



Global HIV/AIDS Fight at Risk

Source: IE

According to the [UNAIDS](#), a sudden halt in US funding for the [President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief \(PEPFAR\)](#) threatens to reverse decades of progress in the **fight against HIV/AIDS**.

- In **January 2025**, the **US** suddenly **withdrew** its **USD 4 billion pledge**, potentially leading to **4 million more AIDS-related deaths** and **6 million new HIV infections** by **2029**.
- A breakthrough injectable drug, **Yeztugo**, shows **100% prevention efficacy** — but the **high price is** keeping it out of reach for most low- and middle-income countries.
- **PEPFAR**, launched in **2003**, aims at **preventing Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infections**, and saves lives.
- **UNAIDS (Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS)** is the UN's leading global agency dedicated to:
 - **Ending AIDS** as a public health threat by **2030**
 - **Coordinating** HIV response across **11 UN agencies** (e.g., WHO, UNICEF, World Bank)
 - Advocating for equitable access to **prevention, treatment, and care**.

Read More: [US Agency for International Development](#)

PDF Reference URL: <https://www.drishtiias.com/printpdf/global-hiv-aids-fight-at-risk>