



# PMHAP Partner Military HIV/AIDS Program

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## **Overview**

Since 1999, the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) has been involved in HIV/AIDS prevention to reduce the incidence of HIV in foreign militaries through the DoD HIV/AIDS Prevention Program (DHAPP). The Partner Military HIV/AIDS Program (PMHAP) is U.S. Africa Command's program to implement DHAPP objectives. At its inception, U.S. Africa Command declared its commitment to support the fight against HIV/AIDS and acknowledged HIV as a potential threat to Africa's regional security and stability by adopting the vision to "Eliminate new HIV cases in Partner Nation Militaries."

## **Objectives**

The objective of PMHAP is to support capacity building and development of HIV/AIDS policy within African militaries. AFRICOM's strategic security engagement objective is to assist African partner military's leadership with reducing the yearly incidence of HIV in their militaries.

## **Benefits**

Activities include: prevention training; support for orphans and vulnerable children affected by HIV/AIDS; counseling and testing services; HIV/AIDS treatment; laboratory infrastructure; strategic information; policy analysis and system strengthening; training in prevention of mother and child transmission; and training in medical procedures.

Palliative care including basic health and support for HIV-infected clients and their families as well as the prevention and treatment of tuberculosis, and screening and referral of clients and their families for HIV testing.

## **Facts and Figures**

For fiscal year 2011, AFRICOM funding managed by PMHAP included over \$128 million from PEPFAR and over \$4 million from DHAPP. AFRICOM's PMHAP is executed and implemented by DHAPP. The program is funded through the DHAPP Program Office using congressional supplements via the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Health Affairs (OSD (HA)) Defense Health Program; the Department of State (DoS), Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator (OGAC) using the Presidential Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), and the Department of State using the HIV/AIDS Foreign Military Financing (FMF) program.

## **Impact**

Since its inception, the program has provided services to more than 800,000 military members and their families in African partner nations.