The State of HIV Prevention in Democratic Republic of the Congo 2021

The number of people newly infected with HIV declined from 39,000 in 2010 to 20,000 in 2020, a 50% decline.

HIV prevention adaptations during COVID-19

- **Safe continuation of counselling:** Yes
- **Online counselling:** Yes
- **Condoms:** Yes
- **PrEP:** Not available
- **HIV treatment:** Yes
- **Safe injecting equipment:** Available
- **Optical subtitution therapy (take-home dosages):** Yes

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Linkages between HIV and sexual and reproductive health services

HIV testing services integrated within sexual and reproductive health
- Provider-initiated condom promotion integrated into sexual and reproductive health services

HIV programme coverage outcomes

**Adolescent girls and young women**
- Proportion of women who experienced intimate partner violence: 53%
- Girls who completed lower secondary education: id
- Policies on life skills-based HIV and sexuality education (secondary schools): id

**Condom use with a non-regular partner:**
- Among young people 15–24 years: 60%
- 15–49 years: 70%

**Condom use at last vaginal sex:**
- Young men 15–24 years: 70%
- Gay men and other men who have sex with men (MSM): 23%

**Condom use at last anal sex:**
- Young men 15–24 years: 23%
- Gay men and other men who have sex with men (MSM): 4%

**Use of safe injecting equipment:**
- People who inject drugs: 51%

**HIV prevalence**
- Young women 15–24 years: 51%
- Young men 15–24 years: 22%
- Gay men and other men who have sex with men: 16%
- People who inject drugs: 9%

**Number of new HIV infections (all ages)**
- 2010 baseline: 49,300
- 2020: 20,000
- 2025: 21,000

**Voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC)**
- % of HIV-positive pregnant women receiving ART: 93%
- Number of Estimated births to women living with HIV (2020): 32,000
- Number of new child infections due to vertical transmission (2020): 8,800

**Prevention of vertical transmission of HIV**
- % of children infected because mother acquired HIV during pregnancy or breastfeeding: 32%
- % of children infected because mother did not receive antiretroviral therapy during pregnancy or breastfeeding: 0%
- % of children infected because mother was on antiretroviral treatment during pregnancy or breastfeeding: 0%
- % of children infected because mother was on antiretroviral treatment during pregnancy or breastfeeding, but was not virologically suppressed: 0%

**Antiretroviral drug-based prevention**
- Number of new child infections due to vertical transmission (2020): 8,800

**Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)**
- Number of people newly infected with HIV (2020): 20,000
- Number of new child infections due to vertical transmission (2020): 8,800

**Policy and structural barriers**

**Key populations**
- Sex workers
- Gay men & other men who have sex with men (MSM)
- People who inject drugs
- Transgender people
- Prisoners

Criminalization of the behaviour of key populations
- Yes
- No
- id
- na

The national strategy includes critical elements of the programme package for key populations
- id
- id
- na

Avoided health care because of stigma and discrimination
- id
- na

Population size
- 2015
- 2020
- 2025

Adolescent girls and young women
- Proportion of women who experienced intimate partner violence
- id
- id

Score (1–10)
- Very very low
- Very low
- Low
- Good
- Very good
- Perfect

**Distribution of new child infections in 2020**
- 100%
- 10%
- 0%
- 5%
- 15%
- 20%
- 25%
- 30%
- 35%
- 40%
- 45%
- 50%
- 55%
- 60%
- 65%
- 70%
- 75%
- 80%
- 85%
- 90%
- 95%
- 100%

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