

UNAIDS PCB FIELD VISIT 2025 - Brasilia, Brazil

Monday, 15 December 2025, 10:00 – 18:00 (Brasília Time, UTC-3)

CONCEPT NOTE

INTRODUCTION

At its 26th Programme Coordinating Board meeting, the Board recognized the value of organizing field visits and recommended that field visits have stronger linkages with issues to be discussed at upcoming PCB meetings.

Previous visits have been to Vietnam (November 2009), El Salvador (May 2010), Netherlands (December 2010), Kenya (November 2011), Ukraine (October 2012), Zambia (November 2013), Indonesia (October 2014), Zimbabwe (June 2015), China (May 2016), Eswatini (November 2017), South Africa (October 2018), Thailand (December 2022), and Kenya (2024).

The last two field visits held in the margins of the PCB meetings in Chiang Mai (Thailand) and Nairobi (Kenya), contributed important lessons learned and best practices that will support the planning of the upcoming field visits.

Following a proposal by the PCB Chair to hold the 57th PCB meeting (16-18 December 2025) in Brasilia, Brazil, and its subsequent approval by the PCB at its 56th PCB meeting in June 2025, the 2025 PCB field visits will take place in Brasilia in the afternoon of December 15th (13:00-17:00), prior to the December PCB meeting itself.

OBJECTIVES OF THE VISITS

The PCB field visits provide participants with direct exposure to the realities of the HIV epidemic and response in a country setting and direct engagement with stakeholders in the HIV response. The visits are an opportunity to see and discuss the work undertaken by the Joint Programme (UNAIDS) together with national and international partners. Participants in the field visits often use references from the visits to inform discussions at Board meetings. The focus of the program of the field visits typically mirrors the agenda of the upcoming meeting of the PCB. Some of the key topics to be addressed at the PCB in December 2025 will be:

- Long-acting ARVs
- Sustainability of the HIV response, including sustainability roadmaps (for Brazil emphasis on community leadership)
- Global AIDS Strategy 2026-2031
- Integration and sustainability (NGO report)

In the Brazilian context, it is essential to recognize that the country's continental scale determines that certain regions with reduced access to HIV services depend more heavily on programmatic interventions conducted by the Joint Programme. However, because the upcoming PCB will take place in Brasília—the nation's political and administrative capital—this dynamic differs. Brasília already offers a fully established continuum of HIV care, prevention and treatment services provided by the national public Unified Health System (SUS) and is considered one of the country's most advanced models of integration of health services with active involvement of civil society. The Joint Programme's support to the HIV response is widespread in Brazil, and in Brasilia, its focus is on the high-level political advocacy.

The proposed field visits will provide PCB delegates with a comprehensive view of Brasília's well-structured, people-centred HIV/AIDS response model, which integrates health services with social assistance, protection mechanisms and active civil-society engagement. They will also offer insight into the strategic role of the National Congress and its parliamentarians, whose

political actions directly influences national HIV/AIDS budgeting, provides sustainability to the response and enables significant funding for government and civil-society initiatives through discretionary parliamentary amendments. It will provide an opportunity to learn about the Mixed Parliamentary Front for Combating STIs, HIV/AIDS, and Viral Hepatitis strategy for demanding universal access to long-acting injectable ARVs as a right to health.

AGENDA OF THE PCB VISIT

The programme of the visits is structured around the agenda of the upcoming PCB meeting to feed country perspectives into the debate. The initial draft programme of the visits is put together by the government of Brazil in collaboration with the UNAIDS Country Office together with the UN Country Team and the Joint UN Team on AIDS and civil society partners.

The specific objective of each site visit is detailed in the programme of the field visit. The programme will be shared with all the PCB stakeholders.

PARTICIPATION & LOGISTICS

All in-person delegates will be able to visit the Exhibition: “40-year Anniversary of the HIV/AIDS Response in Brazil”. This exhibition will serve as an initial gathering point for all delegates registered for the field visits and will be open to all participants already in Brasília for that purpose.

Following the exhibition, four additional visits will be offered for smaller groups that will take place simultaneously in different parts of the city.

- All in-person PCB members and participants can attend.
- Members and participants are requested to sign up in advance through Indico (<http://pcbregistration.unaids.org>).
- To keep the groups of a reasonable size, the first registered-first served approach will be used.
- Delegations may wish to split to benefit from different site visits.
- Travel to and from the sites, as well as lunch, will be made available. For more details, please see the annexed timewise agenda.

REPORT

After the visits, participants will gather in a meeting room at the Royal Tulip Hotel to share their observations and discuss lessons learned and application. Following the visits, a report will be prepared by the Secretariat and will be posted on the Governance page of the UNAIDS website.

PROPOSED SITES FOR THE PCB FIELD VISIT

The Government of Brazil invites in-person PCB stakeholders to the following Exhibition and four site visits:

Exhibition: “40-year Anniversary of the HIV/AIDS Response in Brazil”

Divided into four thematic environments, the exhibition offers visitors an immersive experience into the history of Brazil’s HIV response. It highlights key actors, epidemiological and operational data, and milestones through an engaging and evidence-based approach that combines scientific information and social participation.

The exhibit integrates both physical and digital installations and includes reference to UNAIDS 25th Anniversary in Brazil that will be featured in a dedicated section showcasing its long-standing cooperation to the Brazilian HIV response.

The exhibition will allow delegates to understand the overall historical evolution of the Brazilian national HIV response model, up to today, thereby providing important historical and political context for the field visits, which will showcase how services currently operate.

Logistical Note:

- Distance from Hotel: 8km, 15 minutes by car
- No. of visitors per session: 80
- Visit time: 1 hour
- Departure time from hotel: 1:00 pm

FOUR SITE VISITS

1. PrEP Service of the University Hospital of Brasília

The HIV/AIDS Service of the University Hospital of Brasília provides pre-exposure prophylaxis services (PrEP), other HIV preventive options, testing, and treatment referrals. As part of the Unified Health System (SUS), the public facility delivers comprehensive, free care — including prevention supplies, medications, testing, and counselling — ensuring equitable access for the entire community.

Logistical Note:

- Distance from Exhibition: 7km, 11 minutes by car
- No. of visitors per session: 20
- Visit time: 1,5 hours
- Departure time from the Exhibition: 2:30 pm

2. Parliamentary Front on HIV/AIDS

The Mixed Parliamentary Front for Combating STIs, HIV/AIDS, and Viral Hepatitis is a cross-party coalition within the Brazil’s National Congress that brings together lawmakers, health professionals, and civil society representatives to advance policies and political commitment toward eliminating these diseases by 2030. Established in 2000, the Front serves as a key platform for advocacy, public debate, and intersectoral coordination. It has been a strategic partner in promoting and demanding access to long-acting injectable ARVs and plays a pivotal role in mobilizing federal budget resources to strengthen Brazil’s national HIV response.

Logistical Note:

- Distance from the Exhibition: 7km, 11 minutes by car
- No. of visitors per session: 50
- Visit time: 1,5 hours
- Departure time from Exhibition: 2:30 pm

3. Brazilian Women's House + Ceilândia Clinic

The Brazilian Women's House, a federal initiative launched in 2013, provides integrated security, justice, and social assistance services to women victims of violence, while ensuring referral to health and HIV services. The Ceilândia Clinic, located in one of Brasília's most vulnerable regions, specializes in treating people with advanced HIV and AIDS and re-engages people living with HIV to treatment. These visits are combined because women identified at the Women's House as being vulnerable to HIV infection—particularly those facing situations of sexual and/or domestic violence—are referred directly to the Clinic, the closest specialized health service. Together, the two sites demonstrate a coordinated and service integrated model linking social protection with HIV care.

Logistical Note:

- Distance from Exhibition: 30km, 45 minutes by car
- No. of visitors per session: 20
- Visit time: 1,5 hours
- Departure time from Exhibition: 2:30 pm

4. Specialized Centre for Infectious Diseases of the Federal District (CEDIN-DF)

The Specialized Centre for Infectious Diseases of the Federal District (CEDIN-DF) is a public referral service dedicated to the diagnosis, follow-up, and treatment of medium- and high-complexity infectious diseases, including HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis, tuberculosis, sexually transmitted infections, and other conditions requiring specialized clinical management. The centre integrates prevention, clinical care, and epidemiological surveillance, offering testing, counselling, antiretroviral treatment, management of comorbidities, prophylaxis, and psychosocial support, while coordinating with the broader health-care network of the Federal District. CEDIN-DF also houses and works in close integration with the Transgender Health Clinic, which provides gender-affirmative care and specialized support, making the institution a key reference point for comprehensive, discrimination-free and inclusive health service.

Logistical Note:

- Distance from Exhibition: 5km, 11 minutes by car
- No. of visitors per session: 20
- Visit time: 1,5 hours
- Departure time from Exhibition: 2:30 pm