

AIDS

Monitoring and Evaluation of Responses to AIDS

GTZ assists its clients and partner institutions, including government agencies, non-profit organisations and private enterprises, in the development and implementation of effective monitoring and evaluation (M&E) systems. In line with the UNAIDS Three Ones principle (one national action framework, one national coordinating body, one national M&E system), we support country-led processes in devising M&E systems that provide the information required by the national AIDS programme's M&E framework.



GTZ conceives, implements, monitors and evaluates all its work according to the OECD-approved results-chain model and enables its partners to do likewise. For AIDS programmes, this means keeping track of inputs, such as expertise, finances, and materials, and of project outputs, such as training, curricula, voluntary counselling and testing (VCT) and treatment services. GTZ conducts internal and external evaluations to ensure that interventions result in the intended project outcomes and that they contribute, in the longer term, to the goals it pursues jointly with other development partners, such as the Millennium Development Goal of halting and reversing the AIDS epidemic.

Our experts advise on the latest qualitative and quantitative monitoring and evaluation methods, ranging from monitoring of programme quality, cost and coverage to surveillance of second-generation HIV and sexually transmitted infections (STI), combining prevalence and incidence data with surveys of essential behavioural trends. As a set, these different types of information enable our partners to understand better the dynamics of the HIV epidemic in their country and to steer and adapt their AIDS response accordingly.

GTZ's approaches and their results

GTZ AIDS experts can rely on the organisation's experience in providing technical advice and support in approximately 50 partner countries around the world. These are two examples of the approaches they work with and of the results that they have attained:

The M&E system of the Mbeya AIDS Control Programme: a model for the region

Helping the national AIDS programme to establish a comprehensive M&E system has been an essential component of the GTZ-supported Comprehensive AIDS Control Programme in Tanzania. With GTZ expertise, HIV and STI sentinel and behavioural surveillances have been conducted since 1989, providing valuable data on epidemiological as well as behavioural trends. The project has shown the achievement of prevention campaigns, including an increase of knowledge in the population about HIV and STI and an upward shift in the age at which young people become sexually active, both factors that help explain the marked reduction in the rate of new infections in the project area.

In accordance with the Three Ones, the individual components of the programme's M&E system are part of the national medium-term plans and national multi-sectoral

strategic framework, providing a model for other parts of Tanzania as well as for other countries in the region with similarly severe epidemics.

Helping the Guinean AIDS Programme establish second generation surveillance

In Guinea, GTZ works with the Ministry of Health, the National AIDS Committee and the World Bank in establishing countrywide second generation surveillance. The resulting national M&E system combines biological surveillance of HIV and STI infection rates with behavioural surveillance data, looking at the key population at higher risk as well as at the general population. While the resulting information has shown that the AIDS epidemic in Guinea is still on the increase, it has allowed the National AIDS Council to take focussed measures to accelerate and expand its response to AIDS.



In cooperation with the World Bank, GTZ has also assisted the National AIDS Committee in setting up a management information system – Planning, Evaluation and Surveillance of AIDS Interventions (SIDAPES) – to coordinate the activities carried out by the many organisations that contribute to the Guinean national AIDS response in different regions and at different levels. A focus of GTZ's support has been on empowering community service organisations also to use SIDAPES in order to take part in national planning and monitoring processes.

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GTZ's service package

In the field of M&E of responses to AIDS, GTZ provides a whole range of services, including:

Design and implementation of comprehensive M&E systems: We assist partner countries' governments in setting up national M&E systems that reliably monitor, at central and local level, the implementation of activities and their costs as well as their actual results and eventual impact.

Developing partners' M&E-related capacities: Through technical cooperation projects or through consultancies, coaching and training, we enable national AIDS councils, country coordinating mechanisms, private sector enterprises and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to develop and apply essential M&E expertise as needed for their respective programmes and institutions.

Second generation surveillance and epidemiological research: GTZ epidemiologists and AIDS experts design and carry out nationwide sentinel HIV and STI surveillance and monitor behavioural trends. In addition, they design and conduct focussed studies of prevalence or carry out other epidemiological research needed to explain the spread or reversal of an epidemic.

Participatory, gender-sensitive approaches to M&E:

We believe that it is the people themselves most affected by the epidemic, such as people living with HIV (PLWH) and their families, women, and girls who can judge best whether a programme has made a difference to their lives. This is why we promote involving PLWH and women in the design and implementation of M&E systems and advisory services on the collection of relevant sex-disaggregated quantitative and qualitative data.

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