Cervical cancer is one of the most common cancers in women living in sub-Saharan Africa, with roughly 110,000 women diagnosed annually; of these women, about 66% will die from the disease. Women living with HIV (WLHIV) are up to six times more likely to develop persistent precancerous lesions and progress to cervical cancer, often with more aggressive forms and higher mortality.

Launched in May 2018 to address this challenge, Go Further is an innovative public-private partnership between the U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), the George W. Bush Institute, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), Merck, and Roche. The partnership collaborates closely with PEPFAR partner governments to strategize on ways to provide services for women from prevention through the cancer journey. Go Further began working in eight countries (Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Zambia, and Zimbabwe), and expanded services to four additional countries (Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda) in fiscal year (FY) 2021. The objectives are to screen all WLHIV on ART between the ages of 25 and 49 for cervical cancer, and to treat pre-invasive cervical cancer lesions to

### Zimbabwe Program Highlights

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<th>Cervical Cancer Screening Target</th>
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<td>FY19</td>
<td>$4,900,000</td>
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### Country Context

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<th>Total Population (July 2022 est.) (World Factbook)</th>
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<td>Women Aged 15–49 (UNAIDS 2020)</td>
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<td>Age-standardized Incidence Rate (per 100,000) of Cervical Cancer Cases (Estimates for 2020) (<a href="https://gco.iarc.fr/">https://gco.iarc.fr/</a>)</td>
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<td>Total # of Women (All Ages) On ART (PEPFAR, FY22 Q4)</td>
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Zimbabwe: Cervical cancer screenings and positives (precancerous lesions or suspected invasive cervical cancer), FY19-FY22

Percent of WLHIV on ART (15+) who were screened and received results positive for precancerous lesions or positive for suspected invasive cervical cancer:

- 4.7% - 5.2%
- 5.2% - 6.1%
- 6.1% - 6.6%
- 6.6% - 7.7%

WLHIV (15+) on ART screened for cervical cancer:

- 33,170 - 49,494
- 49,494 - 65,623
- 65,623 - 82,088
- 82,088 - 144,587

Source: PEPFAR Panorama Spotlight, data.pepfar.gov
Strategic Direction for FY22

- The PEPFAR program continued to support the secondary prevention of cervical cancer in women living with HIV. PEPFAR Zimbabwe supported scaling up outreach services. Other support was directed toward the decentralization of loop electrosurgical excision procedure (LEEP) services.

- Country Operational Plan 2021 also saw the adoption and scale up HPV-DNA screening for women. The PEPFAR program supported the Ministry of Health and Child Care (MoHCC) in development of guidelines and protocols, as well as the implementation of this service.

- The program continued to support the cervical cancer monitoring and evaluation technical working group as well as the national Visual Inspection with Acetic Acid and Cervicography (VIAC) register and the master MoHCC monthly return forms which were revised to incorporate the PEPFAR VIAC indicators.

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RESULTS SUMMARY

- In FY22: 244,842 screenings were performed, representing 118% of the FY22 target; 84% of women who screened positive for precancerous lesions received treatment.

- Since FY19: 5,677 women have screened positive for suspected invasive cervical cancer. Of the 705,116 screenings, 431,674 (61.2%) were first time screenings, 14,853 (2.1%) were follow-up screenings, and 258,589 (36.7%) were re-screens.

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Implementing Partners (FY22)

- University of Washington
- Zimbabwe Association of Church Related Hospital
- Organization for Public Health Interventions and Development
- Population Services International