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New Zealand outlines path to eliminate local transmission of HIV by 2030

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The Ministry of Health in New Zealand has published the HIV Action Plan which outlines a path to eliminate local transmission of HIV by 2030 and ensure people living with HIV have healthy lives free from stigma and discrimination.

At the end of 2020, 2,828 adults and 11 children in New Zealand were living with HIV and receiving anti-retroviral treatment. To achieve the vision of the HIV Action Plan by 2030, the government intends to reduce the number of new and locally acquired HIV infections, improve health and wellbeing in relation to HIV, decrease mortality, and remove stigma for people living with HIV.

Actions in the Plan are organised into four focus areas: surveillance, information and knowledge systems; combination of prevention and health promotion; testing and linkage to care; support for people living with HIV, including addressing stigma and discrimination.

The HIV Action Plan was developed with input from community organisations, people living with HIV, health professionals and researchers.

In Budget 2022, $18 million was allocated for the first four years to implement the HIV Action Plan. This funding is in addition to the existing $5 million spent on HIV prevention and surveillance annually.