Subnational Certification of Elimination of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV, Syphilis, Hepatitis B, Chagas Disease, and HTLV in Brazil

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# **Brazil**

• Area: 8,514,877 km2: continental country

Population: 212,583,750 inhabitants

North: 17.349.619 hab

Northeast: 54.644.582 hab

Center-West: 16.287.809 hab

Southeast: 84.847.187 hab

South: 29.933.315 hab

Federal Units: 27

Municipalities: 5,571

○ ≥100,000 inhabitants: 327

(122,829,918 inhabitants - 58% of the population)

### Regional differences in geography, income, population, and infrastructure.





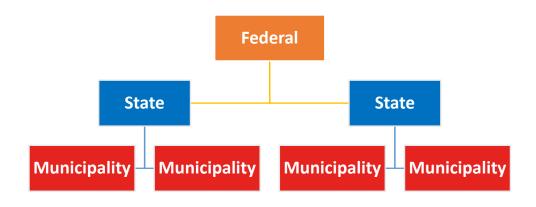
# **Brazil**



# Health system (SUS) based on decentralized universal access

71.5% of the population uses SUS exclusively

### **Tripartite management**



The federal, state and municipal levels are responsible for prevention, diagnosis, treatment and surveillance of HIV, VH, syphilis and other STIs.



# **National Guidelines**

### CERTIFICATION OF

ELIMINATION OF MOTHER TO CHILD TRANSMISSION
OF HIV, SYPHILIS, HEPATITIS B, HTLV AND CHAGAS
DISEASE AND SEALS OF GOOD PRACTICES









https://www.gov.br/aids/pt-br/central-de-conteudo/pcdts





# Mother-to-Child Transmition Prevention of HIV, Syphilis, Hepatitis B, and HTLV in Brazil



### Approximately 2.5 million pregnant women annually



Condoms (internal and external)



Lubricant gel



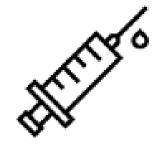
Testing for HIV, syphilis, hepatitis B and C, and HTLV



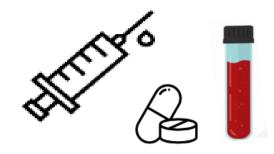
Infant formula (up to 6 months of age for the past 2 years)



Cabergoline
(lactation suppression
for WLHIV and
WLHTLV)



Hepatitis B vaccine (pregnant women and sexual partners)
PrEP, PEP, and other prophylaxes



Treatment for syphilis, HIV, and Hepatitis B during pregnancy and monitoring tests



Newborn exposed to HIV, syphilis, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and/or HTLV:

Management, testing, prophylaxis, vaccination, and immunoglobulin (Hepatitis B)

# Elimination of mother-to-child transmission: INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS







Brazil is part of a group of countries, along with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the World Health Organization (WHO), that are committed to eliminating the mother-to-child transmission of HIV, syphilis, Hepatitis B, Chagas disease, and HTLV as a public health problem.





3.3 By 2030, end the epidemics of AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and neglected tropical diseases and combat hepatitis, water-borne diseases and other communicable diseases.

# **Elimination of mother-to-child transmission: NATIONAL COMMITMENTS**



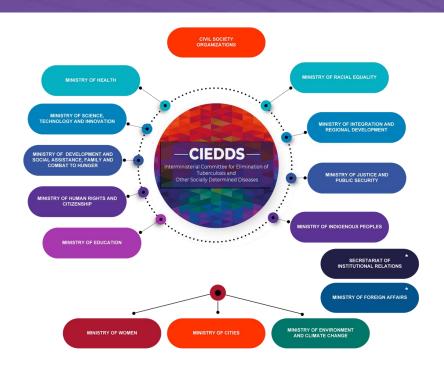


### **IMPACT GOALS**

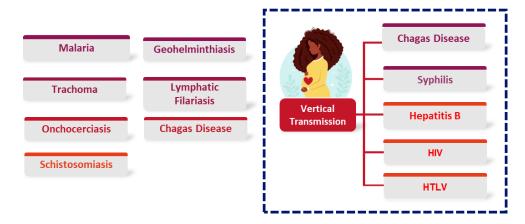
- Reduce the vertical transmission rate of HIV to ≤ 2% by 2025.
- Reduce the incidence of congenital syphilis (including stillbirths) to  $\leq 0.5$  cases per 1,000 live births by 2030.
- Reduce the prevalence of HBsAg in children aged 4 to 6 years to ≤ 0.1% by 2030. (under revision)
- Achieve proven cure, confirmed by negative serological test after treatment, in 90% or more of children diagnosed with T. cruzi infection by 2030.
- HTLV: Indicators for MTCT elimination under development.

# **Elimination of mother-to-child transmission: NATIONAL COMMITMENTS**





Diseases expected to be eliminated as a public health problem by 2030







# Diseases expected to reach the WHO and MoH operational targets by 2030

### Tuberculosis

Incidence ≤ 10 cases per 100,000 inhabitants

### Leprosy

Prevalence < 1 case per 10,000 inhabitants\*

### Hepatitis

Diagnose 90% of people

Treat 80% of people diagnosed

Reduce new infections by 90%

Reduce mortality by 65%

### HIV

95% of people living with HIV diagnosed

95% of the people living with HIV on antiretroviral treatment

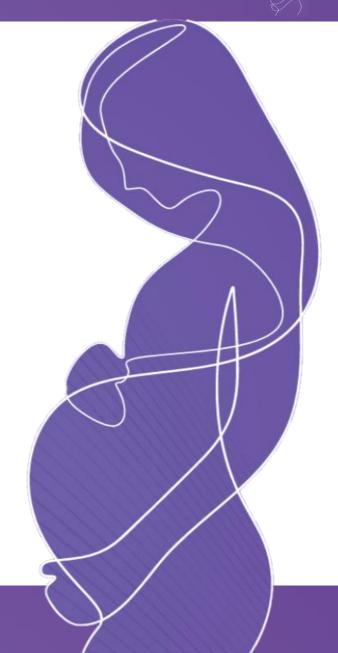
95% of people living with HIV with suppressed viral load



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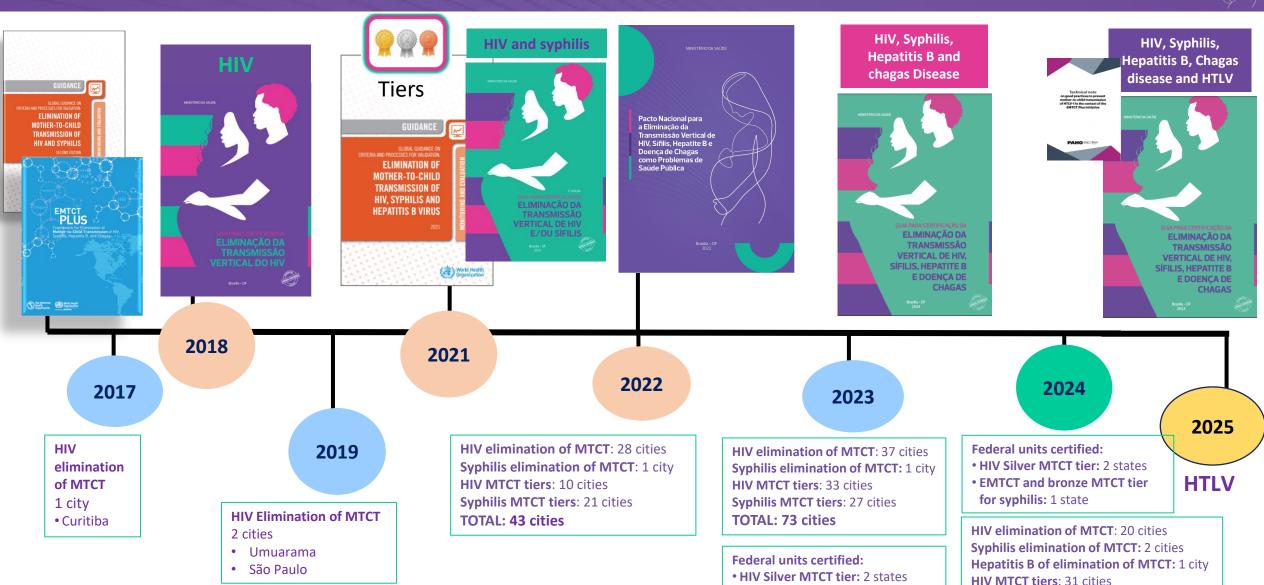
Municipalities ≥100,000 inhabitants and Federal Units, including the possibility for the bronze, silver or gold tiers certification in "the path to elimination", encouraging gradual reduction in MTCT rates

Encourage, support, and recognize the local efforts to elimination of MTCT



# **Subnational certification EMTCT**





• EMTCT and bronze MTCT tier for

syphilis: 2 states

Syphilis MTCT tiers: 25 cities

**TOTAL:** 60 cities

**Hepatitis B MTCT tiers:** 17 cities



# Impact targets (adapted) – Elimination and tiers



Impact target	Elimination		Assessment			
Impact target	Ellillillation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	period	
1) Incidence rate of HIV-infected children due to mother-to-child	≤ 0.5 case	≤ 1.0 case	≤ 1.5 cases	≤ 2.0 cases		
transmission	per 1,000 Live Births (LBs)	per 1,000 LBs	per 1,000 LBs	per 1,000 LBs		
Rate of mother-to-child transmission of HIV (public and private sectors)	≤ 2%	≤ 2%	≤ 2%	≤ 2%	At least for one	
3) Incidence rate of congenital syphilis	≤ 0.5 case	≤ 2.5 cases	≤ 5.0 cases	≤ 7.5 cases	year (last full year)	
	per 1,000 LBs	per 1,000 LBs	per 1,000 LBs	per 1,000 LBs		
4) Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) prevalence in children	≤ 1.0 case per 1,000 ≤5-year-	≤ 1.0 case per 1,000	≤ 2.0 cases per 1,000	≤ 3.0 cases per 1,000		
≤5 years old	old birth	≤5-year-old birth	≤5-year-old birth	≤5-year-old birth		
5) Coverage of etiological treatment for children aged 0 to 3 years diagnosed with <i>T. cruzi</i> infection	≥ 90%	≥ 90%	≥70%	15% increase in coverage compared to the previous baseline year	At least for two	
6) Incidence rate of acute Chagas	≤ 0.5 case	≤ 1.0 case	≤ 1.5 cases	≤ 2.0 cases	years (last two full years)	
disease among women in child- bearing age	per 100,000 women in child- bearing age	per 100,000 women in child- bearing age	per 100,000 women in child-bearing age	per 100,000 women in child-bearing age		



# Process targets (adapted) – Elimination and tiers



TRANSMISSÃO VERTICAL DE HIV. SIJILIS, HEPATITE B E DOENÇA DE	Flimination	Parameters			Assessment
Process target	Elimination	Gold	Silver	Bronze	period
1) Minimum coverage of 4 (four) prenatal care visits		≥ 95%	≥ 90%	≥ 90%	
2) Coverage for pregnant women who underwent at least one HIV	≥ 95%				
test during prenatal care					
3) Coverage for pregnant women living with HIV using					
antiretroviral therapy during prenatal care					
4) Coverage for pregnant women who underwent at least one					
syphilis test during prenatal care					
5) Coverage for pregnant women adequately treated for syphilis					
during prenatal care					At least for
6) Coverage for Hepatitis B vaccine in children		≥ 90%	≥ 85%	≥ 80%	two years
(up to 30 days after birth)					l (last two full
7) Coverage for three doses of Hepatitis B vaccine					years)
(infant vaccination)					
8) Coverage for pregnant women who underwent at least one HBV	≥ 90%	≥ 85%	≥ 80%	≥ 70%	
test during prenatal care				2 / 6/3	_
9) Coverage for pregnant women who underwent at least one			≥ 70%	15% increase in coverage	
Chagas disease test during prenatal care					
10) Coverage for testing diagnosis for children ≤ 1 year old				compared to the	
exposed to <i>T. cruzi</i> through vertical transmission				previous baseline	
11) Coverage of etiological treatment for Chagas disease among				year	
women in child-bearing age				year	

Analyze public health programs and services organized within the Unified Health System (SUS), for the prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, syphilis, Hepatitis B, and Chagas disease.

- Primary Health Care (PHC) units
- Referral services (high-risk prenatal care,
- Follow-up for exposed/infected children
- Specialized outpatient services for HIV, AIDS, and VH
- Institutions that provide childbirth services. especially in areas with greater social and individual vulnerability.

 Coverage of case screening, diagnosis, and treatment during prenatal care is assessed, along with the follow-up of children exposed to or infected with HIV, syphilis, Hepatitis B, and Chagas disease.

• The reporting and investigation of cases by health services (public, contracted, affiliated with SUS, and private) in locations that have eliminated vertical transmission or are on the path to elimination are evaluated.

Human rights, gender equality and community participation

Elimination of **MTCT** 

**Programs** 

and services

**Epidemiological** surveillance and data quality

**Committees** for MTCT investigation

• The broader concept of health encompasses the analysis of multiple social determinants, as well as risk factors and vulnerabilities that may affect pregnant women's and newborns' access to the necessary care for preventing vertical transmission.

• The evaluation of this thematic area aims to assess the guarantee of human rights, including gender, racial, and ethnic equality, as well as ensuring community participation and civil society involvement in the development, monitoring, and evaluation of public policies.

capacity and quality of tests

- Adequacy of the service network for providing diagnostic tests (rapid and/or conventional tests for HIV, syphilis, Hepatitis B, and Chagas disease) and for monitoring pregnant women and newborns (e.g., viral load tests and CD4+ T-cell count).
- It also evaluates whether the obtained results are accurate and reliable.
- It examines whether the execution of diagnostic tests and monitoring exams meets established quality control and management standards (laboratory quality management, the quality of diagnostic components, the competence of the team performing the tests, and the management of laboratory data)

# Types of certifition of EMTCT or tiers in the path to eliminitarion



Elimination: MTCT of HIV, MTCT of syphilis, MTCT of Hepatitis B

Gold: MTCT of HIV, MTCT of syphilis, MTCT of Hepatitis B

Silver: MTCT of HIV, MTCT of syphilis, MTCT of Hepatitis B

Bronze: MTCT of HIV, MTCT of syphilis, MTCT of Hepatitis B

- Single Certification
- Dual Certification
- Triple Certification

Regardless of the infection for which certification is being requested, the municipality or state must provide the requested information for all infections.

### **PROGRESSION**

A municipality or state that holds certification for a specific infection and demonstrates improvement in its indicators.

### **PAIRING**

A municipality or state that holds certification for a specific infection (e.g. EMTCT of HIV) and obtains certification for a new infection (e.g. EMTCT of syphilis). In this case, the validity of both certifications is aligned

### **CERTIFICATION VALIDITY**

- Certification for MTCT of HIV or syphilis: 5 years
  - Certification for MTCT of Hepatitis B: 2 years

### **Subnational Certification of EMTCT Process**

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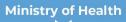
### Ministry of Health

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Municipality Validation Committee (MVC)



State Validation Commitee (SVC)



National Validation Team (NVT)

National Validation Commitee (NVC)

Ministry of Health

- The Ministry of Health contacts the states and municipalities to discuss the indicators based on the national database, and encourages adherence to the Certification process.
- Drafts a municipal report and fills in the validation instruments for the certification Guide and Supplementary material.
- · Reviews the municipal report and the validation instruments.
- Prepares a technical opinion and submits an official communication to the Ministry of Health.
- · Analyzes the municipal report and the validation instruments, according to the criteria in the Certification Guide.
- · Takes action regarding the technical visit.
- Conducts the technical visit to verify the information in the report and validation instruments.
- · Drafts the technical visit report.
- · Evaluates the municipal report, the validation instruments and the NVC's report.
- · Fills in and signs the Validation Form.
- · Certifies the municipality, if the process is approved.







### **National Validation Team**

- Human Rights
- Health programs and clinical services
- Surveillance
- Diagnosis

### **English**

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EXPERIENCE REPORT

### Subnational certification of elimination of motherto-child transmission of HIV and/or syphilis: a **Brazilian experience report**

Certificação subnacional da eliminação da transmissão vertical de HIV e/ou sífilis: relato da experiência brasileira

Certificación subnacional de eliminación de la transmisión vertical del VIH y/o sífilis: relato de la experiencia brasileña

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### ABSTRACT

Objective: to describe the subnational implementation process of the certification for elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV and/or syphilis, its main barriers, challenges and opportunities. Methods: in 2022, indicators from the last full year for impact targets and the last two full years for process targets, available in national information systems, were evaluated; descriptive reports were analyzed and actions were acknowledged within four thematic axes, according to PAHO/WHO recommendations. Results: 43 municipalities ≥ 100,000 inhabitants were certified, covering 24.6 million inhabitants; one municipality achieved dual elimination (HIV-syphilis), 28 municipalities achieved elimination of HIV and 10 received silver tiers; regarding syphilis, one elimination was observed, along with 4 gold tiers, 13 silver tiers and 4 bronze tiers; a higher number of certifications was identified in the Southeast and South regions. Conclusion: barriers and challenges of the process were overcome through tripartite collaboration; the experience provided better integration of surveillance with care and improved actions aimed at preventing mother-to-child transmission. Keywords: Mother-to-child Transmission; HIV; Syphilis; Public Health Surveillance; Certification.



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### Certificación subnacional de la eliminación de la trasmisión vertical de VIH y/o sífilis: relato de la experiencia brasileña

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### **PESUMEN**

Objetivo: describir el proceso de implementación subnacional de la certificación de eliminación de la transmisión vertical (TV) de sífilis y/o VIH, barreras, oportunidades y desafíos. Métodos: en 2022, se evaluaron indicadores del último año completo para la meta de impacto y de los dos últimos años para las de proceso en los sistemas de información; se analizaron informes descriptivos y se reconocieron acciones de cuatro eies, según las recomendaciones de la OPS/OMS. Resultados: se certificaron 43 municipios ≥ 100.000 mil habitantes, cubriendo 24.6 millones de habitantes; un municipio logró la doble eliminación (VIH-sífilis). 28 la eliminación del VIH y 10 sellos plata: para sífilis, hubo una eliminación, 4 sellos oro, 13 plata y 4 bronce; las regiones Sudeste y Sur obtuvieron más certificaciones. Conclusión: barreras y desafíos fueron superados mediante la colaboración tripartita; la experiencia permitió la integración de la vigilancia con la atención y la cualificación de acciones para la prevención de la TV

Palabras clave: Trasmisión Vertical; VIH; Sifilis; Vigilancia en Salud Pública; Certificación.



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Palavras-chave: Transmissão Vertical; HIV; Sífilis; Vigilância em Saúde Pública; Certificação.



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# **EMTCT Certification Ceremony**









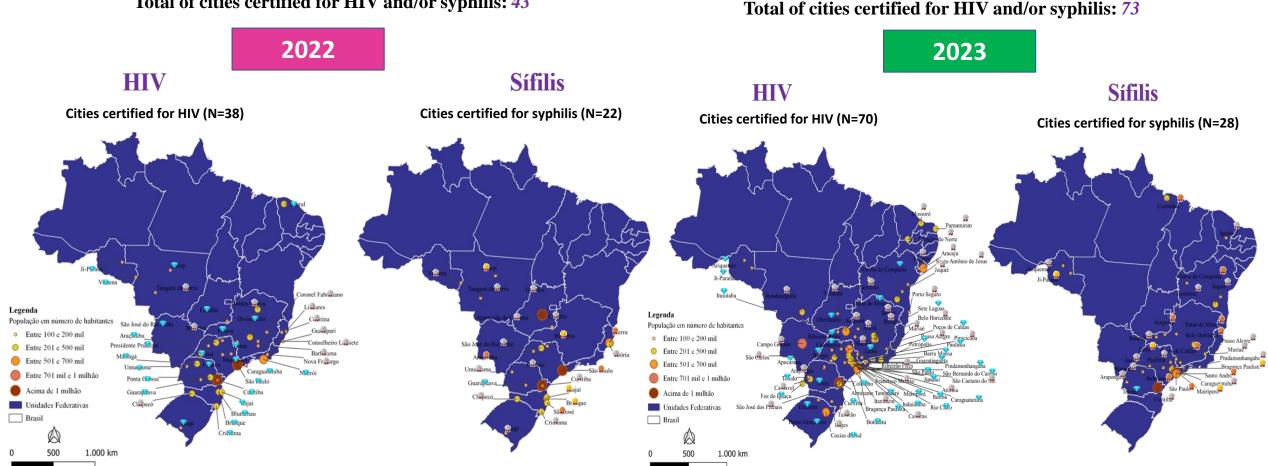








### Total of cities certified for HIV and/or syphilis: 43



### Total of certification for HIV and/syphilis in 2022: 60

- HIV Elimination of MTCT: 28 certifications
- HIV Silver MTCT tier: 10 certifications
- Syphilis Elimination of MTCT: 1 certification
- Syphilis Gold MTCT tiers: 4 certifications
- Syphilis Silver MTCT tiers: 13 certifications
- Syphilis Bronze MTCT tiers: 4 certifications

### Total of certification for HIV and/syphilis in 2023: 98

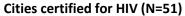
- HIV Elimination of MTCT: 37 certifications
- HIV Silver MTCT tier: 33 certifications
- Syphilis Elimination of MTCT: 1 certification
- Syphilis Gold MTCT tiers: 4 certifications
- Syphilis Silver MTCT tiers: 15 certifications
- Syphilis Bronze MTCT tiers: 8 certifications



2024

### Total of cities certified for HIV and/syphilis and/or Hepatitis B: 60





- HIV Elimination of MTCT: 20 certifications
- HIV Silver MTCT tier: 31 certifications



### Cities certified for Syphilis (N=28)

- Syphilis Elimination of MTCT: 2 certifications
- Syphilis Gold MTCT tiers: 2 certifications
- Syphilis Silver MTCT tiers: 21 certifications
- Syphilis Bronze MTCT tiers: 3 certifications



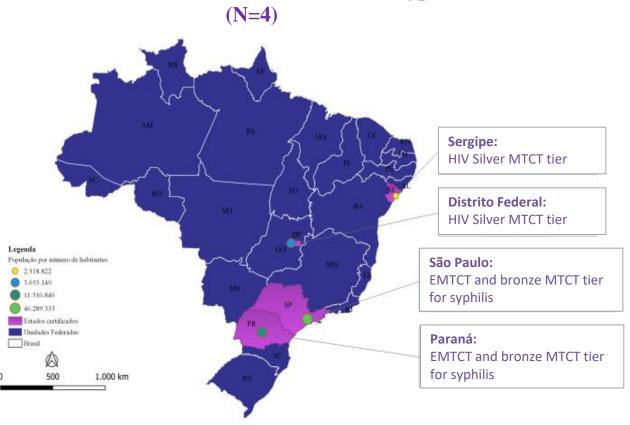
### Cities certified for Hepatitis B (N=18)

- Hepatitis B Elimination of MTCT: 1 certification
- Hepatitis B Gold MTCT tiers: 3 certifications
- Hepatitis B Silver MTCT tiers: 6 certifications
- Hepatitis B Bronze MTCT tiers: 8 certifications

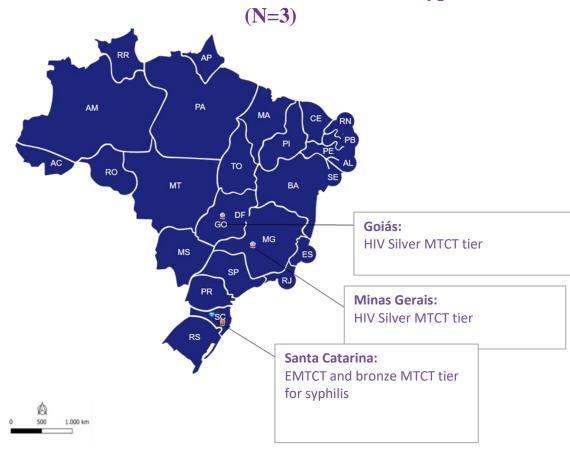




### FEDERAL STATES - 2023 HIV and/or Syphilis

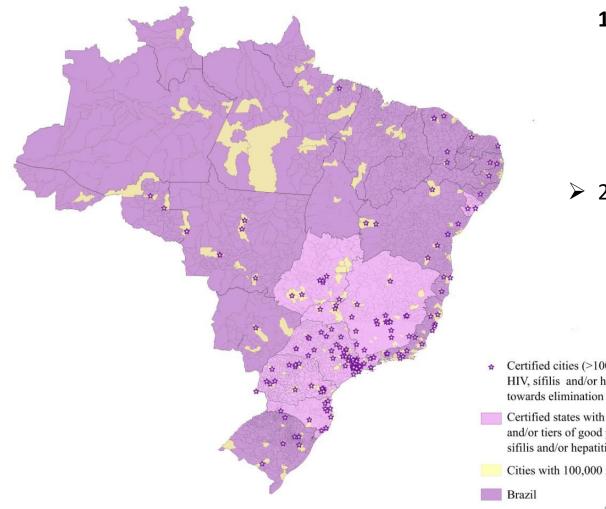


### FEDERAL STATES - 2024 HIV and/or Syphilis



### In summary: Certification of Federated States and municipalities with ≥100,000 inhabitants



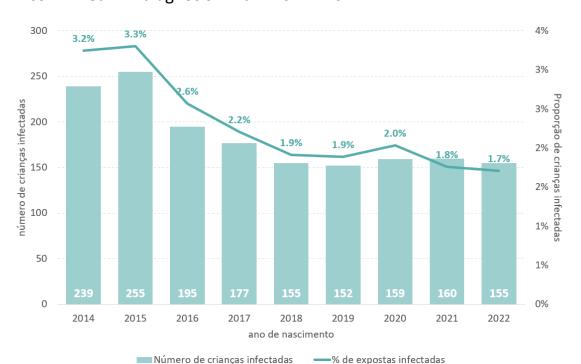


- 327 Municipalities with ≥100,000 inhabitants: 122,829,918 inhabitants
  - The certification process reached 151 municipalities with **57,183,450** people (46,5%) of the population that can be reached by the certification process in the municipalities)
- > 27 Federal States in Brazil: **212,583,750 inhabitants** 
  - The certification process reached 7 Federal States with **111.749.153 inhabitants** people (52,57% of the total population of Brazil)
- Certified cities (>100,000 inhabitants) with elimination of HIV, sífilis and/or hepatitis B, and/or tiers of good pracities towards elimination of HIV, sifilis and/or hepatitis B
- Certified states with elimination of HIV, sifilis and/or hepatitis B; and/or tiers of good pracities towards elimination of HIV, sífilis and/or hepatitis B
- Cities with 100,000 inhabitants or more

# **Next steps**

# **Jun 2025: Request for CERTIFICATION of** the ELIMINATION OF VERTICAL TRANSMISSION OF HIV to PAHO/WHO

Number and proportion of children up to 18 months exposed with a confirmed HIV diagnosis - Brazil 2014 - 2022







<sup>\*</sup> Duas cargas virais superiores a 5.000 cópias/mL ou Tary nos primeiros 18 meses de vida.

















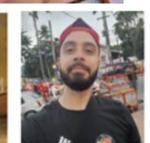












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