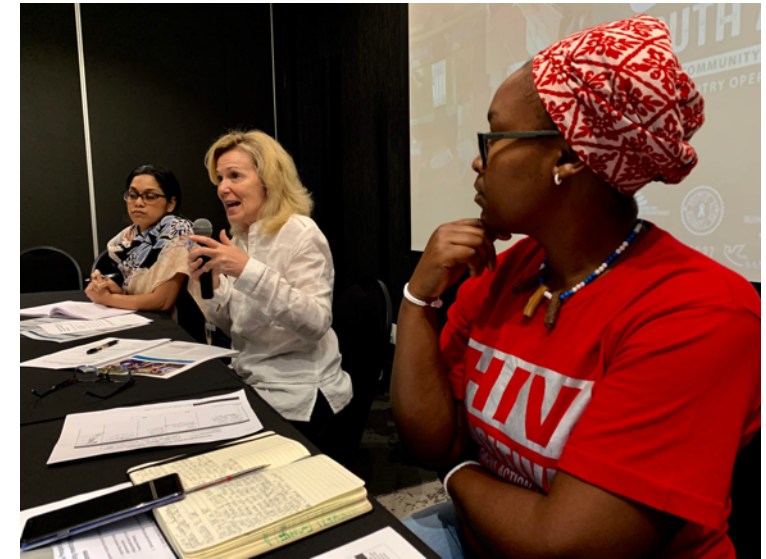


# **Influencing and Monitoring PEPFAR Country Programs**



# What is the PEPFAR COP?

- Every year, PEPFAR engages in a planning process to create a **Country Operational Plan (COP)** for each major country that receives funding.
- The COP sets out PEPFAR's strategy for the following year (COP20 will decide what happens during the budget year Sept 2020-Oct 2021).
- The COP sets targets that country teams & implementers will be tasked with meeting (e.g. New people on treatment, KPs reached); sets budget allocation (e.g. how much for treatment? TPT? Etc.); and sets geographic focus.



# Why should activists care?

- PEPFAR is a dominant source of funding for HIV programs and health system strengthening in many countries.
- It is critical that PEPFAR funding is put to the best possible use, in accordance with community needs. As TB is the leading global killer of people living with HIV, this includes ensuring that TB programming is prioritized and integrated within the PEPFAR program.
- The COP process provides a critical opportunity for activists & civil society to ensure that the latest developments (including TB diagnostics, prevention and treatments) are rolled out in PEPFAR recipient countries.

# What did activists win in COP19?

- In **South Africa**, a reversal in funding cuts amounting up to \$730 million for the country program; and \$3 million to support communities of people living with HIV to monitor the state of service delivery at clinics and community healthcare centres across the country.
- In **Malawi**, increased investment in community nurses in four districts, equipped to bring ART and other essential medications, along with adherence support, closer to people living with HIV.
- In **Kenya**, \$18.4 million for key population service delivery up from \$16 million in COP 2018; as well as access to the option of dolutegravir for all women of reproductive age in the country.
- In **Mozambique**, PEPFAR's 2019 COP will fund civil society's proposal for innovative community-led monitoring to hold facilities and clinical partners accountable to deliver high quality HIV services.
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# Key moments in COP Activist Calendar

When?	What happens?	What can activists do?
<b>January 2020</b>	The formal PEPFAR process begins	This is the time to identify your priorities for change. Build a written priority list.
<b>No later than January 27</b>	PEPFAR teams in each country have a “strategic retreat.”	In person meeting for analysis of key documents ahead of COP meetings and Q4 data and focus on solutions that will form basis of COP20
<b>Feb 17-21</b> (Group 1)	<b>COP20 Meetings (Johannesburg):</b> PEPFAR country & Washington D.C. teams, local and international civil society groups, representatives from recipient country governments, UNAIDS, WHO and Global Fund gather in Johannesburg for five-day meetings where they will lay out the priorities.	This is a key advocacy moment where civil society can influence what PEPFAR funds.
<b>Feb 24-28</b> (Group 2)		
<b>March 2-6</b> (Group 3)		
<b>March 9</b> (Asia Region, Bangkok)		
<b>March 23</b> (W. Hemisphere region, DC)		

**Group 1:** Nigeria, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Ukraine, DRC, West Africa Region

**Group 2:** South Africa, Lesotho, Eswatini, Namibia, Angola, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Mozambique, Haiti/Dominican Republic

**Group 3:** Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda, South Sudan, Malawi, Vietnam



When?	What happens?	What can activists do?
<b>March 2020</b>	Country Operational Plan is drafted	What was decided in Johannesburg in March is only the first step and many details still have to be worked out including the exact activities, budgets, and areas of geographic focus.
<b>March 9-13, 2020</b> (Group 1)	<b><u>COPs due</u></b> to the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator (PEPFAR's Headquarters) in Washington, D.C.	After COP submission, the work is not over. You can still influence by:
<b>March 16-20, 2020</b> (Group 2)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lobbying the PEPFAR team to make changes before the COP approval.</li> <li>• Coordinating with U.S.-based and global advocates to make sure PEPFAR Washington knows about further changes you still want. Remember OGAC is now reviewing the COP and changes may still be made.</li> </ul>
<b>March 23-27, 2020</b> (Group 3)		
<b>March 30 – April 10, 2020</b> (all groups)	<b>In country COP approval</b>	Ambassador Birx will officially decide whether to sign and approve the COP or not



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