



Until we are all equal

## MID-TERM REPORT

# Plan International's Grant Portfolio for Global Fund Grant Cycle 7 (GC7)

Plan International has been a trusted partner of The Global Fund since 2004. We help advance efforts to achieve the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals and end the epidemics of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria through our:

- Locally-led approaches to working with communities
- Strong working relationships with government and national counterparts
- Wide-ranging programming expertise, reinforcing national systems, human rights and gender equality

In Grant Cycle 7 (GC7), we supported grant implementation by working with national and community-based partners across 11 countries. The following outcomes represent a selection of the results which were achieved during this cycle.



# Building Resilient National & Community Health Systems

We support national and community-based partners to **strengthen their health systems and improve health outcomes, accelerating progress against HIV, TB, and malaria.**

## KEY RESULTS:

### 1 Medical oxygen

Installation of medical oxygen plants in Benin and Liberia is enabling hospitals to produce a reliable, on-site supply of life-saving oxygen, ensuring patients receive timely treatment directly at their bedside and reducing dependence on inconsistent cylinder deliveries.

#### HIGHLIGHT

Medical oxygen saves lives. In many West African countries, hospitals face unreliable and costly oxygen supplies. Through Global Fund financing, we support the installation of on-site oxygen plants that provide a steady, affordable source of life-saving oxygen for treating severe malaria, pneumonia, TB, obstetric emergencies, and other critical conditions. Oxygen plants strengthen health systems and ensure care is available when it is needed most.

### 2 Community-led monitoring

In all countries where Plan International works with Global Fund financing we are supporting communities to provide structured feedback and engage with health providers, helping make services more responsive, accountable, and better aligned with their needs.

### 3 Reinforcing national ownership

Strengthening the programmatic and financial management capacity of regional health authorities in Mali is improving local ownership, planning, tracking, and use of health resources, supporting the sustainability and effective scale-up of essential services across the regions.



A newly installed medical oxygen plant in Benin is ensuring a reliable, continuous supply of life-saving oxygen for a regional hospital and surrounding health facilities just outside the capital

# Netting Gains Against Malaria

Plan International and our national partners fight malaria through an **innovative and gender-equal approach** to make a lasting difference.

## KEY RESULTS:

**7,340,668**

**long-lasting insecticide-treated nets** were distributed across Guinea, Liberia, and Senegal between 2024 and 2025 reaching **more than 90%** of the targeted population.

Nearly  
**800,000**

**suspected malaria cases tested**, with **over 750,000 people promptly treated** — turning diagnosis into lifesaving action.

## 1 Protecting pregnant women and children from malaria risks

- We work with national authorities to deliver community-based testing, treatment, and distribution of mosquito nets in ways that address the specific barriers and needs of women, girls, and people living in the hardest to reach areas.
- We train community health workers and lead community outreach to address gender and age barriers to mosquito net use, promoting informed, supportive household practices that protect pregnant women and young children.
- We partner with national malaria programs to implement seasonal malaria chemoprevention campaigns and support pregnant women to access complete intermittent preventive treatment, helping prevent malaria among children under five and protect maternal health.

## 2 Raising awareness and involving men

- We raise community awareness about malaria prevention and care and engage men through targeted activities and discussion groups that promote shared decision making, healthier norms, and stronger support for women and children's access to testing, treatment, and prevention.



A woman discusses her insecticide-treated nets with men and women in her community in Zimbabwe.

# Health, Rights and HIV/AIDS

**Human rights** are at the heart of how we help reduce new HIV infections.

Men who have sex with men, female sex workers, transgender women, people who inject drugs and adolescent girls and young women are some of the groups most at risk of acquiring HIV, often referred to as Key Populations in the fight against HIV. They are also often discriminated against and unable to exercise their rights because of inequality, which in turn further jeopardizes their health. By providing people-centered care, we help increase access to HIV prevention, testing, counselling, and treatment by prioritizing people's rights and improving community services to support those most in need.

**1** We partner with civil society organizations that represent key populations and young people to help:

- Reduce stigma and discrimination to increase people's access to their human rights and their ability to participate in decision-making about their health.
- People improve their life skills like communication, negotiation, self-esteem and advocacy techniques to engage in and have control over their health

**2** We reach people in the areas where they feel most safe and comfortable through mobile units that visit bars, motels, brothels, commercial centres, and other venues.

Each unit has highly qualified professionals trained in gender- and adolescent-responsive and human rights-based services to:

- Increase HIV awareness while expanding access to condoms and lubricants and offering rapid HIV testing
- Provide counselling, testing and treatment for other sexually transmitted infections
- Use a variety of methods, including peer educators and peer navigators, to refer and accompany people to health centres to begin and stay on treatment.

## KEY RESULTS:

**289,436**

**Service delivery points for key populations** with peer-based services providing a HIV basic prevention package.

**176,112**

**HIV tests conducted among key populations** through peer-based community testing services.

Over **1,299**

**men who have sex with men and transgender populations reached** with HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) treatment.

**6,200**

**educational grants enabled adolescent girls to stay in school**, reducing their vulnerability to HIV and supporting healthier, more secure futures.

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# Health, Rights and HIV/AIDS (continued)

**3** We support our civil society partners to strengthen their institutional capacities and expand their effectiveness and sustainability as project implementers, building on their existing leadership and expertise.

We offer training on:

- Gender equality, inclusion, and robust child protection and safeguarding systems, including the prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment, to ensure our programs are safe and accessible for all participants
- Project and financial management and risk mitigation, reinforcing the core building blocks of strong, accountable civil society organizations.
- Fundraising sustainability, aligned with Plan's organizational priority to partner with a clear pathway to long term independence and a planned exit.

**4** We focus on adolescent girls and young women by:

- Expanding access to youth friendly HIV testing, counselling and referral to treatment through schools and communities.
- Providing comprehensive, age-appropriate sexuality education and supporting girls to stay in school to strengthen knowledge, decision making and healthy relationships.
- Strengthening parent-child communication to break cultural barriers around HIV prevention and sexual and reproductive rights, creating safe spaces for open dialogue within families and improving adolescent girls' and young women's knowledge and agency.
- Reducing girls' vulnerability to HIV by promoting economic empowerment and preventing gender-based violence through community and policy engagement.

## HIGHLIGHT

Pre-exposure prophylaxis, or “PrEP”, is a proven, life-saving tool that empowers key populations, adolescent girls, and young women to protect themselves from HIV. By expanding access through community-based and stigma-free services, we help ensure prevention reaches those at highest risk. The emergence of long-acting options such as the recently-approved lenacapavir offers new hope, with the potential to simplify prevention and improve adherence for those who need it most. Together, these advances move us closer to an HIV-free generation.

By combining digital outreach through “Match con tu Salud” with targeted delivery of prevention kits, El Salvador is expanding access to and acceptance of PrEP among people at increased risk of HIV.



# Together Against Tuberculosis

We leave **no stone unturned** and **no one behind** in our work to tackle tuberculosis (TB).

Plan International takes a community- and health system-wide approach to find the missing cases of tuberculosis and reduce rates of transmission.

- We partner with national TB control programs to provide technical support across central and decentralized levels.
- We train men and women as community health workers who:
  - Visit homes to raise awareness about tuberculosis.
  - Refer people, especially women who are most often undiagnosed, with TB symptoms or children under five who are in contact with a confirmed TB patient to nearby health facilities for TB screening.
  - Provide daily support to patients to adhere with their treatment.
  - Provide TB preventive treatment to people in need.
- We work with community associations and leaders, TB survivors, women's groups, microcredit groups and sports associations to inform all community members about the importance of preventing, diagnosing and treating TB.
- We ensure that community health workers visit people living in remote villages.
- We raise awareness in workplaces with large numbers of male employees.

## KEY RESULTS:

**58,208**

**presumptive TB cases referred to health centres.**

**33,763**

**people exposed to tuberculosis began preventive treatment, helping stop the disease before it could take hold.**

## Thank you!

These results are encouraging and motivate us to continue to innovate in our programming in order to address these epidemics.



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