

PRAY THE NEWS



The U.S. humanitarian funding freeze includes the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). This is devastating for people affected by HIV.

This decision to freeze funding is having a critical impact on people living with and affected by HIV, as well as on the organisations supporting them and on national and global responses to HIV.

Confusion about which HIV services may and may not be continued based on a temporary waiver is causing great disruption and risks to sustaining these life-saving programmes.

The impact of these changes are being felt most acutely in the most vulnerable and marginalised communities. As healthcare workers lose their jobs and clinics are closed down, people are unable to access HIV testing and prevention services and those dependent on daily antiretrovirals may find their supplies of this vital treatment disrupted.

TODAY, WE PRAY THE NEWS FOR THE DRC:

- We pray for the millions of people dependent on this funding for accessing HIV testing, prevention and treatment services. We pray that these services will be sustained so that lives are protected.
- May government leaders be inspired by all that PEPFAR and other HIV initiatives have achieved in saving millions of lives and tackling AIDS as a global health challenge.
- May we strengthen our own commitment to justice and healing in the world so that all people “can have life in all its fullness”. (John 10:10)