



HEALTH CONNECT JAMAICA

CONTRACTOR(S)/GRANTEE(S): **MEETING TARGETS AND MAINTAINING EPIDEMIC CONTROL (EPIC)** DURATION: OCTOBER 2019- SEPTEMBER 2021 TOTAL PROJECTED INVESTMENT: \$1.6MILLION FUNDING SOURCE: PEPFAR

EpiC will work in the area of Information Communication Technology (ICT) to specifically expand and customize ICT methods that focus on referrals of clients to treatment sites, treatment initiation, adherence and viral suppression with the NGOs. They will also be working with the University of the West Indies to support the creation of a Private Sector Coordinating Unit for working with Private Clincians.

Technical Assistance (TA) is provided to Jamaica AIDS Support for Life in the use of Information Communication Technologies to stimulate the demand for services among their target populations. There will also be a special focus on solutions and skillsets that facilitate an increase in case detections.

EpiC supports the private clinicians to provide HIV prevention, care and treatment. Through this private public partnership (PPP), the private practitioners are linked with PLHIV networks and community health care providers and promoted as quality HIV provision sites. The HIV Private Sector Network (HPSN) Coordinating Unit acts as the "hub" for monitoring quality of service. Additionally, the Network coordinates, continuing education opportunities for clinicians, as well as continuous quality improvement methodology.

EpiC also provides technical assistance and works collaboratively with the University of the West Indies (UWI)-based HPSU – EpiC through a sub award with UWI (Faculty of Medical Sciences) that coordinates and provides technical leadership to the membership of private doctors, pharmacies and labs.

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