



CRS staff consults with Tati, mother of twins Mwanaidi and Mwanaisha, one of whom is HIV positive due to complications during delivery. Photo by Philip Laubner/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:

- 90%** of all PLHIV know their status
- 90%** of those diagnosed receiving sustained antiretroviral therapy (ART)
- 90%** of all people receiving ART having viral suppression

QUICK FACTS	
Project Type	HIV/AIDS
Funding Partner	Centers for Disease Control (CDC)
Project location	Lusaka, Central, Copperbelt, Eastern, Muchinga, Southern, and Western Provinces
Timeframe	2017-2021/2022

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 Medical Offices, who will assume oversight of and technical assistance to supported facilities.

Additionally, EpiC 3-90 will mobilize 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.



Woman shares a laugh at her checkup after an HIV support group meeting. Photo by Sara A. Fajardo/CRS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS*

*As of January 31, 2018



275,000+

people have received Testing and Counseling services for HIV and received their test results



8,000+

HIV positive people have been identified



12,000+

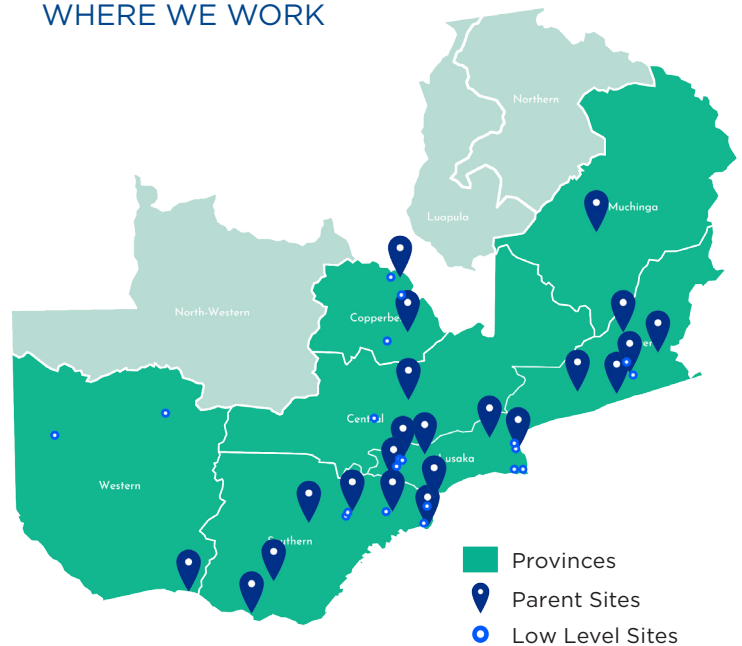
adults and children have been newly enrolled on ART



88,000+

adults and children currently on ART

WHERE WE WORK



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.



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