

KENYA

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HIV/AIDS
PREVENTION PROGRAM**

**REDUCING THE INCIDENCE OF HIV/AIDS
AMONG UNIFORMED PERSONNEL IN
SELECTED AFRICAN NATIONS AND BEYOND**

WINNING BATTLES IN THE WAR AGAINST HIV/AIDS

BACKGROUND

Country Statistics

The population of Kenya is estimated at 33.8 million, with an average life expectancy of 48 years. English and Kiswahili are the official languages of Kenya, which has a literacy rate of 85%. The regional hub for trade and finance in East Africa, Kenya has a developing, relatively diversified economy. About 75% of the workforce is employed in agriculture, which accounts for 19% of the gross domestic product. Services (62%) and industry (19%) make up the other sectors of the economy. The annual per capita income is estimated at \$1,100.

HIV/AIDS Statistics

The HIV/AIDS prevalence rate in the general population is estimated to be 6.7%, with an estimated 1.2 million people living with HIV/AIDS. HIV prevalence in Kenya appears to be decreasing, with the most dramatic drops in prevalence observed in urban areas. More than 1.2 million children in Kenya have been orphaned through the death of their mother to HIV/AIDS. Identified risk factors include high-risk heterosexual contact with multiple partners, untreated sexually transmitted infections, and perinatal transmission. Girls and young women are particularly vulnerable to infection. Women aged 15–24 years are more than twice as likely to be infected as men of this age.

Military Statistics

The size of the armed forces is approximately 35,000. The Kenyan Department of Defense (KDOD) HIV rate is estimated at 7%.

PROGRAM RESPONSE

Military-to-Military Technical Assistance

The US Army has a significant in-country presence in Kenya and has provided needed technical assistance to the KDOD in the implementation of its activities, as well as the preparation of proposals for future efforts.



Proposed Future Activities

As a President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) focus country, the military of Kenya submitted a comprehensive HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and treatment proposal to the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator (OGAC) via their PEPFAR country team's overall Country Operational Plan (COP). Military activities for fiscal year 2006 were approved by technical and program review committees at OGAC, as well as by agency principals, and these will commence in the new fiscal year.

OUTCOMES & IMPACT

Prevention

The KDOD made significant progress during FY05 in all areas of its comprehensive HIV/AIDS prevention program. During the fiscal year, 33,439 troops were reached with community outreach prevention programs focusing on abstinence and/or being faithful (17,093 men and 16,346 women). Of these, the messages reaching 6,593 troops had a primary abstinence message (4262 men and 2,331 women). During the year, 472 military members were trained in providing this message to peers. In addition, 143,000 KDOD troops and their family members were reached with community outreach programs focusing on a comprehensive prevention message (97,000 men and 46,000 women). Another fifteen individuals were trained in providing this message to peers. The KDOD supported 440 targeted condom service outlets during the year.

Fifteen outlets providing prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) services were supported by the KDOD during FY05. During the year, 1290 pregnant women received PMTCT services, including counseling and testing (CT). Of those, 171 received a complete course of antiretroviral prophylaxis. Thirty health care workers were trained in the provision of PMTCT services.

Care

The KDOD supported 40 service outlets providing general palliative care for HIV infection. Of these, 1 provided care specifically for tuberculosis (TB). During FY05, 1289 troops and family members received care for HIV (704 men, 585 women). Of these, 234 received treatment for TB (164 men, 70 women).

Counseling and Testing

Twenty outlets provided CT services to military members and their families during FY05. During this time, 7414 KDOD personnel were tested and received their results (5416 men and 1998 women). Forty-nine individuals were trained in the provision of CT services to troops and family members.

Treatment

One service outlet provided antiretroviral therapy (ART) for military members during FY05. During the year, 402 military members newly initiated ART (257 adult men, 117 adult women, 15 boys, 13 girls). At the end of the year, 684 individuals had ever been on an ART regimen (473 men, 175 women, 18 boys, 18 girls). At the end of the year, 648 members were on ART (444 men, 168 women, 18 boys, 18 girls). Eighty-two military health care workers were trained in the provision of ART.