen the social service workforce and the systems that improve the lives of orphans, vulnerable children, and families. About 16,000 children (ages 0-14) live with HIV in South Sudan, but only 9% of them are on antiretroviral treatment. Working with the Ministry of Health and State Directorate of Gender and Social Development in South Sudan, this project focuses on the most vulnerable children and their caregivers in four locations in Juba and provides a range of services, including case management, referrals for HIV services, household economic strengthening, support in parenting techniques for caregivers of vulnerable children, and short-term education and nutritional assistance. There are 370 households enrolled in the project and 1,424 children and their caregivers have been reached with at least one service over the past six months.

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

Through the Linkages project and E2A, IntraHealth is working with partners to improve access to family planning counseling and services. In 2018, IntraHealth implemented a dedicated family planning provider model, which addressed the shortage of health workers and helped increase access and acceptance. A monthly average of 690 clients accepted various contraceptive methods, generating a monthly average of 617 years of protection from unwanted pregnancies to couples. IntraHealth also developed the first-ever national family planning curriculum with the South Sudan Ministry of Health. With USAID funding and in close coordination with Health Pooled Fund partners, IntraHealth is expanding this project to four states in 2020.

Past Projects

- 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 and 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 Capacity Project, 2004-2009 (USAID)
- Reducing the Impact of HIV in South Sudan, 2006-2009 (CDC)
- The Provision of Prevention and Awareness Services among Uniformed Cadres in the Fight against HIV/AIDS in Southern Sudan, 2008-2009 (UNHCR)

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