



IMMEDIATE IMPACT OF THE US GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE ORDER

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INTRODUCTION



- Based on media reports the US Government has ordered the immediate suspension of all foreign assistance consistent with the Executive Order issued by President Trump in January 2025.
- This has paused all work supported by President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) for at least 90 days



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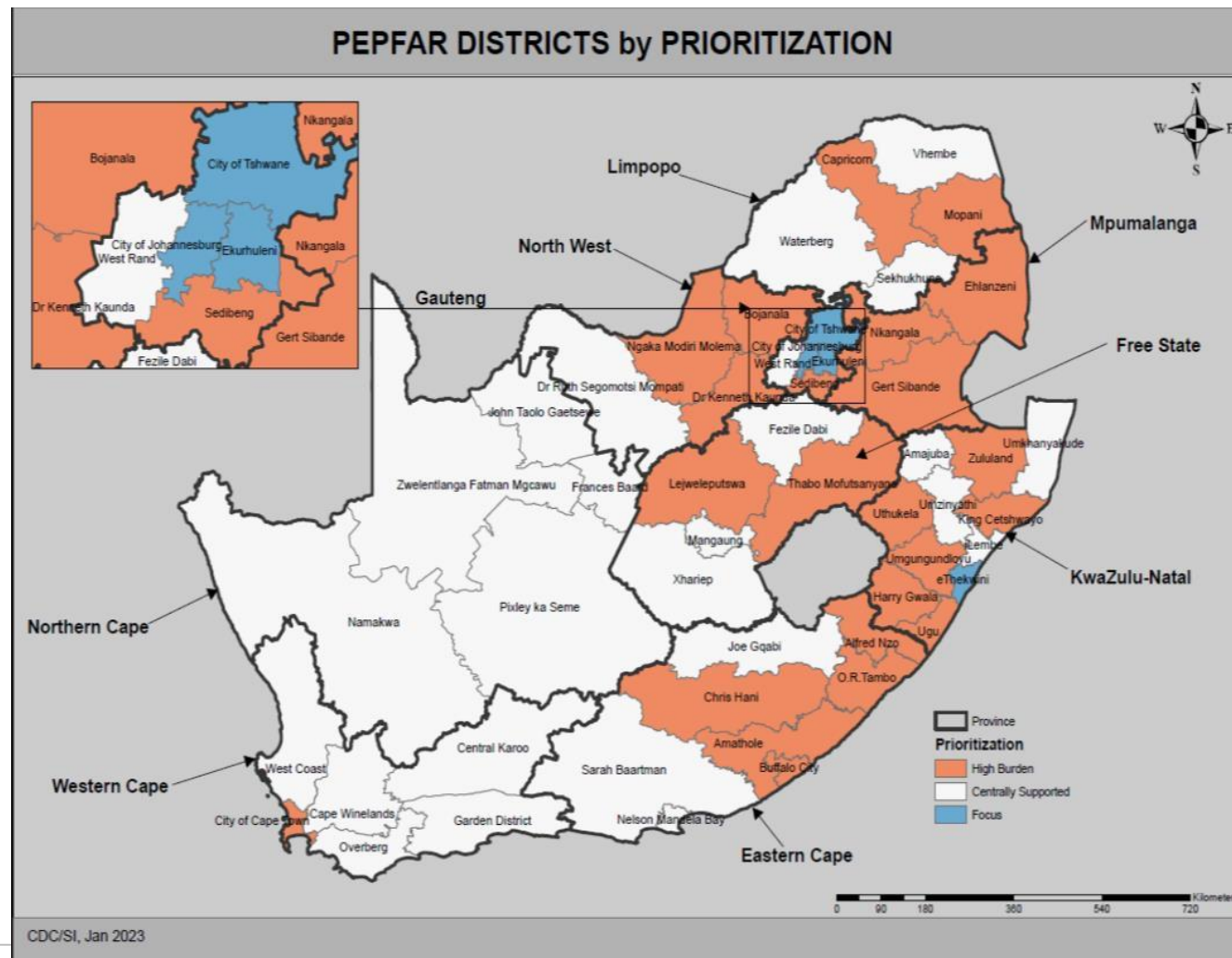
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BACKGROUND



- There are 63 million people living in South Africa
- There are estimated 7.8 million People Living with HIV (PLHIV) in the Country
- 9 provinces are divided into 52 Health Districts
 - **PEPFAR supports 27 HIV and AIDS high burden Districts across 8 Provinces**



27 PEPFAR SUPPORTED DISTRICTS



Province	District
Eastern Cape	Alfred Nzo, Amathole, Buffalo City, Chris Hani, OR Tambo
Free State	Lejweleputswa, Thabo Mofutsanyane
Gauteng	City of Johannesburg, City of Tshwane, Ekurhuleni, Sedibeng
KwaZulu-Natal	eThekweni, Harry Gwala, King Cetshwayo, uGu, uMgungundlovu, uThukela, Zululand
Limpopo	Capricorn, Mopani
Mpumalanga	Ehlanzeni, Gert Sibande, Nkangala
North West	Bojanala, Dr Kenneth Kauda, Ngaka Modiri Molema
Western Cape	City of Cape Town

Note: The Northern Cape Province has no districts supported by PEPFAR

BACKGROUND



- As of October 2024, South Africa is at **96-79-93** against the UNAIDS 95-95-95 targets.
- Through the Government of SA/US Government Bilateral Agreement to provide support for better health outcomes, National Department of Health and PEPFAR agreed on Accelerator Commitment to fast track 2nd 95 by December 2025.
- **Mutual accountability** and **Human Resources for Health (HRH) mapping** are part of the key commitments with PEPFAR
- The Department has done an analysis of staff funded by PEPFAR within the Department of Health
- PEPFAR financially contributes 17 % towards South Africa's HIV response. The remainder is funded through domestic funds (76%) and through the Global Fund (7%).

HIV RESPONSE STAFF ALLOCATED IN THE 27 PRIORITY DISTRICTS



PROVINCE	TOTAL HIV RESPONSE STAFF	DOH FUNDED HIV RESPONSE STAFF	PEPFAR FUNDED HIV RESPONSE STAFF
Eastern Cape	31 438	29 853	1 585
Free State	7 827	7 494	333
Gauteng	78 685	72 595	6 090
KwaZulu-Natal	59 673	56 594	3 079
Limpopo	14 016	13 156	860
Mpumalanga	29 429	28 426	1 003
Northwest	23 479	22 391	1 088
Western Cape	27 060	25 943	1 117
Total	271 606	256 452	15 154



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IMPLICATIONS OF THE US GOVERNMENT'S EXECUTIVE ORDER



- The 90 day halt will affect the following:
 - All projects that are funded through RSA/PEPFAR Country Operational Plan (COP23).
 - The patient care and overall health outcomes
 - Availability of key personnel for both HIV and TB especially in the 27 high burdened Districts.
 - The achievement of the 2nd 95.
 - The implementation of key projects like transitioning of PLHIV from 3 Multi Month Dispensing to 6 Multi Month Dispensing as pronounced by Deputy President during the World AIDS Day

IMPLICATIONS OF THE US GOVERNMENT'S EXECUTIVE ORDER



The 90 day halt will affect the following:

- The provision of combined prevention methods like Pre Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) which contributes to the “Last Mile” project aimed at eliminating HIV as a public health threat by 2030.
- The implementation of quality improvement processes like “Operation Phuthuma”
- Jobs of the staff appointed by District Support Partners (DSPs).
- Community participation which is currently led by Ritshidze through Community Led Monitoring
- Scale-up of Targeted Universal Testing for TB (TUTT) among high-risk groups.
- Linkage for both drug-susceptible TB cases and drug-resistant TB cases to appropriate treatment
- The implementation of a mobile clinic model
- The support to the ward-based outreach teams to support TB/HIV community based work



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COST IMPLICATIONS



ITEM	PERSONNEL NUMBERS	CATEGORIES	COSTS
Staff at National Department of Health	24 CoAg	Technical Advisors, Directors, Deputy Directors, Assistant Directors, Administration Officer	R22 697 000
Total Staff at NDOH: 220	196 Seconded (CCMDD- 31, AMD -41, Digital 121, 03 OP)	Technical Assistants and Programme support Staff	R197 449 681
Staff in Provinces	15 154	Data Capturers, Professional Nurses, Lay Counselors, Clinical Associates, Social Auxiliary Workers, Pharmacy Assistants, Staff Nurses, Pharmacists	R 4 419 502 156
Total amount	15 374		R 4 639 648 837

CoAg- Cooperative Agreement
 CCMDD- Central Chronic Medicine Dispensing and Distribution
 AMD- Affordable Medicines
 OP – Operation Phuthuma

NB: The Country buys its own ARV's with 10% support from Global Fund



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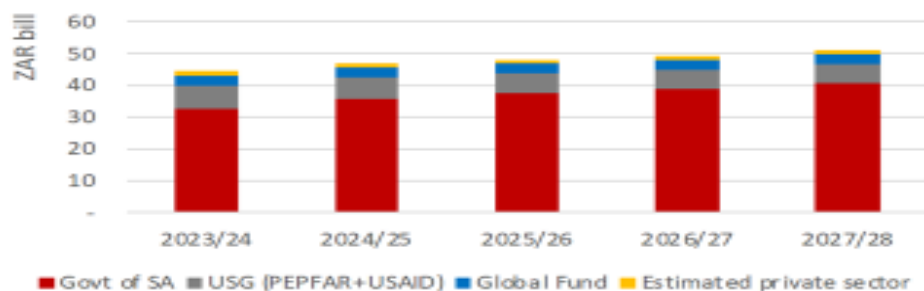
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HIV Available funding by source 2023/24

NSP available funds by Funding Source (2023/24-2027/28, ZARbill)



- Over 95% of DOH funds for HIV are allocated through the HIV & TB component of the District Health Programme Conditional Grant
- This funding is transferred to the 9 provinces

Funding Sources (ZAR billion)	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Govt of South Africa	32.64	35.77	37.34
USG (PEPFAR +USAID)	7.45	6.59	6.27
Global Fund	3.10	3.16	3.09
Estimated private sector	1.24	1.24	1.29
Total Available NSP Funds (ZAR bill)	44.4	46.8	48.0



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HIV/AIDS & TB funding streams



- SA Government = 74%
- Private Sector = 2%
- **Both Public and Private sectors: 76%.**
- Donor funding = 24% (This is both PEPFAR @17% and Global Fund @ 7%).
 - Break down of PEPFAR funding:
 - R 4 639 Billion for Staffing
 - R 2 908 Billion for the running costs for the offices, direct payments to the NGO's, PLHIV sectors, mobile units, Youth Organisations, Dreams Programme etc.

DREAMS: Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS-free, Mentored and Safe



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COMMUNICATION FROM PARTNERS



PROVINCE	STATUS
Kwa Zulu Natal	Match wrote to KZN Premier, Western Cape- Project Last Mile
Gauteng	Received communication from ANOVA, WITS RHI, Aurum
Free State	Received communication from WITS RHI and Right to Care
Mpumalanga	No formal communication received
Limpopo	No formal communication WITS RHI and ANOVA has communicated informal
Northern Cape	Not supported by PEPFAR
Western Cape	Received communication from ANOVA, Match, Project Last Mile
Northwest	In communication with Aurum and currently consulting with all Partners
Eastern Cape	Eastern Cape no formal communication received yet

Note: The NDoH has not received any communication from the US Government



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STEPS TAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



Despite the NDoH not having receiving any formal communication from the US Government on the Executive Order, NDoH management has taken the following actions:

- Hosted a meeting with the Provincial Heads of HIV and TB.
- Conducted an assessment of immediate impact of the Executive Order
- Requested provinces to develop Contingency Plans (short- and long-term plans).
- Commenced engagements with PLHIV (one of the 18 Civil Society Sectors of SANAC) on the implication of Executive Order
- Engaged with SANAC to finalize the Sustainability Framework.

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