

Program Activities

Roll out new HIV prevention strategies in India (e.g., PrEP)
Differentiated Prevention Model for NACO TI Programs
Support to roll out revamped TI strategy



PREVENTION

TESTING



Identify strategies to improve efficiency of HIV testing.
Implement new HIV testing strategies (e.g., HIV self testing)

Peer navigation to link PLHIV with ART
Rapid/same day initiation of ART



LINKAGE TO ART

IMPROVE QUALITY OF CARE



Integrated models of Care (NCD/Ageing)
Decentralized ART Models
PLHIV Death Autopsy
Advanced Disease Management Package

Virtual Adherence monitoring (SVA/ 99DOTS)
Improve access to viral load testing



RETENTION & VIRAL SUPPRESSION

OVC/ADOLESCENT PROGRAM



Package of services for at risk adolescents
Integrated adolescent model with HWC for HIV services
Linkage to social protection & other schemes for OVC & families

- Virtual strategies for HIV service delivery (Yes4me.net)
- Support to NACO for improving programming for key populations

CROSS-CUTTING AREAS

- Private sector engagement/ models to improve HIV cascade
- Capacity building to improve institutional/systems strengthening (e.g., biometric)



Achievements at ACCELERATE



Prevention

PrEP roll-out in **17 cities** with private providers; **120+ Clients** initiated and currently on PrEP.
First transgender comprehensive Clinic established in Hyderabad.



Improve Quality of Care

Verbal Autopsy: **20%** of mortality associated with NCD and **7%** with cancers.
TAAL+: **1400 clients** and integrated model (HIV, viral hepatitis, diabetes, HT, mental health).



Testing

>572 new positive clients identified via Index testing in the third quarter, Apr-Jun 2021.
>5,000 clients provided HIV tests via virtual approach and 90+ new positive clients identified with positivity of **6%**.
HIV self testing implemented in **11 cities**.
>800 kits distributed



Retention & viral suppression

SVA web application integrated with NACO's **1097** helpline for enhanced outcomes on adherence and VL suppression.
DBS specimen collection at TAAL+ initiated.



Linkage to ART

Peer navigators have linked **98%** of active KPLHIV to ART.
Access to Viral Load Test for PLHIV enhanced across cluster states in collaboration with lab partner.



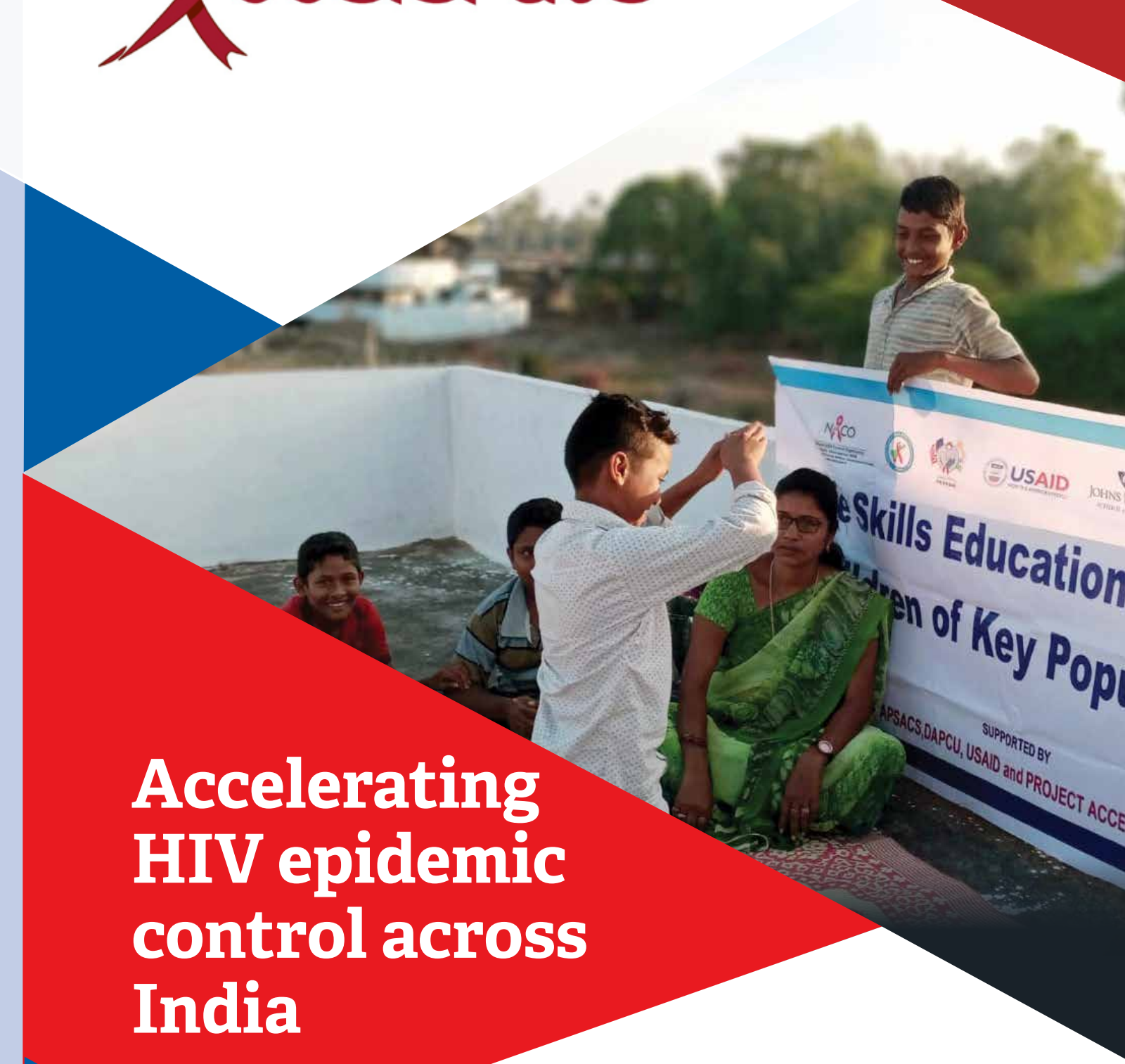
OVC/Adolescent programs

>26,780 children reached and provided services, including more than **>6,800** CLHIV.
Adolescent health model (HWC) rolled out.
Adolescent Friendly Health Centers established in Imphal, Guntur, Hyderabad, Vishakhapatnam and Pune.

National Policy Level Support:
NACO TRGs for People Who Inject Drugs (PWID) and transgender (TG) including comprehensive health care models; Research Compendium, Community-led Monitoring



Accelerating HIV epidemic control across India





Discussion with Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Cabinet Minister, Health and Family Welfare, Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, World AIDS Day, 2019

Key Initiatives



Index Testing

ACCELERATE is supporting individuals living with HIV to link their partners and family members to HIV testing services, both in facility and community settings. We provided index testing services to 2,820 individuals in third quarter (Apr-Jun 2021).



Reaching populations virtually

ACCELERATE is working to reach more people with HIV care through virtual services including remote counselling and commodity delivery. Yes4Me.net is our web platform for online outreach and communication, reaching to 7000+ online clients for HIV testing.



Integrated Healthcare

ACCELERATE is leading demonstration projects to pilot models for integrated HIV care. Our integrated health centres provide one-stop-shops for care, offering HIV testing, treatment and care combined with other services including mental health, sexual and reproductive health and non-communicable diseases. The first comprehensive transgender health clinic was launched in Hyderabad, Telangana in January 2021.



Supporting Children and Families of People Living with HIV (PLHIV)

ACCELERATE facilitates access to health and social services for children affected by or living with HIV. These services cover a variety of needs-based domains, including health, nutrition, education, vocational skills and parenting education. The project provided services to 26,780 children in the third quarter (Apr-Jun 2021).

Overview

ACCELERATE works with the National AIDS Control Organisation, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to implement, evaluate and transition sustainable and novel models of HIV testing and care guided by evidence-based practices to achieve HIV epidemic control in India. We began field operations in October 2019, in collaboration with State AIDS Control Societies (SACS).

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Population Focus

- Higher risk groups including key populations.
- Spouses, partners and children living with or affected by HIV.



Geographies

- PEPFAR cluster districts: Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Telangana, Manipur, Mizoram and Nagaland. Direct assistance in UP and Delhi.
- Technical assistance to nation-wide programs

Working with Communities

ACCELERATE is committed to community-oriented programming. Our cadre of peer navigators, who support people in their own communities overcome barriers to HIV care and treatment, offer a direct link to community perspectives. We consult community advisory boards and maintain feedback mechanisms with beneficiaries across the activities to design and adapt services to community needs.



Building the capacity of the caregivers through community-based parenting education in Krishna, Andhra Pradesh.

Our Implementing Partners



YRG Care, Chennai, India



Blue Lotus Advisory, Delhi, India



The Fenway Institute, Boston, USA



Providing patient care at our community pharmacy and integrated health centre in Pune, Maharashtra.

On the cutting edge

ACCELERATE helps bring the latest global innovations in HIV prevention and treatment to India. Novel approaches include:

- Supporting national rollout of prevention technologies through guidelines development, provider trainings and demand generation for:
 - ✓ Pre-risk Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)
 - ✓ HIV self-testing Reached >200 people for PrEP Reached >1000 people with self-testing kits
- Piloting new models of ART distribution through community-led, decentralized approaches.
- Engaging the private sector to support comprehensive data management and public-private partnerships.
- Expanding online outreach, virtual resources and remote healthcare services.
- Data-driven strategic planning and implementation lead by epidemiologists at the Johns Hopkins University.

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Program Overview



Objective

To implement, evaluate and transition promising, sustainable and novel models of HIV prevention, testing and treatment/care guided by evidence-based best practices aimed at improving the HIV cascade.



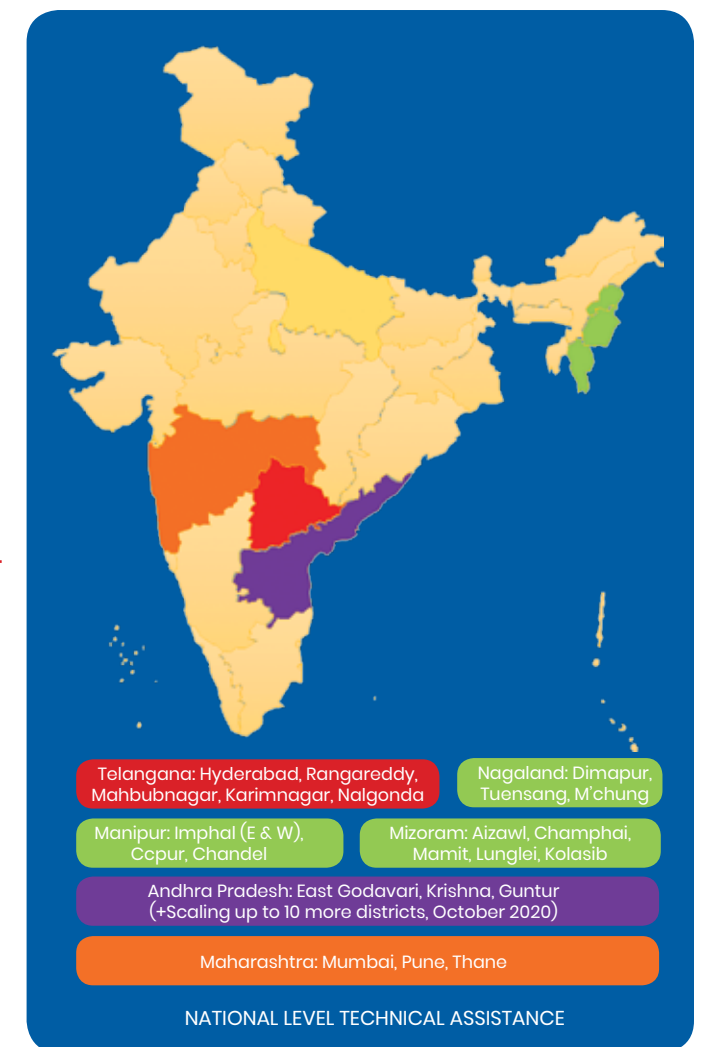
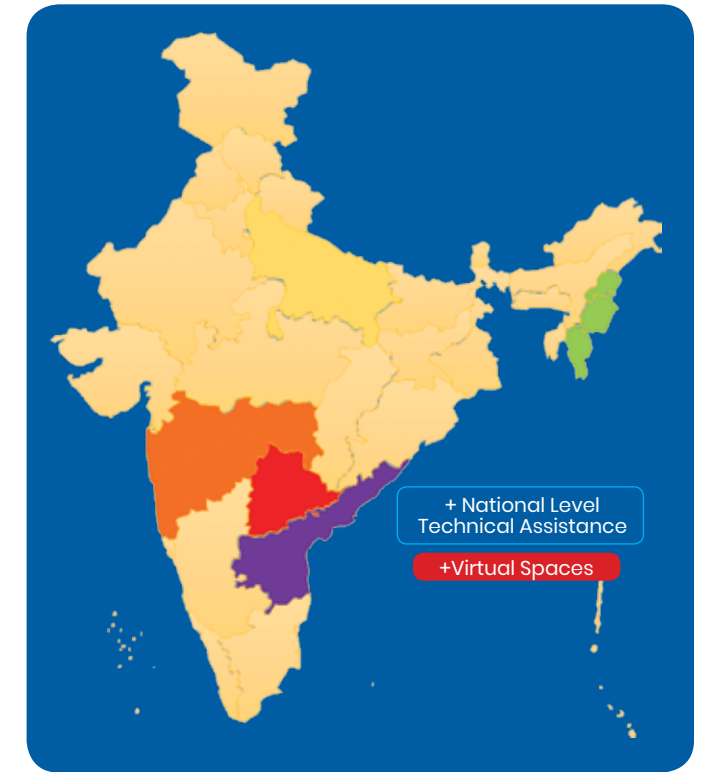
Period of Performance

April 2019 - March 2024.



Sub-partners

- YR Gaitonde Centre for AIDS Research and Education (Site-level activities).
- Blue Lotus Advisory (Virtual/Online) strategies.
- The Fenway Institute (PrEP & LGBTQIA+ approaches).



Other partnerships, Offices and PEPFAR districts

Collaborations: Everwell, PSMRI, Kripa Foundation (Nagaland), CARE Foundation (Manipur), CODNERC (Mizoram), NCPH/NMP+ (Maharashtra), Humsafar Trust (Mumbai).

Virtual platform: <https://www.safezindagi.in/selftesting/>

Offices: Baltimore, Delhi, Hyderabad, Chennai, Vijaywada, Pune, Mumbai, Dimapur, Rangareddy, Mahbubnagar, Karimnagar, Nalgonda.