

Vision:

The Nursing Leadership Initiative (NLI) is a priority for PEPFAR and has been launched through the leadership of Ambassador John N Nkengasong to be initially implemented in seven countries between 2024 - 2025. The initiative aims to:

Elevate:

The nursing practice in PEPFAR partner countries to sustain the current gains in HIV/AIDS response and mitigate the effect of other emerging public health threats on HIV/AIDS response.

Equip:

The nursing workforce within PEPFAR partner countries with the appropriate leadership and technical skills to enhance their contribution towards ending HIV/AIDS as a public health threat by 2030 and to protect potential disruption of HIV service delivery by other emerging public health threats.

Priority Focus Areas:

- N** **Navigate and protect HIV/AIDS response gains and public health threats:** Build nursing workforce skills to lead planning and delivery of HIV/AIDS services to achieve the 2030 goals and to prevent the disruption of HIV/AIDS services by other public health threats.
- U** **Unique and innovative digital solutions:** Empower nurses to identify, advocate for, and leverage innovative digital solutions to deliver quality HIV/AIDS services.
- R** **Reinforce nurses' physical well-being:** Protect nurses well-being with infection prevention and control (IPC) skills, supportive work environments, and mental health services.
- S** **Strengthen nursing workforce:** Develop, retain, and equitably distribute the nursing workforce aligned with national priorities to ensure long term sustainability of HIV/AIDS service delivery.
- E** **Empower nurses to lead including risk communication:** Enhance risk communication skills and lead at all levels of HIV/AIDS service delivery and other public health threats.



Where is the initiative focused, and how will it be implemented?

The anticipated \$8 million in NLI funding will support work in seven countries between 2024-2025. Activities will be implemented in partnership with national nursing organizations and stakeholders.

The activities will include:

- High impact country specific interventions to be prioritized and developed with partner nursing organizations following needs assessments
- Tri-annual learning sessions with representatives from the seven NLI countries
- Peer-to-peer / south to south learning between nursing leaders and stakeholders
- Monitoring, evaluating, and sharing about the activities and impact of the NLI

Country	Agency / Partner	Funding \$
Botswana	CDC / G2G	1 Million
Côte d'Ivoire	USAID / Jhpiego	1 Million
Eswatini	CDC / G2G	1 Million
Malawi	USAID/GAIA & Peace Corps	1 Million
Nigeria	USAID / CCRN	1 Million
South Africa	USAID / HE2RO	2 Million
Zambia	DoD/CIDRZ	1 Million

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