

Impact of PEPFAR pause in South Africa

Global ranking

Highest number of people living with HIV: **7.8 million**
 Highest new HIV infections: **625 daily**
 HIV-related deaths: **142 daily**

Source - UNAIDS Estimates 2024

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PEPFAR implementing partners

27

High-burden PEPFAR supported districts

2,300

Schools where DREAMS support is suspended

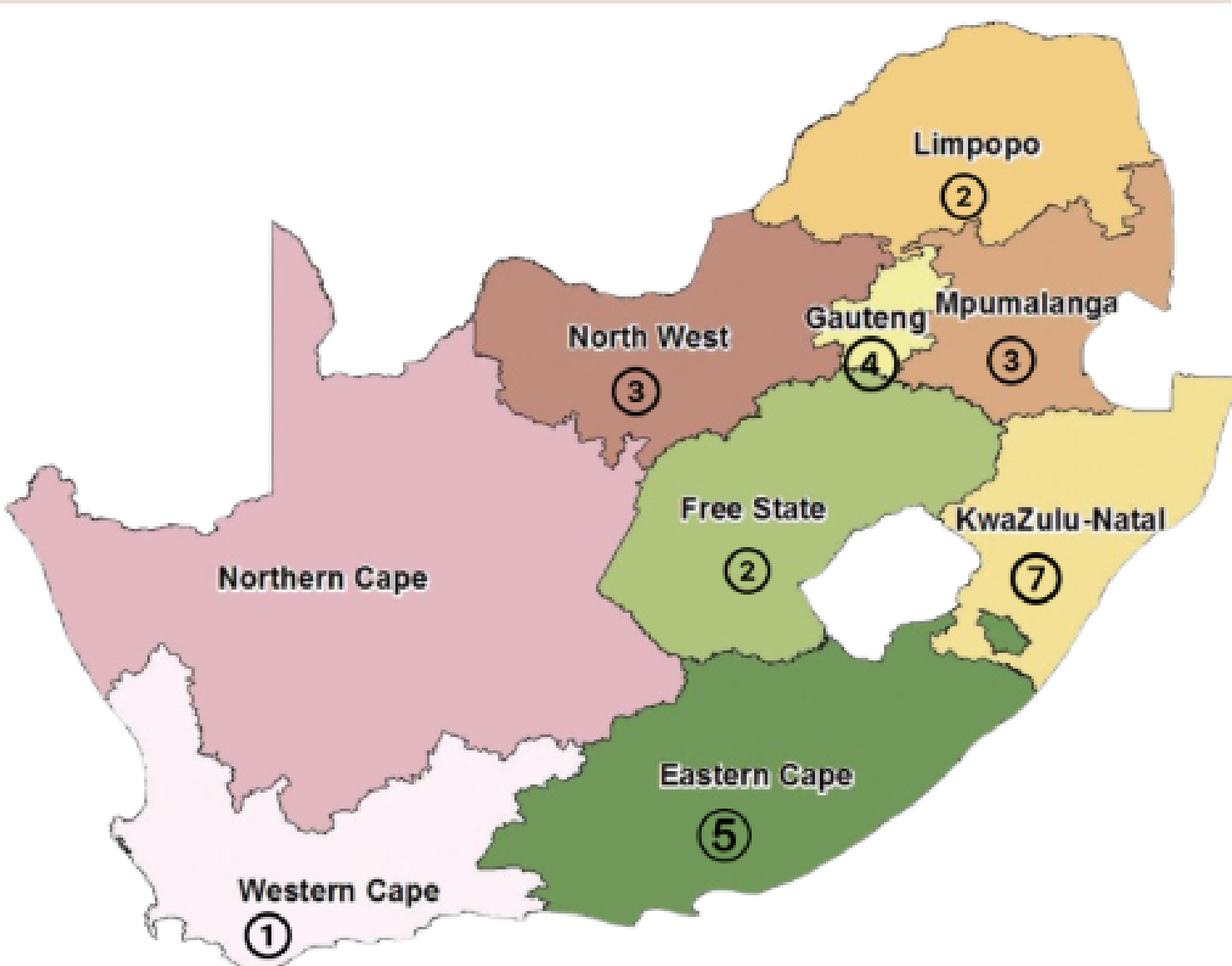
4,280

NGOs impacted by PEPFAR pause

15,374

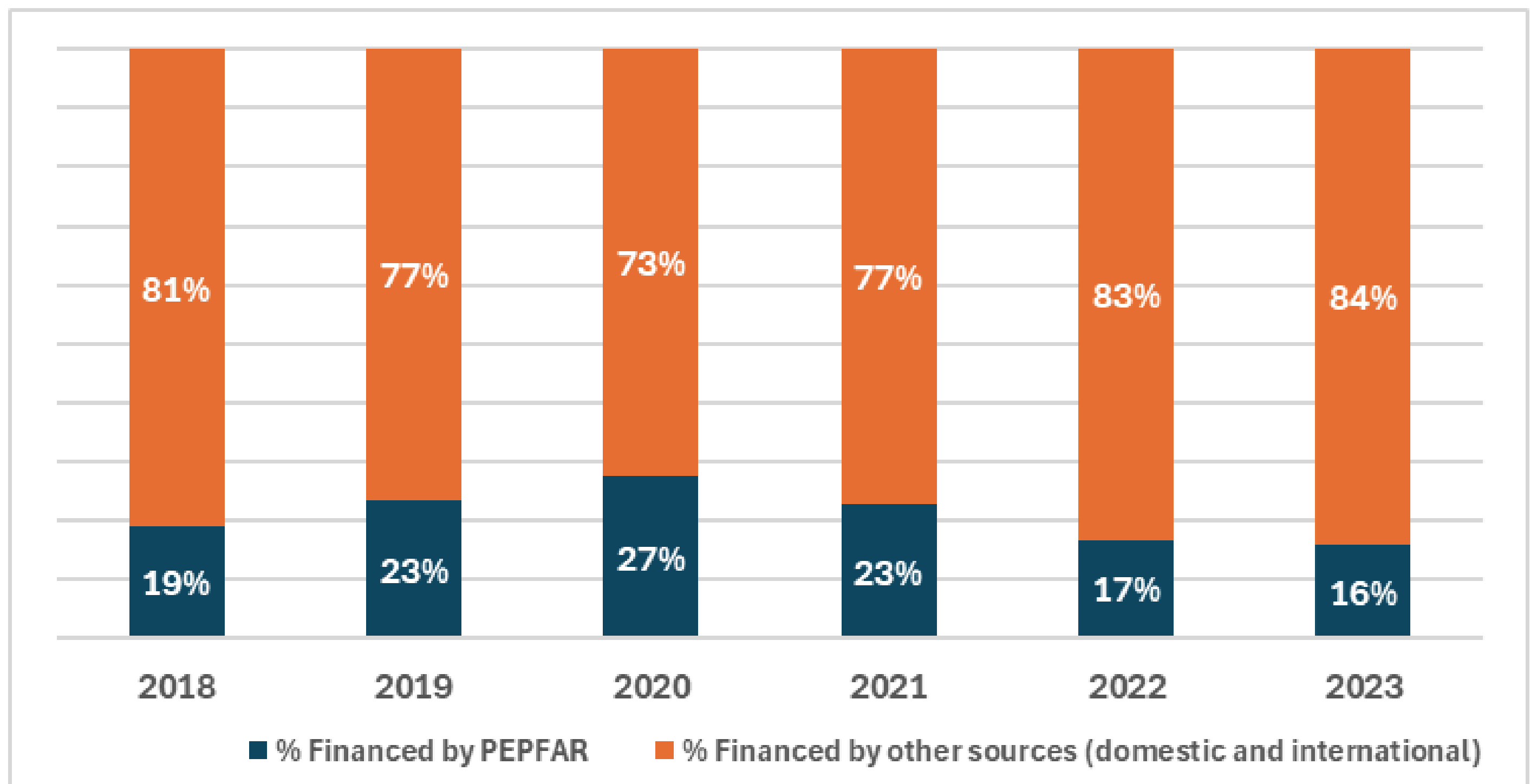
HIV response staff affected by the pause

Distribution of the 27 PEPFAR-supported districts



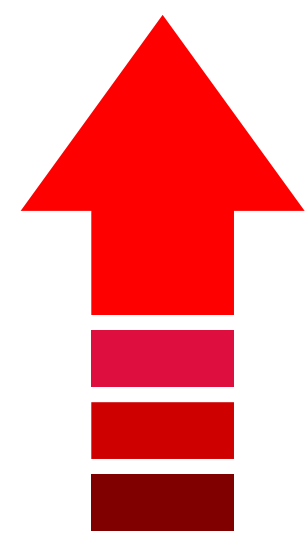
Financing of HIV Expenditure, 2018-2023

PEPFAR's contribution was US\$ 3.06 for the period 2018-2023

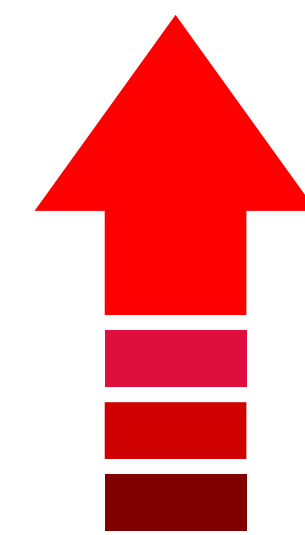


Source - UNAIDS HIV Sustainability Planning

Modelling data: impact of a complete cessation of PEPFAR-funded activities without take-over by the SA Govt will lead to:



Increases in new HIV infections
 by **30,000-64,000** by 2028



Increases in AIDS related deaths
 by **600-1,200** by 2028

Source - National HIV Estimates TWG; 17 February 2025

DOH Contingency Measures



Strengthen telemedicine and digital health platforms.



Implement CCMD automatic script renewal for a further 6 months.



Implement a 28-day late collection allowance for clients collecting ART refills at pick up point.



6 MMD for patients who are VLS for at least 2 years



Provide outreach services to continue critical services to key populations



Provide clinical service outreach to continue critical GBV services.



Facility-level task shifting to cover the work managed by PEPFAR-supported staff.



Prioritize enrolment in facility and external pick-up points.

Source - National Department of Health circular; 11 February 2025