



USAID SUSTAINABLE HIV RESPONSE FROM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (SHIFT) PROJECT

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The USAID Sustainable HIV Response from Technical Assistance (SHIFT) project strengthens HIV services and helps transition the HIV/AIDS response to local ownership through targeted technical assistance in 11 provinces in Vietnam towards accomplishing ambitious UNAIDS “90-90-90” targets. Vietnam was the first country in Southeast Asia to adopt the UNAIDS Fast-Track 90-90-90 targets, where 90 percent of all people living with HIV (PLHIV) know their HIV status, 90 percent of PLHIV who know their status receive sustained antiretroviral therapy (ART) and 90 percent of PLHIV on ART are virally suppressed.

STRENGTHENING SERVICES TO ACHIEVE 90-90-90 TARGETS

Building on the successes of previous USAID projects, USAID SHIFT continues implementation of testing and treatment models in three priority provinces: Nghe An, Dien Bien and Ho Chi Minh City. The project focuses on intensive, targeted HIV case-finding among key populations through mobile outreach, linking previously diagnosed PLHIV to sustainable treatment and providing immediate access to testing and treatment for those at the greatest risk. Innovative performance-based incentives for health workers and treatment incentives for PLHIV are being instituted to maximize the efficiency of these approaches. The project expands HIV testing by using lay providers to administer rapid finger prick and oral fluid tests, and promoting the analysis and use of service data to help stakeholders target programming where it will be most effective.

ENABLING DEMAND-DRIVEN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

USAID SHIFT is distinct from preceding USAID-funded HIV/AIDS programs in Vietnam, in that it includes a pivot to demand-driven technical assistance (TA), where local HIV stakeholders can request and receive project-supported assistance through the TA Marketplace (*Kênh Hợp Tác Hỗ Trợ Kỹ Thuật*). The online platform gathers TA providers with information on their availability, experience and skills relevant to the HIV response.

RESULTS

As of October 1, 2016, the project concluded firm fixed-price contracts with 11 priority and sustaining provinces for their first-year activities. The contracts include innovative performance-based incentives. The TA Marketplace is now available for requesting and providing critical HIV program support.

In the photo: Project and local health officials discuss plans during a mobile Reach-Test-Start/Treat mission in Dien Bien (FHI360).