ACHIEVE

The Adolescents and Children HIV Incidence Reduction, Empowerment and Virus Elimination (ACHIEVE) project, funded by the U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief through USAID and led by Pact, aims to achieve and maintain HIV/AIDS epidemic control for the most at-risk and hard to reach pregnant and breastfeeding (PBF) women, infants, children, and adolescents. ACHIEVE has worked in Burundi, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, South Sudan, Tanzania, and Zambia. ACHIEVE’s consortium members are Jhpiego, Palladium Group, No Means No Worldwide, and WI-HER, LLC.

OUR OBJECTIVES

Attain and maintain HIV epidemic control among at-risk pregnant and breastfeeding women, infants, children, and youth.

Support the transition of prime funding and implementation to capable local partners in order to meet the PEPFAR goal of 70% of funding local partners.

REGION
Africa

CURRENT IMPLEMENTING COUNTRIES
- Nigeria
- Rwanda
- South Africa
- South Sudan
- Tanzania
- Zambia

DURATION
April 2019 – December 2026

PARTNERS
- Jhpiego
- No Means No Worldwide
- Palladium Group
- WI-HER, LLC

OUR ACTIVITIES

Orphans and Vulnerable Children

Orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) face significant risks as a result of HIV/AIDS and its socio-economic effects. ACHIEVE implements a household-level case management approach by working directly with vulnerable families to help them overcome a range of challenges that contribute to their vulnerability. This includes helping caregivers to increase their income and gain parenting skills, and helping children access nutritious food, health services, and school.

Healthy Interventions Stable Interventions Safe Interventions Schooled Interventions
357,809 reached 351,390 reached 225,665 reached 59,681 reached

Healthy Interventions
43,758 C/ALHIV on ART 99.8% virally suppressed

Stable Interventions
63,090 VSLG group members $1.99 million in savings $1.53 million in loans

Safe Interventions
addressed over 4,100 cases of violence against children national registration and birth registration

Schooled Interventions
distributed school backpacks and uniforms paid school fees individualized support for school attendance and progression

96,866 preventive 81,393 DREAMS

552,610 OVC_SERV 374,351 comprehensive case management
DREAMS
Across sub-Saharan Africa, adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) are particularly vulnerable to HIV infection. ACHIEVE aims to address this through DREAMS (Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS-free, Mentored and Safe). Its programming provides a core package of services that layers interventions to address the individual, community, and structural factors that increase girls’ HIV risk, including gender inequality, gender-based violence, and limited access to education and economic opportunities.

Systems Strengthening
ACHIEVE implements social welfare systems strengthening activities in all the countries where it works. The aim is to strengthen the capacity of the ministries that work with children to improve service delivery and reduce the incidence of HIV. ACHIEVE provides technical assistance, training, and mentoring to host country government entities to improve the quality, monitoring, and coordination of services. ACHIEVE also supports the strengthening of planning, financial, procurement, and management information structures and procedures to improve effectiveness, efficiency, and accountability. Many of these skills will serve to prepare countries for USAID government to government (G2G) funding.

PrEP
Access to reliable health care is essential in fighting new HIV infections among people at high risk, as well as an awareness and understanding of the importance of life-saving treatments. ACHIEVE works to connect vulnerable populations with HIV testing services and gain access to Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) to ensure they stay HIV free. Many of these skills will serve to prepare countries for G2G funding from USAID.

Capacity Development
Strong investments in capacity development leads to more efficient and sustainable solutions. Building strong local responses to HIV in communities is key to ACHIEVE’s capacity development work. ACHIEVE provides training and mentoring on leadership and financial systems and compliance reviews and data system strengthening to ensure that local organizations have the capacity to provide quality, client-centered services.

Global Health Security
Pact and its partners will build upon existing health systems strengthening work by addressing emerging pandemic threats. The goal of these activities is to improve 50 priority countries to achieve demonstrated capacity in at least five technical areas by 2025. We will work toward a 4 of 5 score on the Joint External Evaluation scale (WHO). TA may be provided in the following technical areas: antimicrobial resistance, zoonotic disease, biosafety & biosecurity, national laboratory systems, surveillance, HR, infection & prevention control, and risk communication & community engagement.