

EGYPT 2022

Summary of the Joint Programme's support to the national HIV response in 2022



Egypt continues to scale up harm reduction programmes, including HIV, hepatitis B and C, Opioid Agonist Therapy (OAT) and Needles and Syringes Programmes (NSPs) to curb new HIV infections among people who use or inject drugs and key populations. As a result, 14 359 people from key populations accessed combination HIV prevention services and hepatitis B vaccination; 7840 people received HIV testing while 4000 former prisoners and 500 of their family members were screened for HIV, hepatitis B and C as well as noncommunicable diseases. Additionally, 2770 people who inject drugs in four governorates received 10 000 condoms and 20 000 syringes through civil society organizations (UNDP, UNODC). A total of 632 refugees and asylum seekers were also tested for HIV and 7842 condoms were distributed in refugee camps and surrounding communities (UNHCR).

More than 200 000 young people from various universities were sensitized on HIV prevention, testing, and treatment services and empowered to promote the rights of adolescent and young people, thanks to the partnership with the International Federation of Medical Students Egypt and the Supreme Council of University Hospitals (UNHCR, UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA, UNODC, WHO, IOM).

Development of the latest National Prevention Guidance and Tools and Guidance for HIV Self-Testing will extend combination HIV prevention and testing services to marginalized and key populations. The first pilots for voluntary HIV counselling and testing were opened in two university hospitals and provided services for students and hospital clients (UNAIDS Secretariat).

The national *Health for All* initiative was launched to scale up equitable HIV services among vulnerable and key populations, including people living with HIV, thanks to a partnership with the Ministry of Health and Populations and the Supreme Council of University Hospitals (115 university hospitals). Additionally, 350 people living with HIV improved their knowledge of social protection programmes, including eligibility, registration criteria, and benefits (UNDP).

Religious leaders from ElAzhar, ElAwqaaf, and the Coptic Church were oriented and mobilized to address stigma and discrimination of key populations and promote equality in the community and through their educational training manuals (UNICEF, UNAIDS Secretariat). A total of 385 primary healthcare providers in nine governorates improved their understanding of equitable services, including stigma, cultural barriers, and the inclusion of migrants and refugees. Additionally, 6521 vulnerable women, including women living with HIV accessed sexual and reproductive health, PMTCT, antiretroviral treatment, psychosocial, and legal services in nine governorates through a collaboration with government and civil society institutions (UNAIDS Secretariat).

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with Akhnaton-Eva Pharma to scale up advocacy for the rights of young people and key populations and strengthen the capacity of health care providers and civil society organizations to improve access to quality services—US\$ 100 000 were invested in these activities in 2022 (UNAIDS Secretariat).

KEY RESULTS

- Over 200 000 students were sensitized on HIV prevention, testing, and treatment services.
- Over 36 000 people from key populations accessed combination HIV prevention, testing and treatment services.
- US\$ 100 000 was mobilized from private sector to improve access to quality services for young people and key populations.

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2022 Joint Programme Expenditure

Total US\$ 2 125 293

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