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*A nurse administers medication to a child. Photo from USAID Rwanda archives.*

## RWANDA

### THRIVE: IMPROVING HEALTH OUTCOMES

Rwanda achieved many of its Millennium Development Goals, out-performing wealthier and better-resourced counterparts on the African continent. These successes are attributed to strong governance, national health system leadership, and effective coordination of external funding.

USAID helps by strengthening the Government of Rwanda's capacity to plan, implement, and finance a comprehensive health strategy.

#### **OVERVIEW OF USAID SUPPORT**

As Rwanda's largest bilateral donor in health, USAID aims to strengthen the governance and financing of the health system, address weaknesses in the supply chain, strengthen the government's capacity to respond to emerging health threats, and increase the private sector's support for sustainable health care.

## MALARIA

Through the U.S. President’s Malaria Initiative (PMI), USAID helped reduce malaria cases by 39 percent between 2022 and 2023. In 2023, USAID-supported community health workers were responsible for 58 percent of all malaria diagnosis and treatment in Rwanda. USAID also supports the prevention of malaria by spraying homes with insecticides, providing insecticide-treated mosquito nets, and supplying essential antimalarial drugs.

## HIV/AIDS

Rwanda has achieved HIV epidemic control, and the national program is now working on sustaining these gains. USAID support plays a critical role ensuring an uninterrupted supply of HIV commodities, protecting vulnerable children, and preventing HIV infection among adolescent girls and young women. With over 86 percent of USAID PEPFAR funding going directly to local partners, Rwanda is a leader in the localization initiative.

## NUTRITION

With support from USAID, Rwanda has seen significant declines in child stunting over the past two decades and is working toward achieving the government’s target to reduce stunting to 10 percent by 2030. Specific work includes integrated maternal and child nutrition, early childhood development, disability inclusion, and economic strengthening interventions.

## WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

Rwanda is on track to meet the target of providing 100 percent of its population with improved water access and sanitation services by 2024. USAID plays a key role by helping to reduce water-borne diseases, increasing access to sanitation facilities, creating demand for sanitation products and services, and providing training to improve knowledge of hygiene practices and techniques.

## MATERNAL AND NEWBORN HEALTH

Rwanda has registered significant decreases in maternal and mortality rate of children under the age of five. USAID’s interventions continue to provide an integrated package of high-impact maternal, newborn, and child health services through mentoring and on-the-job training for health care workers to improve the quality of antenatal care, emergency obstetric care, and evidence-based care for small and sick newborns.

## FAMILY PLANNING AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

To improve supply and demand of family planning, particularly in underserved populations, USAID procures over two-thirds of Rwanda’s contraceptive needs and has expanded voluntary family planning access to all health facilities in two-thirds of the country.

## HEALTH SECTOR DEVELOPMENT

USAID helped develop programs like the community-based health insurance system, which covers over 90 percent of the population annually, and electronic systems for patient records and commodities. In 2021, USAID launched one of the Agency’s first direct contracts with a local commercial parastatal, Rwanda Medical Supply Ltd., to procure and distribute HIV commodities across the country. RMS Ltd. now effectively receives, warehouses, and distributes almost all PEPFAR-funded HIV commodities and in 2023 began procuring PMI-funded commodities.

**BUDGET:** US \$312 million

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