

Project Brief: Accelerating Program Achievements to Control the Epidemic, Lejweleputswa District

Full Title of Study/Programme	Accelerating Program Achievements to Control the Epidemic
Technical Focus Area/Key Words	Direct Service Delivery, Technical Assistance, District Support, National Support
Rationale	<p>South Africa is at the forefront of the global AIDS response and has made progress in the fight against HIV. Although the country has the world's largest HIV treatment programme, challenges remain in preventing new infections and reducing morbidity and mortality. In 2017, South Africa's burden of HIV infection was an estimated 7,203,313 of people living with HIV. Of these, only 53% access life-saving antiretroviral treatment through the country's public health care facilities.</p> <p>The APACE programme will leverage key innovations to ensure a comprehensive package of services that meets the wide-ranging needs of different patient groups across the HIV and TB continuum of care.</p>
Primary Objectives	<p>Project Goal: To improve and expand comprehensive clinical and non-clinical differentiated HIV care and treatment services that will accelerate and sustain HIV epidemic control in South Africa.</p> <p>Project Components:</p> <p>Component 1: Preventing new HIV infections and reducing HIV morbidity and mortality through an improved and sustained HIV and TB Continuum of Care by; Increasing the proportion of people living with HIV who know their status, Increasing the proportion of people living with HIV who are on treatment, and Increasing the proportion of people living with HIV who are virally suppressed.</p> <p>Component 2: Strengthening District Health Systems in support of the HIV and TB Continuum of Care. This will include Health Workforce Strengthening, strengthening Health Management Information Systems, District Health/Implementation Planning, Health Financing, Service Delivery Quality Improvement, Leadership, Management and Governance, Laboratory Systems and District pharmacists.</p> <p>Component 3: Strengthening National Health Systems in support of the HIV and TB Continuum of Care through technical support at the national level in the following technical areas: Advanced Clinical Care; Adolescent Girls and Young Women; PrEP; Dolutegravir roll</p>

	out; and Clinical Training programs as a follow up on NiMART training.
Secondary Objectives	
Primary Endpoint/Outcome	
Study/Programme sites	41 Health Care Facilities, Clinics and Hospitals in Lejweleputswa district, Free State
Study/Programme duration	1 October 2018 – 27 September 2023
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Sponsors/Donors	PEPFAR through United States Agency For International Development
Linked Sub Studies and post grad projects	Determining the epidemiological parameters of COVID-19 through sero-surveillance with Dried Plasma Spots; the COREP study Training Plan – Serial Sero-surveillance
Publications/key presentations to date	Conference Abstracts (2019/2020): Publications (2019/2020):
Frequency of donor narrative report	Quarterly, Annually
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