



Celebrating 20 years of partnership in Namibia



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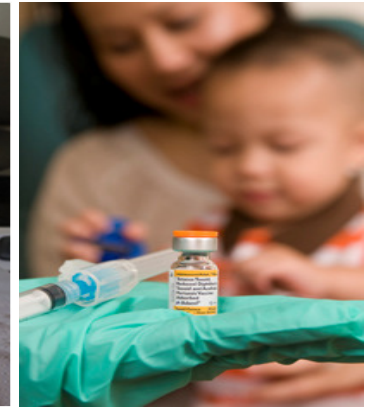
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U.S. relationship with Namibia



CDC works to protect global health, safety, and security



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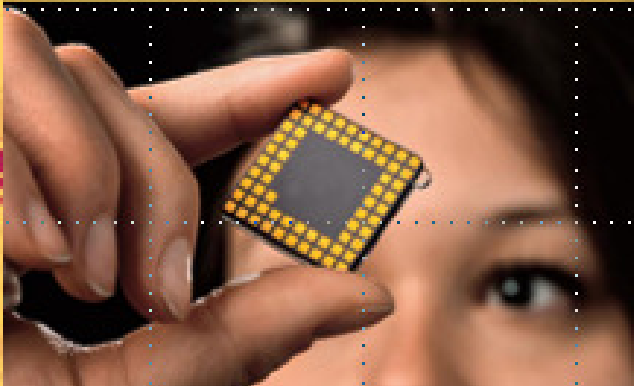
State/Local Health

PREVENT

DETECT

RESPOND

Innovative Science



Laboratory / Diagnostics



Global Health Security



Diseases Know No Borders

A health threat anywhere is a health threat everywhere



Note: Air traffic to most places in Africa, regions of South America, and parts of central Asia is low. If travel increases in these regions, additional introductions of new diseases are probable.

Source: *The Lancet* 380:9857, 1-7 Dec 2012, pp. 1946-55. www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S014067361261151

CDC History

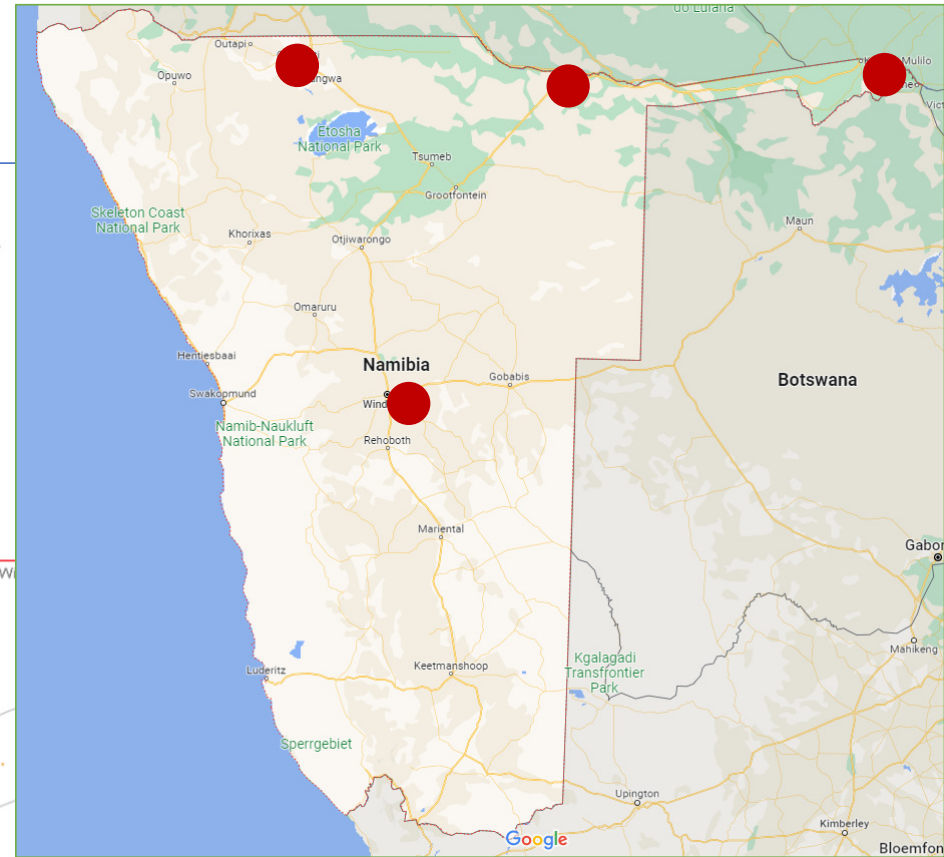
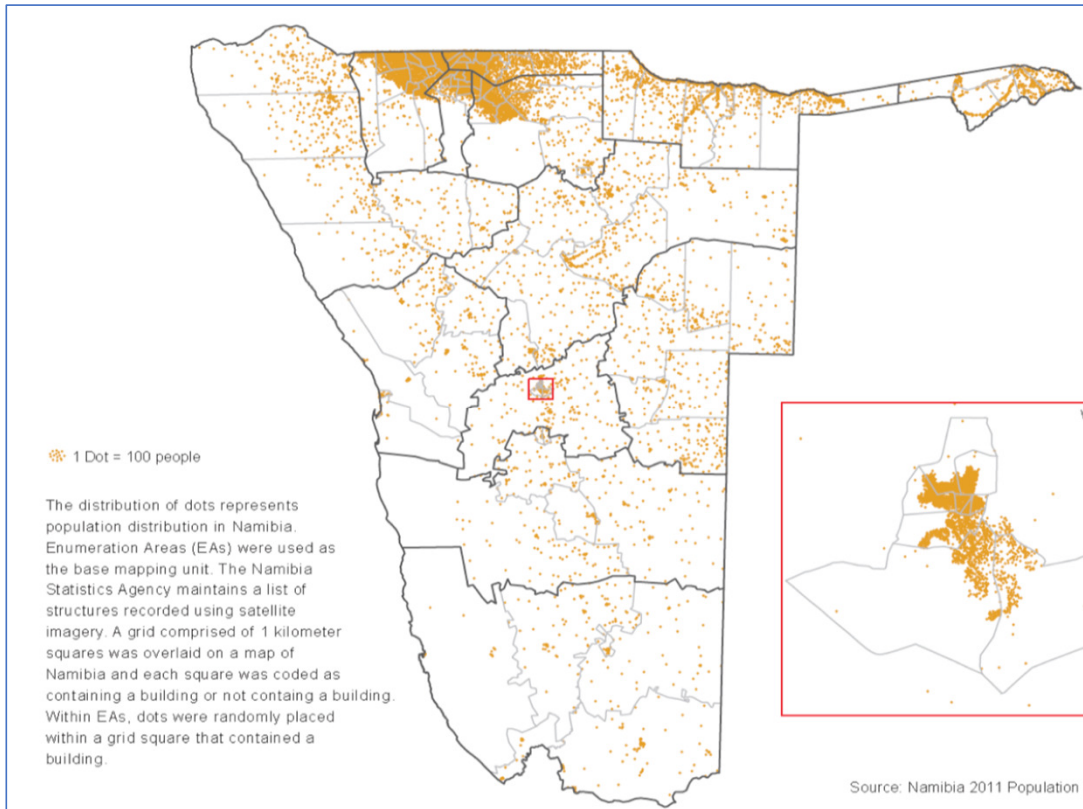
- In 1946 the Communicable Disease Center (CDC) was established in Atlanta, GA to prevent malaria from spreading across the nation
- Budget of \$10 million and fewer than 400 employees, the agency's early challenges included obtaining enough trucks, sprayers, and shovels necessary to wage war on mosquitoes
- In 1947, CDC paid \$10 to Emory University for 15 acres of land on Clifton Road in Atlanta that now serves as CDC headquarters
- The new institution expanded its focus to include all communicable diseases, and non communicable diseases, and to provide practical help to state health departments when requested.





Celebrating 20 years of
CDC Namibia (2002-2022)

Where we are



Source: Namibia 2011 Population and Housing Census

CDC in NAMIBIA



CDC is helping to **build the capacity of Namibia's healthcare workforce to prevent, detect, and respond to public health threats, with a primary focus on ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic**, and maintaining the care and treatment of those living with HIV.



PEPFAR
U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief

PEPFAR support to Namibia

Key partners



Republic of Namibia

- **Namibia Ministry of Health and Social Services (MOHSS)**



- **Namibia Institute of Pathology (NIP)**

“We used to work all hours of the day in the beginning, helping to stop the terrible impact HIV was having on the country. There was a job to be done and we all pulled together to save lives, working seven days a week to make a difference”

Zebaldine Kandjou-Pakarae, longest serving CDC employee, joining the office in 2003, just one year after it opened.



A photo from 2005 with Founding Father, Sam Nujoma, MoHSS staff and Dr. Gram Mutandi, another long-serving CDC employee



**Twenty years ago people
were dying from AIDS**

**Today, death and
despair have turned to
hope**



Through medication, someone living with HIV can live a long and healthy life

Key activities

- HIV & TB case finding
- Access to HIV medicine in the community
- Strengthened health systems
- Data for decision-making
- Human resources for health





20 years of
partnership

Together we have saved lives

Today, the estimated **number of people dying per year** from HIV is **3 times lower** than in 2002

Together we have slowed the spread of HIV

Today, the estimated **rate of new HIV infections** is **5 times lower** than in 2002

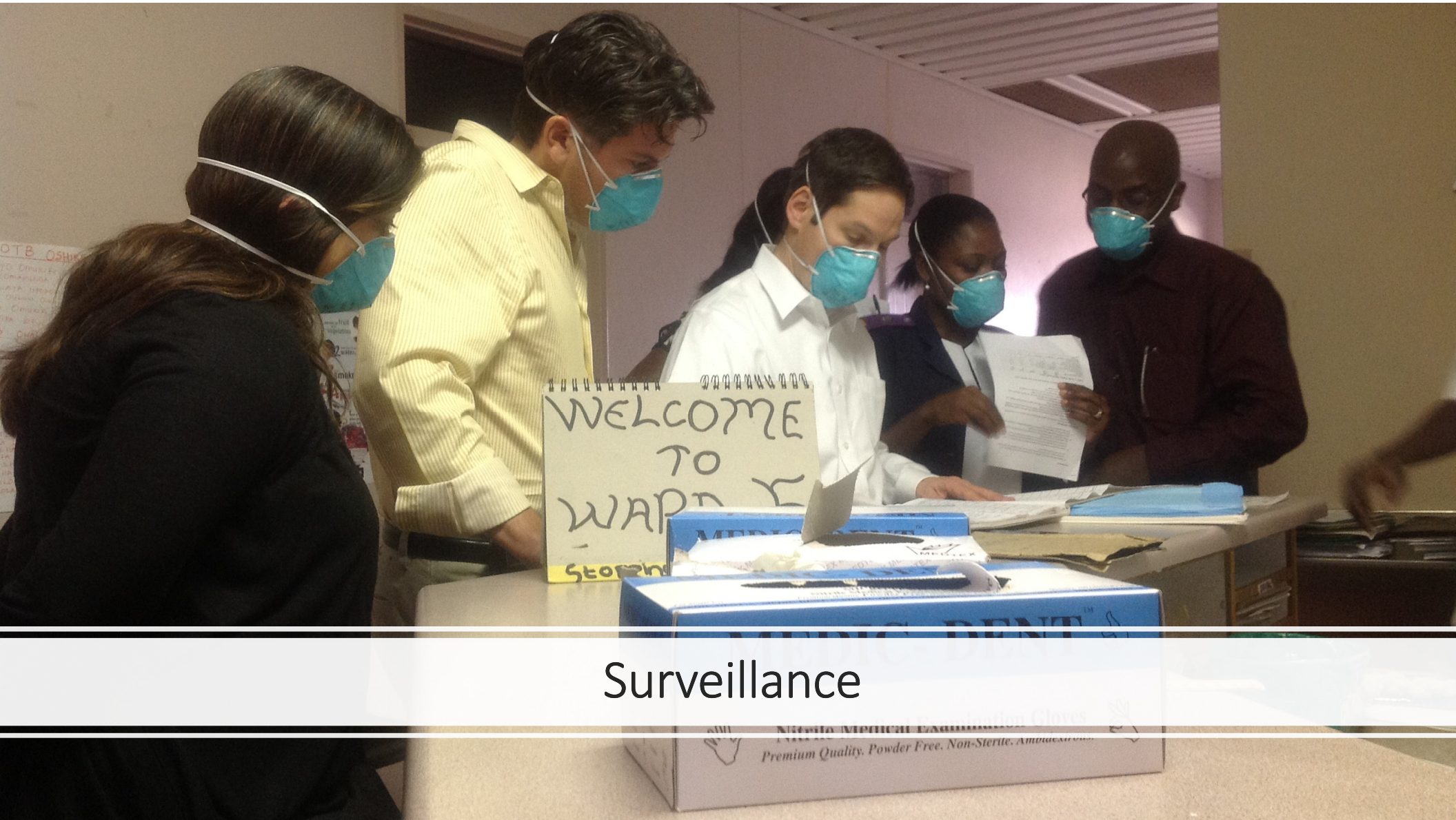
In the last 20 years, the annual **number of new HIV infections among children under the age of 1** has **decreased by over 90%**



Strengthening laboratory services



Workforce development




Surveillance

Emergency preparedness and response



CDC Namibia focus in 2023 areas

- Government leadership
 - Regional leadership
 - Community leadership
 - Community engagement
 - Innovation
 - Capacity building
- Namibia Public Health Institute & epidemic control surveillance
 - Data quality, access and use
 - Smart integration
 - Human resources for health
 - Community based health services
 - HIV and TB case finding
 - Quality management and mentorship

An aerial photograph of a vast, flat, arid landscape. The terrain is a mix of light brown and tan soil, dotted with small, dark green shrubs and patches of darker earth. A winding road or path is visible, cutting through the landscape from the upper right towards the center. The horizon is flat and extends to the top of the frame under a clear, light sky.

Looking to the future in this
vast country, we remain
committed partners in health