

## STRATEGIC FOCUS

CDC/DGHT provides HIV/AIDS and TB support to the Ministry of Health (MOH) of Mali, specifically laboratory, surveillance, and TB/HIV integration at the national and policy level. CDC is the principal external partner and the only agency providing technical assistance on HIV/AIDS surveillance and laboratory, and technical assistance to improve HIV/TB integration. CDC and partners' core and foundational activities complement national efforts on prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV (PMTCT), early infant diagnosis (EID), laboratory capacity building, laboratory testing, laboratory quality control, national health policy development, HIV/STI prevention and care for key and vulnerable populations, and TB control.

**Building Laboratory Foundation for HIV and TB:** CDC provides financial and technical assistance to enhance the capacity of the National Public Health Research Institute through laboratory-based quality assurance control programs.

**Development of National HIV/TB Strategic Information Capacity:** CDC leads and provides financial and technical assistance to develop national surveillance strategy and specific activities including national key population surveys, and quality assurance of MOH and local NGOs in monitoring and evaluation (M&E). CDC leverages Global Fund resources to expand surveys to achieve national coverage.

**Integration of TB/HIV Programs:** CDC provides technical assistance to the TB program formulating the opt-out strategy for HIV testing, and to achieve programmatic enhancement through feasibility studies and facilitating policy dialogue.

## KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Strategic Information and Laboratory Systems Support

- Development and phased implementation of national key HIV populations' surveys.
- Facilitated the laboratory accreditation (SLMTA) process including laboratory policy and the revision of HIV and STI testing algorithms.
- Achieved consensus on national TB surveillance prevalence and resistance monitoring.
- Established the only regional Early Infant Diagnosis laboratory in Kayes region.

### National Policy and Program Support

- Assisted national TB program identify policy and program gaps in HIV/TB integration and MDRTB management through facilitated national stakeholder dialogue and revision of strategic plan addressing the gaps including opt-out HIV testing strategy in TB clinics, feasibility study of performance based financing to increase HIV testing rates, patient incentives program for MDRTB, and consensus development for funding increase for TB.
- CDC plays active role in HIV/AIDS technical work groups on PMTCT, key populations, and surveillance to improve the effectiveness, and adherence to scientific PEPFAR and UNAIDS technical guidance.
- CDC serves as a core member of the Country Coordination Mechanism for Global Fund facilitating the development and writing of the Concept note for the 2018-2020 funding for TB and HIV.

### Key Country Leadership

President:  
Ibrahim Boubacar Keita

Minister of Health:  
Madeleine Togo

U.S. Ambassador:  
Paul Folmsbee

CDC/DGHT Director:  
Shahul Ebrahim

### Country Quick Facts

Per Capita GNI:  
\$790 (2015)

Population:  
17.6 million (2015)

Under 5 Mortality:  
115 / 1,000 live births (2015)

Life Expectancy:  
58 years (2014)

### Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic

Estimated HIV Prevalence (Ages 15-49): 1.3% (2015)

Estimated AIDS Deaths (Age ≥15): 5,500 (2015)

Estimated Orphans Due to AIDS: 66,000 (2015)

Reported Number Receiving Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) (Age ≥15): 34,974 (2015)

### Global Tuberculosis (TB) Epidemic

TB Treatment Success Rate: 73% (2015)

Estimated TB Incidence: 57 / 100,000 (2015)

Estimated Who are HIV Positive: 13% (2015)

### Country Staff: 10

Locally Employed Staff: 8  
Direct Hires: 2  
Fellows & Contactors: 0

