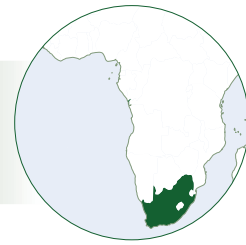


# SOUTH AFRICA



**270 000**  
[210 000–370 000]

**CHILDREN (0–14 YEARS) WERE LIVING WITH HIV IN 2021**

**10 000** [7 900–21 000]

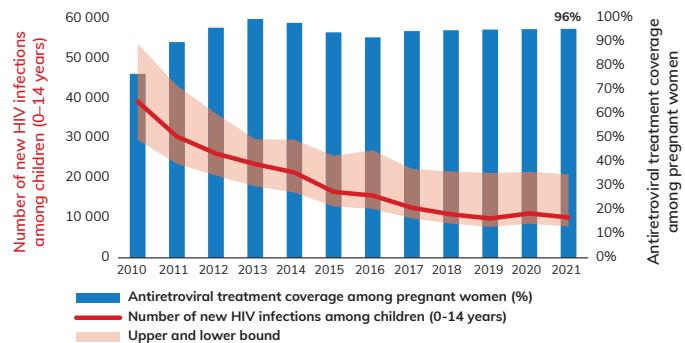
**CHILDREN (0–14 YEARS) BECAME NEWLY INFECTED WITH HIV IN 2021**

**2 800** [1 900–5 200]

**CHILDREN (0–14 YEARS) DIED FROM AIDS-RELATED ILLNESSES IN 2021**

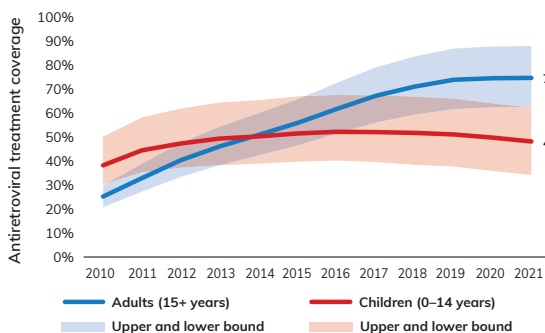
**Figure 1.**

New HIV infections among children (0–14 years) and antiretroviral coverage among pregnant women (%), 2010–2021



**Figure 2.**

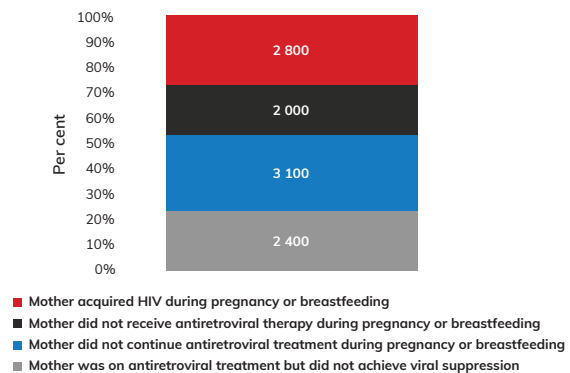
Antiretroviral treatment coverage (%) among children (0–14 years) and adults (15+ years), 2010–2021



Source: UNAIDS epidemiological estimates, 2022 (<https://aidsinfo.unaids.org/>).

**Figure 3.**

Percentage and number of new vertical HIV infections by cause of transmission, 2021



## Highlights from Global Alliance action plan:

- Strengthen case finding among HIV exposed infants and children.
- Scale up initiation of dolutegravir based regimen to pregnant and breastfeeding women as per revised guidelines.
- Strengthen regular retesting of pregnant and breastfeeding women.
- Scale-up access to social protection (social grants, nutritional support, early childhood development) for eligible children, adolescents and women living with HIV and key and priority populations for improved access to HIV treatment and services.
- Address gender-based violence and femicide, sexual assault and abuse e.g., infants, children, adolescents and women including scaling up advocacy for the enforcement of laws.

“South Africa is committed to allocating domestic resources and collaborate with Partners towards the implementation of the plan of action. We will ensure that our resources are efficiently and effectively utilised to protect those affected, fight stigma, and promote the well-being of children already living with HIV/AIDS.”

— Dr Phaahla, Minister of Health