

40 YEARS OF THE AIDS RESPONSE

1981

• On 5 June, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued the **first official report of what would become known as the HIV epidemic**



1982

• Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (**AIDS**) is defined for the first time



2000

• **UN Security Council resolution 1308**: first time a health issue identified as a security threat • Millennium Declaration and launch of the **Millennium Development Goals**

2002

• **The Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria** created • **300 000 people in developing countries on treatment**



2003

• WHO and UNAIDS launch the **'3 x 5' initiative** – to get 3 million people in developing world with antiretroviral treatment by 2005. • **Creation of the United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)**. The funding commitment of \$15 billion over five years, was the largest single funding commitment for a disease in history



2012

• **UNAIDS/WHO releases guidelines** on ARV as prevention for serodiscordant couples



2015

• **Sustainable Development Goal target** to end AIDS as a public health threat by 2030 • Cuba becomes first country to **eliminate new HIV infections among children**



2016

• Test and treat recommendation for all people living with HIV



2013

• **Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis** approved for use by HIV-negative people

PrEP

2010

• iPrEx trial among MSM in 6 countries reported a **44% reduction in HIV transmission** among those who took a daily tenofovir/emtricitabine tablet. • **New unaids vision**: zero new HIV infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS-related deaths

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1982-3

• **Gay community responses** organized in many developed countries



1983

• **The Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) identified** as the cause of AIDS



1984

• In Africa a **heterosexual AIDS epidemic** is revealed



1985

• **The first HIV antibody test** becomes available



1987

• **The first therapy for AIDS** – zidovudine, or AZT – is approved for use in the USA



1986

• **Global network of people living with HIV/AIDS (GNP+)** then International • Steering Committee of People Living with HIV/AIDS founded **Syringe exchange programmes** to reduce HIV transmission begin in Australia, Netherlands and Britain



1991-93

• HIV prevalence in young pregnant women in Uganda and young men in Thailand begins to decrease, the **first major downturns in the epidemic in developing countries**



1994

• Scientists develop the **first treatment regimen to reduce mother-to-child transmission of HIV**. • Paris meeting establishing the **Greater Involvement of People with AIDS (GIPA)** principle



1996

• **Introduction of combination treatment** with at least three antiretroviral drugs • **UNAIDS is created**



1997

• **Brazil** becomes the first developing country to **provide antiretroviral therapy through its public health system**. • **Annual new infections peaked at nearly 3.2 million** [3.0 million-3.5million]



1998

• Use of antiretroviral treatment to prevent **Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT)** found to be effective in resource-poor settings and recommended for implementation globally

2005

• **G8 commitment** to Universal Access to Treatment

2006

• UN member states commit to achieving **Universal Access to Prevention, Treatment, Care and Support**

2007

• UNAIDS and WHO recommend **voluntary medical male circumcision** in high HIV prevalence settings

2009

• Increasing evidence that earlier **ART initiation reduces HIV- and TB related morbidity and mortality** and reduces HIV and TB transmission

2011

• UN Security Council resolution 1983 recognizing the deadly **link between HIV and violence** against women in conflict and post-conflict settings • UN General Assembly Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS – Member States recommit to universal access and set targets to change the course of the epidemic by 2015

• **Global plan to eliminate new HIV infections among children by 2015 and keeping their mothers alive launched**

• **HPTN Study 052** finds **ART reduces HIV transmission 96% in serodiscordant couples**

2018

• **Vaginal ring** releasing long acting antiretroviral medicine to prevent HIV is shown to be about 50% effective



2019

• **Long acting injections** shown to **protect women from HIV**

2020

• **27.4 million people on treatment, 1.5 million new HIV infections**

2021

• **New Global AIDS Strategy with focus on Ending inequalities to end AIDS** adopted

