



Community health volunteers bring their patients' HIV medication to their home, preventing them from losing much-needed income from waiting at the hospital all day for their medicine. Photo by Karen Kasmauski for CRS.

# overview

## EPIDEMIC CONTROL 90/90/90 (EPIC 3-90)

### PROJECT GOAL

To strengthen the capacity of Faith-Based Organizations in accelerating a comprehensive and integrated approach to providing HIV/AIDS/TB/STI Care, Treatment and Prevention Services in Zambia under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR).

### STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

EpiC 3-90 is supporting comprehensive HIV/AIDS service delivery at selected faith-based, government, and private health facilities while building capacity and systems for sustainability through three clear strategic objectives:



Support health facilities to improve their delivery of HIV prevention, clinical/treatment and laboratory services.



Improve key health system functions and structures needed to deliver quality HIV services.



Strategically collect and utilize health information to improve HIV service delivery.

EpiC 3-90 is supporting the Zambian Ministry of Health (MOH) to achieve UNAIDS Fast Track goals for epidemic control in targeted faith-based sites.

The goals are to have:

**95%** of all PLHIV know their status

**95%** of those diagnosed receiving sustained antiretroviral therapy (ART)

**95%** of all people receiving ART having viral suppression

### QUICK FACTS

<b>Project Type</b>	HIV/AIDS
<b>Funding Partner</b>	Centers for Disease Control (CDC)/PEPFAR
<b>Project location</b>	Lusaka, Central, Southern, and Western Provinces
<b>Timeframe</b>	2017-2022

### CONSORTIUM PARTNERSHIP

Partners implementing EpiC 3-90:

1. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) (primary partner)
2. Churches Health Association of Zambia (CHAZ)
3. Chreso Ministries

### SUSTAINABILITY OF PROJECT

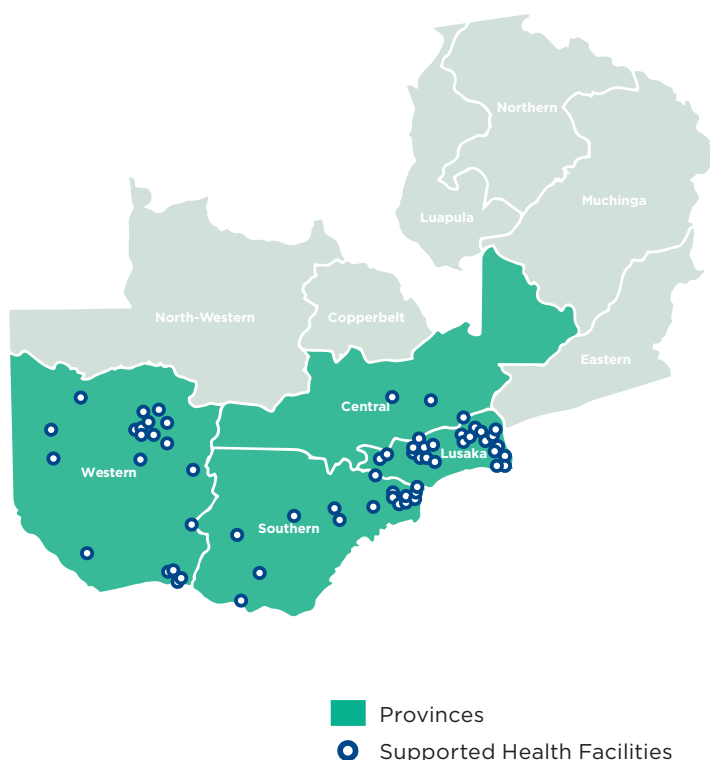
From the beginning, EpiC 3-90 has engaged all levels of the MOH counterparts to reinforce the Government of the Republic of Zambia (GRZ)'s ownership and capacity. Through the course of the project, EpiC 3-90 will gradually decrease its involvement to ensure full transition to the GRZ through the District and Provincial Health Offices, who will assume oversight of and technical assistance to supported facilities. EpiC 3-90 also mobilizes technical resources from the Lusaka office, the district and the provincial hubs when appropriate, based on the geographic distribution and needs of the targeted sites.

## EPIC DRIVE COMMUNITY POST MODEL



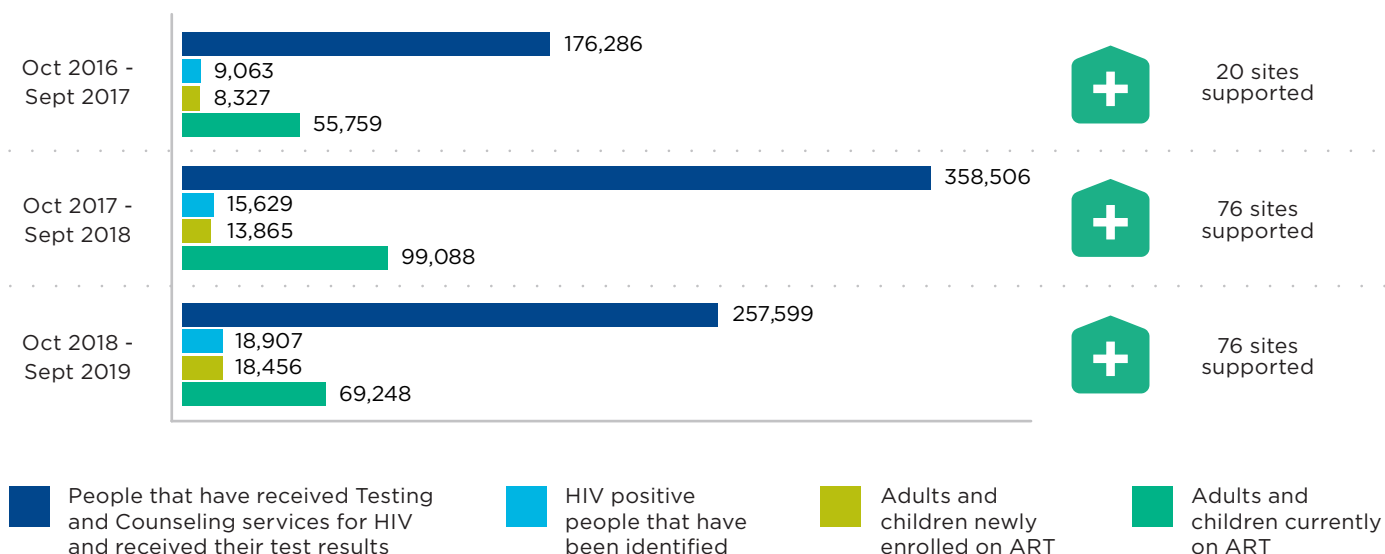
CRS has developed a model to help increase HIV testing and positivity yield which has been accepted as a PEPFAR model for HIV case management. Community posts have been set up in public centers like markets to allow community members to receive discreet, on-site HIV counseling and testing and begin initiation of treatment. In the first 15 months of establishing community posts in Lusaka, local partner Circle of Hope has brought on 12,000 Zambians for treatment—triple the amount of total cases over the previous 13 years of partnership with CRS. Click [here](#) for a video to learn more.

## WHERE WE WORK



## ACCOMPLISHMENTS\*

\*As of September 30th, 2019



## MEASURING PROJECT EFFECTIVENESS

To help optimize health impact and project cost-efficiency, EpiC 3-90 is coordinating the planning and activities with other stakeholders (e.g., CDC, other implementing partners, MOH bodies at all levels, and local faith-based organizations). The target is to ensure that the activities and services focus on more-at-risk populations, including “healthy positives,” youths and adolescents, pregnant and breastfeeding women, and the sexual partners of these individuals.

Additionally, purposeful evaluation and performance monitoring is ensuring EpiC 3-90’s timely and accurate project reporting and assisting quality improvement at clinical, management, and programmatic levels. Findings from routine monitoring and biannual evaluations are:

- Informing adjustments to the project activities and work plan to ensure that the project achieves its objectives and targets.
- Enhancing the accountability of the project to beneficiaries, including sites, communities, and clients.

