



Fact Sheet

Abbott Global AIDS Care Programs

For more than 20 years, Abbott has made a significant contribution to the fight against HIV/AIDS through the development of innovative tests and medicines. Through Abbott Global AIDS Care programs, Abbott and the Abbott Fund also have invested more than \$100 million to advance HIV testing, treatment and support services in developing countries. Working in close collaboration with international agencies, governments and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), Abbott and the Abbott Fund are improving the lives of people affected by HIV/AIDS in developing countries.

Expanding Access to Treatment

Abbott has made its HIV medicines available in all 69 African and least developed countries at a price of \$500 per adult patient, per year since 2002. At this price, Abbott's authentic lopinavir/ritonavir formulations remain significantly more affordable than any generic copy of them. Abbott introduced a second tier of preferential prices for lopinavir/ritonavir in all low- and lower middle-income countries in August 2006. In April 2007, this preferential price was reduced further to \$1,000 per adult patient, per year. The lower-strength lopinavir/ritonavir tablet is priced at half of the original formulation in all markets where it is made available. Our prices strike a balance between the need to provide affordable access to medicines, the level of economic development of the country, and the need to fund the measures Abbott has taken to improve access to our medicine, including continued development.

Helping Prevent Mother-to-Child Transmission

Mother-to-child transmission of HIV causes the majority of childhood HIV cases in the developing world. Testing is the first step in achieving prevention, and Abbott donates rapid HIV tests to enable pregnant women to know their HIV status in 69 countries, including all of Africa and the world's poorest countries. Local programs can then provide HIV-positive mothers with free, convenient treatment to help prevent transmission of the virus to their children. Abbott also has broadened the program to offer free rapid HIV testing to partners and children of women who test HIV positive. To date, Abbott has donated more than 10 million rapid HIV tests.

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Supporting Children Affected by HIV/AIDS

The Abbott Fund is helping advance the treatment of children with HIV, and addressing the needs of orphans and vulnerable children affected by HIV/AIDS through community-based programs focused on health care, education and social services. Model programs are delivering results, including a pioneering treatment clinic in Romania that reduced pediatric HIV mortality rates by more than 90 percent. This model program is now being replicated by the Baylor College of Medicine across Africa. In 2006, in partnership with Baylor and the Government of Malawi, the Abbott Fund opened the first pediatric treatment center in Malawi. The Abbott Fund also is partnering with Baylor to open the first pediatric treatment center in Tanzania.

Key community-based programs being replicated in developing countries include legal protection for orphans and widows, fighting stigma by integrating AIDS-specific programming into long-standing community organizations, and child-led support groups that actively engage children in making decisions about their lives. Through partnerships in Burkina Faso, India, Kenya, Malawi, Romania, Tanzania and Uganda, Abbott Fund has helped more than 800,000 children and families.

Strengthening Health Care Systems

Resource-limited health care systems and lack of trained health care workers are key barriers to scaling up HIV treatment programs in developing countries. The Abbott Fund and the Government of Tanzania are partnering in one of the most comprehensive initiatives in Africa to strengthen a country's health care system and train staff to meet the needs of people with HIV and other life-long diseases. The partnership has expanded testing and treatment at more than 90 health centers throughout Tanzania, bringing HIV services into some remote regions for the first time. Nearly one in three people on HIV treatment in Tanzania are receiving care at facilities that have benefited from Abbott Fund support. Additional results include building a new outpatient center and clinical laboratory at the country's leading reference hospital, Muhimbili National Hospital; training or retraining more than 13,000 health care workers and providing HIV testing services to more than 220,000 people.

Abbott Fund also is modernizing and constructing laboratories at 23 regional-level hospitals across Tanzania. The modernization of the first of these laboratories, at Mt. Meru Regional Hospital in Arusha, was completed and dedicated in June 2007. The remaining laboratories are scheduled for completion by 2010.

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