

DAPP Namibia – Public Health Program Summary 2023

TCE – Total Control of the Epidemic Program

- The TCE (Total Control of the (HIV/AIDS) Epidemic) program is supported by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and is implemented in close cooperation with the Ministry of Health and Social Services
- The TCE program began operations in Namibia 18-years ago
- The TCE program operates with more than 500 field staff in 217 health facilities and facility catchment areas in 12 of Namibia's 14 regions
- The TCE program is an evidence-based approach to provide community-level HIV and TB prevention, treatment, care and support interventions
- TCE program activities are designed to close specific epidemiological gaps to achieve epidemic control in Namibia - specific activities include:
 - Conducting community-based Index Contact HIV Testing
 - Tracing and reengaging in treatment People Living with HIV who interrupted their treatment
 - Identifying Pregnant or Breastfeeding Women for linkage to Antenatal and Postnatal services at health facilities
 - Supporting HIV exposed babies from birth until 18 months age or 3 months after breastfeeding cessation to ensure the HIV exposed babies remain HIV negative
 - Enrolling People Living with HIV in support systems (TRIOs, Community Adherence groups) to promote adherence and continuity in care
 - Provide men living with HIV support from MenStar Coaches
 - Providing Cervical Cancer Screening services for Women Living with HIV
 - Conducting health education sessions on TB in the community
 - Screening People Living with HIV and general population members for TB at community-level
 - Collecting sputum from TB Presumptive Cases for TB Testing
 - Conducting Direct Observed Therapy (DOT) for TB patients at both facility and community-level

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- Supporting People Living with HIV and TB contacts initiated on short course TB Preventative Therapy (TPT) to ensure treatment completion
- Tracing TB treatment interrupted patients and reengage them back on treatment

Malaria Program

- The DAPP Malaria program is supported by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria and is awarded through the Ministry of Health and Social Services
- The DAPP Malaria program operates in Namibia's five (5) Malaria endemic regions; Zambezi, Kavango East, Kavango West, Ohangwena, and Omusati
- DAPP Namibia employs 100 Community Health Workers (CHWs) and 10 Community Health Worker Field Supervisors (CHWFS) to deliver community-based Malaria prevention, testing, and treatment activities – specific Malaria activities include:
 - Conducting community outreach events to deliver Malaria health education, Malaria prevention, testing, and treatment activities
 - Visiting rural households to conduct health education, Malaria prevention, testing, and treatment activities
 - Conducting community-level parasitological Malaria testing
 - Diagnosing Malaria cases at community-level
 - Treating diagnosed Malaria cases at community-level according to national guidelines with first-line antimalarials
 - Mobilizing community support and cooperation for outdoor residual spraying
 - Supporting the Ministry of Health and Social Service in vector-borne disease outbreak response