In 2004, the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation (EGPAF) began implementing a prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission (PMTCT) program in the Nampula, Cabo Delgado, Maputo, and Gaza provinces in Mozambique. Currently, EGPAF-Mozambique supports the Ministry of Health to strengthen the implementation of PMTCT services at 128 health facilities in Nampula and Gaza provinces and HIV care and treatment services at 105 health facilities in Gaza.

EGPAF works in close partnership with the Ministry of Health to ensure that women, children, and families living with and affected by HIV and AIDS receive the care and treatment they need to lead healthy and active lives. EGPAF-Mozambique’s work includes increasing and expanding access to HIV-related services, strengthening existing PMTCT and HIV care and treatment services, and improving monitoring and evaluation systems. We also aim to improve the capacity of national, local, and provincial health departments, health facilities, and communities and contribute to the development and implementation of national policies and guidelines. We collaborate with community-based organizations to sensitize and mobilize local communities around HIV/AIDS issues. Additionally, EGPAF promotes sustainability and local ownership of HIV and AIDS programs by building the capacity of its affiliate organization, Fundação Ariel Glaser contra o SIDA Pediátrico. Fundação Ariel Glaser has expanded HIV prevention, care and treatment services to 194 sites in Maputo and Cabo Delgado provinces.

Since 2004, EGPAF-Mozambique has:
- Enrolled 431,139 individuals into HIV care and support programs, including more than 22,100 children**
- Started more than 135,205 individuals living with HIV on antiretroviral therapy (ART), including over 12,071 children
- Provided PMTCT services to more than 1,133,492 women
- Tested more than 923,300 pregnant women for HIV
- Tested over 17,586 women and of those, 992 tested HIV-positive

* Sources: Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS, HIV and AIDS estimates (2014), and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Mozambique (2011). ** Excluding Zambezia
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Through the Fortalecer Project, EGPAF-Mozambique supports the Ministry of Health to strengthen implementation of PMTCT and care and treatment services at more than 128 PMTCT and 105 ART health facilities in the Gaza Province. Fortalecer works to increase access to and delivery of high-quality, cost-effective HIV prevention, care and treatment services, and build capacity of the health system to provide high-quality, client-focused health services. In addition, the project aims to strengthen data analysis to inform and improve health management processes and to ensure sustainable HIV prevention, care and treatment service delivery through the Ministry of Health and local partners.

Under this project, we also focus on strengthening human resources for health by: providing trainings to various cadres of the health workforce; developing management systems to track staff trainings, salaries and retention; developing job aids and providing on-site supportive supervision to maintain staff worker capacity; and implementing innovative methods and incentives to retain quality health staff. We also collaborated with the Ministry of Health to develop and roll-out their national human resource management manual and standard operating procedures. We provide the Ministry with additional health care staff, and support provincial and district health authorities to build performance management systems.

EGPAF-Mozambique has been at the forefront in the use of performance-based financing (PBF) to improve the quantity and quality of HIV and other priority services. These PBF efforts have resulted in improved quality of care, reinforced district-level accountability, and improved service management capacity.

EGPAF-Mozambique advocates at the national-level to ensure the availability of policies which support implementation of effective HIV prevention, care and treatment services for pregnant women, mothers, children and families. EGPAF works with the government of Mozambique, private partners, and other stakeholders to educate and mobilize communities around HIV/AIDS, assist in the development of policies related to prevention of HIV. We also contribute to the creation of national strategies and guidelines associated with HIV and AIDS care and treatment.

EGPAF is dedicated to the advancement of operations research focused on the improvement of prevention, care and treatment of HIV and AIDS in Mozambique. Current research projects include evaluating the trend of positivity of HIV results from children’s first dried blood spot test and examining the contribution of mobile clinics versus fixed clinics on district-level antiretroviral prophylaxis coverage. Past research projects have examined seroconversion and the barriers to pediatric HIV care.

We are also examining the impact of PBF on the number of HIV-positive individuals in care and treatment and mother-baby pair’s adherence and retention. This project is currently still under development.

For more information on the EGPAF-Mozambique program, please visit http://www.pedaids.org/countries/mozambique

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