

## STRATEGIC FOCUS

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) presence in Trinidad and Tobago is part of CDC's office located in Jamaica. CDC supports the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and other partners in-country to reach the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) 95-95-95 targets by 2030: 95 percent of all people living with HIV (PLHIV) will know their HIV status; 95 percent of all people with diagnosed HIV will receive sustained antiretroviral therapy (ART); and 95 percent of all people receiving ART will have viral suppression. By leveraging existing political commitment, CDC facilitates fast-tracking and adoption of international best practices and policies based on the World Health Organization's recommendations to continue accelerating progress in Trinidad and Tobago.

## KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CDC is building clinical capacity to institutionalize and adopt the World Health Organization (WHO) Treat All Guidelines aimed at addressing key gaps in the 95-95-95 cascade. This support includes:

### HIV Prevention, Care and Treatment

- Providing technical assistance for case-finding, including index testing, mobile testing, and enhanced partner notification; targeted interventions for high-risk men through men's health services; integrated sexually transmitted infections and HIV prevention care and treatment.
- Updating testing policies to include HIV infection recency testing as well as HIV self-testing.
- Linking diagnosed PLHIV never initiated on ART to care and return and recovery for PLHIV who have an interruption in care.
- Reattaining patients in care through expanded key population care access, differentiated care models including evening clinic hours, and counseling on adherence to treatment.
- Promoting Undetectable equals Untransmittable (U=U) messaging.
- Enhancing viral load suppression through psychosocial services and treatment adherence support, viral load monitoring and channeling for patients who are not virally suppressed, and fast-tracking of stable patients (Rapid Pathway Model).
- Implementing behavior change strategies aimed at reducing stigma and discrimination towards PLHIV, particularly in key populations, through gender diversity and sexuality sensitization training.

### Laboratory Strengthening Capacity

- Supporting continuous quality improvement toward accreditation, including strengthening human resource capacity through technical training.
- Implementing the HIV Rapid Test Quality Improvement Initiative, monitoring quality assurance of HIV testing, and providing external quality assurance panels to monitor HIV and related testing.
- Expanding the Laboratory Information System.
- Scaling up and strengthening of viral load testing.
- Strengthening the National Laboratory Services Network and implementing routine HIV drug resistance testing.

### Strategic Information

- Enhancing the availability of high-quality and timely data by strengthening essential data and information systems to monitor and evaluate program interventions and inform programming.
- Strengthening data collection tools, the development of data tracking systems, and data visualization tools.
- Building a culture of data use-through timely data analysis and the linking of disparate information systems (surveillance, prevention, treatment, and laboratory).
- Supporting staff capacity at the national, regional, and site levels to monitor and evaluate HIV programming and make informed programmatic and policy decisions.

## Key Country Leadership

Prime Minister:  
Keith Rowley

Minister of Health:  
Terrence Deyalsingh

U.S. Ambassador:  
Candace Bond

Acting CDC Country Director:  
Adeyelu Asekun

[Country Quick Facts](https://worldbank.org/en/where-we-work)  
(worldbank.org/en/where-we-work)

Per Capita GNI:  
\$16,330 (2022)

Population (millions):  
1.53 (2022)

Under 5 Mortality:  
16.3/1,000 live births (2021)

Life Expectancy:  
73 (2021)

[Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic](https://aidsinfo.unaids.org)  
(aidsinfo.unaids.org)

Estimated HIV Prevalence  
(Ages 15-49): 1.0% (2022)

Estimated AIDS Deaths  
(Age ≥15): <500 (2022)

Estimated Orphans Due to  
AIDS: 3,200 (2022)

Reported Number Receiving  
Antiretroviral Therapy (ART)  
(Age ≥15): 7,104 (2022)

[Global Tuberculosis  
\(TB\) Epidemic](https://who.int/tb/country/data/profiles/en)  
(who.int/tb/country/data/profiles/en)

Estimated TB Incidence:  
13/100,000 population (2021)

TB Patients with Known HIV  
Status who are HIV-Positive:  
11% (2021)

TB Treatment Success Rate:  
70% (2020)

**DGHT Country Staff: 1**  
Locally Employed Staff: 1  
Direct Hires: 0  
Fellows & Contractors: 0

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