

MYANMAR (BURMA)

CDC Division of Global HIV & TB's Strategic Focus



The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) formally established an office at the U.S. Embassy in Rangoon, Burma, in January 2015. CDC supports Burma's goal of reaching the UNAIDS 95-95-95 targets. CDC is a key implementer of the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) in building a sustainable HIV response. CDC and partners to implement evidence-based strategies and operational guidelines for HIV treatment and prevention and strengthen laboratory and surveillance systems. CDC also provides support to address the country's growing tuberculosis (TB) epidemic.

Key Activities and Accomplishments

Building Public Health Capacity

- Supported the revision of HIV testing guidelines, incorporating index testing, self-testing, and peer-led community-based screening in previously hard-to-reach populations affected by high HIV prevalence.
- Helped the government to update the HIV clinical management and TB/HIV guidelines with optimized treatment regimens and algorithms and incorporated differentiated service delivery models to meet the needs of populations at greater risk of HIV.
- Strengthened national capacity in strategic information priorities such as HIV estimates, disease surveillance among populations at greater risk of HIV, national reporting system strengthening, use of data for program monitoring, and quality improvement through HIV program reviews at national and sub-national levels.
- Provided expertise to conduct the 2020 and 2023 HIV sentinel surveillance among sentinel groups.
- Partnered with UNAIDS to develop HIV estimates for 2020-2023 at the national and sub-national levels using specific modeling. The disease estimates are used to inform national HIV responses and strategic plans and PEPFAR annual regional operation plans.
- Supported the National AIDS Spending Assessment for 2020-2022 in partnership with UNAIDS to analyze the financial flow on HIV spending in Burma. This assessment aims to inform funding decisions to address the HIV epidemic, future national strategic plans, and guide the development of a sustainability roadmap for the country's HIV response.

Strengthening Laboratory Systems and Networks

- Strengthened HIV diagnostics, viral load testing, quality management systems, and capacity for the national scale-up of routine HIV viral load testing.

HIV Prevention and Treatment

- Improved the clinical cascade for HIV testing, treatment, and prevention of people affected by high HIV prevalence.
- Updated pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) national standard operating procedures, training curriculum, job aids, and a national PrEP tracker in 2023 to support PrEP implementation and expansion for all people at greater risk of HIV and in high burden areas.

Tuberculosis Prevention and Treatment

- Provided technical expertise to build the capacity for sustaining tuberculosis (TB) diagnostic and treatment services following the major disruptions in recent years.
- Ensured high-quality laboratory diagnostic services, designed and implemented the national TB prevalence survey, and planned for a national drug-resistant TB survey.

Key Country Leadership

Chargé d’Affaires:
Susan Stevenson

CDC/DGHT Program Director:
Trong Ao

Country Quick Facts

Per Capita GNI: \$1,230 (2023)

Population (millions):
57.53 (2024)

Under 5 Mortality:
41.4/1,000 live births (2024)

Life Expectancy:
67.10 years (2024)

Global HIV Epidemic

Estimated HIV Prevalence (Ages 15-49):
0.9% (2023)

**Estimated HIV Deaths
(Age ≥15):** 5,800 (2023)

**Reported Number Receiving
Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) (Age ≥15):**
211,277 (2023)

Global Tuberculosis (TB) Epidemic

Estimated TB Incidence:
558/100,000 population (2023)

**Reported Percent of People with TB
and HIV:** 6.6% (2023)

TB Treatment Success Rate:
88% (2022)

DGHT Country Staff

Locally Employed Staff: 3
Direct Hires: 1
Fellows & Contractors: 0