



CHIVA SOUTH AFRICA
MENTORING. PARTNERING. SAVING LIVES.

CHIVA SOUTH AFRICA OVERVIEW

WHY WE ARE NEEDED

UNAIDS statistics estimate that in 2013 there were approximately 6,300,000 people living with HIV in South Africa; over 400 000 are children and adolescents.

In 2004 the South African government rolled out access to ARV treatment across the whole country. Thanks to this policy the drugs are available for all. But having the medication available is just the first step; the challenge is in its implementation. The treatment and regimes are complex and there are continuing challenges with developing and sustaining healthcare workers.

This is where CHIVA South Africa comes in. Over ten years after identifying this need, we continue to teach and mentor healthcare professionals in South Africa who are working on the frontlines of the AIDS epidemic. We share our technical and systems expertise to build skills and capacity, resulting in South African health professionals who are equipped to provide young people living with HIV the expert prevention, treatment and care they need.

PARTNERING WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA

The South African government is committed to ensuring access to quality healthcare for all, and through their strategic leadership and guidance, programmes and policies are developed and implemented across the public health sector that seek to improve health outcomes.

CHIVA South Africa works in partnership with the South African government to provide specialist technical and systems support to enable the achievement of their strategic goals and priorities, which are:

- increasing life expectancy
- decreasing maternal and child mortality
- combating HIV and AIDS and decreasing the burden of tuberculosis (TB)
- strengthening health-system effectiveness

VISION

Our vision is that all children and adolescents living with HIV receive the care they need to live long and healthy lives

MISSION

To equip healthcare professionals with the skills and knowledge they need to provide high quality, long term prevention, treatment and care services for children and adolescents living with HIV

GOALS

1. Build the skills of all cadres of healthcare workers
2. Work in partnership with government and other partners to identify, develop and deliver programmes targeted at strengthening health systems
3. Use lessons learned from our programmes to contribute to the development of local, national and global policies and resources

WHAT WE DO

‘A New Chance for Life’: Improving outcomes for children living with HIV

“Children and young people should be the first to benefit from the progress we’ve made in ending this epidemic – not the last”

Anthony Lake, Executive Director, UNICEF

CHIVA South Africa is dedicated to improving healthcare for children living with HIV. Our paediatric programme, ‘New Chance for Life’ works closely with individual healthcare clinics and managers to identify their specific challenges and successes. We then tailor our interventions to equip healthcare staff of all cadres with the skills and knowledge they need.

“CHIVA South Africa staff bring experience, knowledge of systems and insight into holistic care.... CHIVA South Africa has played a direct role in getting ARV roll- out sites up and running”

Dr Neil McKerrow, Head: Paediatrics & Child Health, Kwazulu-Natal Department of Health

‘Our Youth – Our Future’: Strengthening health systems for adolescents and youth

HIV in South Africa has largely become a youth epidemic. More than 320,000 young people aged between 10-19 are living with HIV. Better access to ARV therapy means that more children now survive into adolescence.

CHIVA South Africa’s ‘Our Youth, Our Future’ programme commenced in 2014 in response to the successes of the paediatric ART programme in KwaZulu-Natal and the need to capacitate healthcare workers to provide quality services to adolescents; including those living with HIV.

Several key factors may impact on whether adolescents and youth access healthcare services. These include accessibility (opening hours, travel distances), systemic challenges (management, stock supply, and staff shortages), concerns about confidentiality and privacy, and the attitudes, skills and behaviours of staff. Through structured mentorship, teaching and assessment, our programme works to empower staff to transform their own health facilities, resulting in the provision of quality adolescent and youth-friendly services.

“Adolescents are the group most affected by HIV – and they are tomorrow’s leaders”

Consolata Opiyo, Y+ Steering Committee

By the end of the programme, each facility has worked to achieve the national ‘Adolescent and Youth-Friendly Services’ standards accreditation, but more importantly they will be delivering higher quality services to the communities they serve.

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