

HIV in Lusaka, Zambia

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Zambia

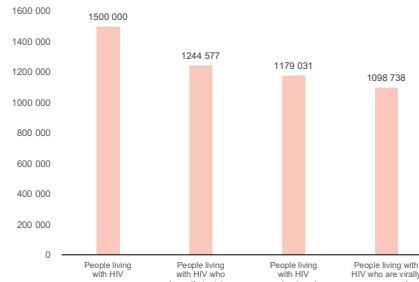


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Background Information – Country

Progress towards 90-90-90 (all ages), country

83-95-93



Population country (all ages) 18 million

HIV prevalence country (15+ years) 11.70%

HIV incidence country per 1000 population (15+ years) 6.07

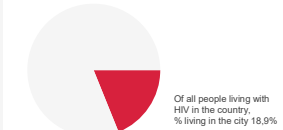
HIV new infections country (all ages) 69 000

AIDS-related deaths country (all ages) 24 000

Background Information – City

Population city (all ages) 3.3 million

Of country population, % living in the city 18%



Epidemiology

HIV prevalence (15+ years) 17.0%

HIV incidence per 1000 population (15+ years) 6.00

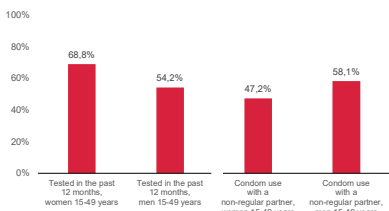
HIV new infections (all ages) 10072

Vertical transmission rate N/A

Coverage of prevention of vertical transmission N/A

AIDS-related deaths (all ages) 2900

HIV Prevention

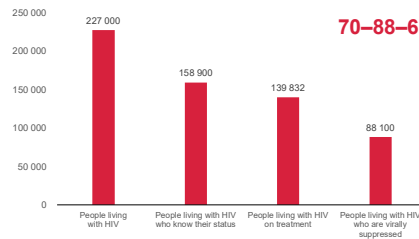


Male circumcision prevalence 15-49 years 31.1%

People actively taking PrEP 3855

Progress towards 90-90-90 (all ages), city

70-88-63



Recent Achievements

Strong political and financial support has been secured from the city for the HIV response. There has been a 50% increase in the city budget allocation for HIV/AIDS and gender-related activities.

A Fast-Track Action Plan has been developed by the city to guide its HIV response and facilitate coordination amongst implementing partners.

Lusaka City's ability to collect and analyse strategic information has been strengthened through the establishment of an M&E unit (the first of its kind in the city) and the city dashboard.

Challenges

The Ministry of Health's data management system uses health catchment areas which are not comparable with the City's administrative areas, which creates challenges in providing high-quality City level data to inform the HIV response.

COVID-19-related restrictions have caused some implementation delays.

Zambia's penal code and criminal procedure code is not responsive to society's current needs and international human rights principles and standards.

Key Populations

	Sex workers	Gay men and other men who have sex with men	Transgender people	People who inject drugs
Population size estimate	26 800	993	800	
HIV prevalence	50.0%			
HIV testing (past year)				
People living with HIV on ART	82.5%			
Condom use (last sex)				N/A

Safe injecting practices among people who inject drugs N/A

Needles and syringes distributed per person who injects drugs N/A

Coverage of opioid substitution therapy N/A

Young People

Population size estimate women 15-24 years 631 021

HIV new infections women 15-24 years 3062



Violence

Intimate partner violence (physical, sexual, emotional) ever experienced, women 15-49 years N/A

Priority Actions

Explore strategies to reduce ARV drug costs, including pooled procurements, longer-lasting drugs, reduced resistance drugs, or improved stock management to reduce wastage.

Address with urgency any obstacles limiting the scale-up of testing and treatment initiation.

Invest in health systems development such as strategic information, supply chain, infrastructure, laboratory capacity.

Data Sources

Naomi Spectrum, 2019; Lusaka City Fast Track Cities Plan, 2018; COP, 2020; ZDHS, 2018; Kilemba W. et al., 2019; HIV 2020 UNAIDS Estimates

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