



Alliance for the
Elimination of
HIV in the **Americas**

**Elimination
Initiative** 3



The Path to HIV Elimination in the Americas

The Path to Elimination (PTE) is an evidence-based framework and recognition process that enables countries to measure, demonstrate, and gain recognition for their progress toward HIV elimination. It establishes a verifiable, tiered pathway based on country-generated data and formal validation at the national and subnational levels.

Recognizing progress toward HIV elimination in the Americas

The PTE uses a tiered recognition system (bronze, silver, and gold) to acknowledge countries that demonstrate measurable progress toward ending HIV as a public health problem.

The recognition requires meeting the indicators for the selected tier and demonstrating compliance with four foundational requirements: (1) data quality and surveillance, (2) laboratory systems, (3) programs and services, and (4) human rights, gender equality, and community engagement. These requirements are assessed through a structured review process.

Components of the PTE Path to Elimination framework



10 INDICATORS

Quantitative targets for each tier (bronze/silver/gold)



IMPACT

3 indicators

- New infections
- AIDS deaths
- Vertical transmission



PROCESS

7 indicators

- 95-95-95 cascade
 - PrEP
- Advanced HIV disease
- TB/HIV care



4 FOUNDATIONAL REQUIREMENTS



Program and
services



Data quality and
surveillance



Laboratory
systems



Human rights, gender,
and community

Note: PrEP = pre-exposure prophylaxis; TB = tuberculosis.

What is measured, and what are the targets?

The PTE indicators (see table) are drawn from guidelines of UNAIDS and the World Health Organization. They are available for most countries and impose no additional reporting burden. To achieve recognition, countries must simultaneously meet all impact and programmatic indicators for a period of one year.

The indicators are expected to be supported by high-quality data, quality health services – including laboratory capacity – and an enabling environment.

Recognition indicators by tier



Impact indicators

HIV incidence rate (per 100 000)	≤15	≤10	≤7.5
HIV-related mortality rate (per 100 000)	≤6	≤5	≤3
HIV MTCT rate (%)	≤3	≤2.5	≤2.25

Programmatic indicators

PLHIV knowing status (%)	≥80%	≥85%	≥90%
Diagnosed PLHIV on ART (%)	≥80%	≥85%	≥90%
On ART with viral suppression (%)	≥80%	≥85%	≥90%
New PLHIV screened for AHD (%)	≥70%	≥75%	≥80%
PrEP-to-new HIV diagnoses ratio	3:1*	4:1*	6:1*
TB treatment success among PLHIV	≥60%	≥70%	≥80%
TPT coverage among eligible PLHIV (%)	≥60%	≥70%	≥80%

* It compares the number of people who received PrEP to the number of new HIV diagnoses during the same period.

Note: AHD = advanced HIV disease; ART = antiretroviral therapy; MTCT = mother-to-child transmission; PLHIV = people living with HIV; PrEP = pre-exposure prophylaxis; TB = tuberculosis; TPT = tuberculosis preventive treatment.

How does the recognition process work?

Recognition follows five simple steps.

At the national level:

- 1) The country establishes a national recognition committee, and compiles the required evidence and data.
- 2) The application is then submitted through the PAHO country office.
- 3) The national team formally requests recognition.

At the regional level:

- 4) An independent Regional Recognition Committee reviews and verifies the evidence, typically through an in-country assessment.
- 5) When all criteria are met, PAHO formally grants bronze, silver, or gold recognition.

Recognition process

NATIONAL



1 Assessment and national recognition committee

A national recognition committee is established, communities are engaged, and data are gathered.



2 National report

Findings are compiled into a national report and submitted to the regional secretariat.



3 Request recognition

The country submits its request for recognition to PAHO country office.

REGIONAL



4 Regional verification

A regional independent committee verifies the evidence (in-country assessment).



5 Recognition

If all criteria are met, PAHO formally recognizes the country at the bronze, silver, or gold tier.