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This document provides answers to questions that have been received frequently from national Global AIDS Monitoring rapporteurs, other national counterparts and UN staff. For more information on the Global AIDS Monitoring, please visit our website (<https://www.unaids.org/en/global-aids-monitoring>), or email us at aidsreporting@unaids.org.

General questions

Why is UNAIDS requesting country progress reports in 2026?

In the 2021 high level meeting declaration (para. 71) signatory countries agreed to “...provide to the General Assembly [...] an annual report on progress achieved in realizing the commitments contained in the present declaration...”. Reporting on the implementation of the commitments in 2021 will provide the baseline for assessing achievements against the targets set for 2025. The reported data are utilized for national-level reviews (including funding applications and reprogramming efforts), regional reviews, and global analysis. Data will be reported in UNAIDS, WHO and UNICEF reports in 2026.

What is the deadline for 2026 reporting?

The deadline for country GAM submissions has been shifted compared to previous years. Country data should be submitted online no later than 31 May 2026. Should a submission be received after this date, UNAIDS cannot guarantee that the data will be included in 2026 global reporting.

What are the components of GAM report submissions for 2026?

Countries are encouraged to complete and submit the following GAM components in 2026:

- Data for quantitative indicators, including on financial indicators
- National Commitments and Policy Instrument questionnaire (Parts A and B)
- WHO/AIDS Medicines and Diagnostics Survey
- Community monitoring data
- Narrative summaries

Countries are encouraged to submit narrative summaries by target area. Countries may also share any narrative analysis or reports they may produce for their own national processes.

Countries are encouraged to submit GAM reports even if data are not available for all indicators. Please see the item below on data availability for more information on this.

Are there any changes to the GAM framework for reporting in 2026?

For 2026 reporting, the GAM framework has been aligned to the 2030 targets recommended by the Global Task Team on 2030 Target Recommendations. Global reporting will focus on the 16 top-line targets recommended for 2030. More information on the Global Task Team and 2030 recommended targets is available at https://www.unaids.org/sites/default/files/2025-05/20250328_recommended_2030_HIV_targets_livedocument_en_13_May_2025.pdf.

The following changes have been introduced in the GAM framework for 2026 reporting:

- Indicator 2.1 PrEP need met: The indicator on “People who received pre-exposure prophylaxis” has been modified to also include PrEP need met. A denominator of the estimated PrEP need has been added.
- Indicator 2.2 Condom need met: The indicator on “Annual number of condoms distributed” has been modified to also monitor condom needs met. A denominator of the estimated number of condoms needed has been added. The indicator has been consolidated to refer to the total number of condoms, including male and female condoms, rather than requesting separate reporting. The disaggregation by type of provider has been aligned to similar disaggregation for Indicator 1.9 (needles and syringes distributed per person who injects drugs) and Indicator 1.10 (coverage of opioid agonist maintenance therapy) to include community-led organizations as a category.
- The Bio-Behavioural Survey (BBS) “lite” has been included as a complementary option for method of measurement for the following indicators:
 - 1.2 HIV testing and status awareness among key populations (A–D)
 - 2.3 Condom use among gay men and other men who have sex with men, people who inject drugs and transgender people (A–D)
 - 2.4 Safe injecting practices among people who inject drugs
 - 1.8 Antiretroviral therapy coverage among people living with HIV from key populations (A–E)
 - 4.4 Physical and/or sexual violence experienced by key populations (A–D)
 - 4.2 Stigma and discrimination experienced by key populations (A–D)
 - 2.7 Syphilis prevalence among key populations (A, B, D)
- The request for the number of people living with HIV currently on antiretroviral therapy who have ever received tuberculosis preventive treatment before the reporting period has been removed, due to limited data availability for the indicator on “People living with HIV on antiretroviral therapy who started tuberculosis preventive treatment”
- Other surveys among people living with HIV have been included as a complementary option for method of measurement for the indicator on “Experience of HIV-related discrimination in health-care settings.”
- The disaggregations for the indicator on “HIV testing volume and positivity” have been revised. Transgender people have been added in the disaggregation by gender. Disaggregations by testing modality have been streamlined.

The NCPI questionnaire for reporting in 2026 consists of two parts—Part A to be completed by national authorities, and Part B to be completed by community representatives. The questionnaire has been modified to align with the 2030 topline targets. The overall number of questions has been reduced. The wording of some of the questions retained from previous rounds has been refined, based on experience in previous reporting and to reflect developments in policy recommendations and available

technologies. A few new questions have been introduced to address areas not previously covered.

A section has been added in the online reporting tool to include summaries of data available from community monitoring efforts, including CLM, on the quality of HIV services, stigma and discrimination, and the experiences of women living with HIV.

Please also see questions below for changes related to reporting on indicators for which the recommended source is Spectrum estimates.

How can I check what my country reported in the last reporting period?

You can view previously reported data in the following ways:

- Through the online reporting tool: after logging into the online reporting tool, select the reporting period for which you want to view data from the drop-down menu;
- Data reported through the National Commitments and Policy Instrument are available at: <https://lawsandpolicies.unaids.org>
- Data on quantitative indicators are available on the AIDInfo webpage: <https://aidsinfo.unaids.org/>
- For information on the last report on indicators with regards to AIDS expenditures, please see <https://hivfinancial.unaids.org/hivfinancialdashboards.html> or contact AIDSpending@unaids.org.

What if my country does not have data for an indicator?

For each indicator in the online reporting tool the relevance and data availability needs to be specified. If an indicator is relevant but no (new, not previously reported) data are available for the reporting period, select the option “no new data available.”

My most recent data for an indicator with a survey as the recommended source are from two years ago. Should I still report them?

If you had already reported these data in a previous reporting round, then there is no need to re-enter the data this year. However, if you have not reported these data in previous rounds, please enter the data for the current reporting year. Please make sure to change the “Data collection period” to reflect the actual dates of data collection.

Is there an offline template of the data entry sheets available?

Yes, it is available:

- On this page: <https://www.unaids.org/en/global-aids-monitoring>
- Through the online reporting tool: Countries are able to login to the online reporting tool to download the data entry template.

Please do note that this offline template is made available as a reference only and cannot be used to automatically upload the collected data into the online reporting tool.

I have already submitted the Global AIDS Monitoring report, however new data have just been made available to me and I would like to update my country submission. Is this still possible?

Please send a message to aidsreporting@unaids.org and request that the indicator/s for which new data have become available be reopened for revision.

Why are subnational data requested for certain indicators?

For selected GAM indicators, countries are invited to also report subnational data, including data at the level of capital cities and other cities of epidemiological importance.

Subnational data can support a better understanding of the HIV epidemic and response to inform programming.

Surveys of key populations are often conducted at the level of sites or subnational areas. Subnational data are extrapolated to generate national values.

Does my country's Spectrum estimates file need to be uploaded to the GAM online reporting tool if Spectrum is indicated as the source for selected indicators?

No – as of the 2026 reporting round, indicators that are Spectrum inputs or results estimates will be reported directly through Spectrum, therefore countries no longer need to indicate in the GAM online reporting tool whether data for these indicators should be taken from their final Spectrum files or upload an extract from their Spectrum files. This applies for the following 2026 GAM indicators: HIV incidence, AIDS mortality, People living with HIV who know their HIV status, People living with HIV who have suppressed viral loads, HIV testing in pregnant women, Vertical transmission of HIV and Prevention of vertical transmission of HIV.

For the indicator on People living with HIV on ART, there is the option for countries not using Spectrum to report the numerator of the number of people who were on ART at the end of the reporting period through the GAM online reporting tool. Countries using Spectrum should select in the online reporting tool for data to be taken from their final Spectrum file for the indicator.

Countries that produce a robust Spectrum estimation that meets quality and publication criteria are encouraged to use Spectrum as the source for these indicators. This will promote internal consistency across indicators, as well as alignment in methods, definitions and assumptions for estimated indicators over time and across countries.

My country has developed subnational estimates using Naomi. Can I use the results to report on subnational data in GAM?

The Naomi model is used to synthesize multiple subnational data sources to generate estimates of key HIV indicators stratified by subnational administrative units, sex and five-year age groups. As of the 2026 GAM round, countries are no longer asked to report on indicators for whose data are either inputs or results of Spectrum estimates through GAM and therefore are also not asked to report sub-national estimates through the GAM online

reporting tool. Sub-national estimates produced by countries using Naomi will be obtained directly from final Naomi files by UNAIDS for relevant GAM indicators.

How can I share the draft GAM report with various stakeholders for national consultation?

Two options to share draft GAM reports with stakeholders are:

- Provide viewing access to the GAM online reporting tool: stakeholders can submit a request for an account at <https://aidsreportingtool.unaids.org> with the profile of “Country viewer”. This will allow them to view data entered without possibility of editing;
- Download an extract from the online reporting tool: Click on “Save all to PDF file” at the top of the “Data entry” screen of the online reporting tool to generate a PDF extract of all the information entered in the online tool for the reporting period.

Where can I find the estimated needs for condoms and PrEP?

A new tab, the prevention denominators tool, has been added in Spectrum that calculates prevention needs estimates including for condoms and PrEP. If the country has conducted estimates of condom or PrEP needs using another tool or methodology, these estimates and the corresponding source can also be reported through GAM.

Where can I find the definitions for indicators for which data are no longer being collected through global reporting?

These indicator definitions are available in the UNAIDS Indicator Registry (<https://indicatorregistry.unaids.org/>), an online repository of HIV-related indicators. Countries are encouraged to continue to use these indicators for national monitoring and reporting on progress towards the second-tier targets recommended for 2030 although the data are no longer being collected globally. Annex 2 of the 2026 GAM guidelines provides additional information and references of relevant indicators for monitoring recommended 2030 second-tier targets.

Online reporting tool

When will the GAM online reporting tool open for data entry?

The online reporting tool will be open for data entry around 15 February 2026.

Which internet browser should I use?

The online reporting tool is developed to work best with the latest versions of popular browsers, such as Edge, Chrome, and Firefox. With older browser versions, there may be issues in saving and viewing the data.

What is new in the online reporting tool for 2026?

The user interface for the online reporting tool was updated for the 2023 reporting round to better support country users in completing data entry and more closely reflect the various steps to complete for submission. The process for entering data and submitting reports in 2026 remains the same as in 2025. The user interface has been updated to reflect the revised set of GAM indicators and reporting components. A webinar will be held in early 2026 to present the online tool.

There is a new GAM rapporteur for the country. How could he/she have access to the online tool?

Please send an email to aidsreporting@unaids.org to inform UNAIDS of the name of the new rapporteur. Please advise if the previous rapporteur's account should be deactivated. The new rapporteur should then register as a country editor on this page: <https://aidsreportingtool.unaids.org/accounts/register/>

A confirmation email will be sent once the registration is verified.

I have a country editor account in the online reporting tool and received an email from aidsreporting-noreply@unaids.org with the subject "GAM Reporting – User registration received for ..." Should I approve?

This is an automatic notification when someone registers as a country viewer. If the person is part of the country team or the stakeholder consultation, you may wish to approve the registration. Otherwise, you may reject the request and inform aidsreporting@unaids.org to block the account.

If you have a regional editor or global editor or viewer account in the online tool and received such an email, please ignore it.

Are any data pre-populated in the online reporting tool?

Data are pre-populated for NCPI questions related to punitive laws. Data previously reported for NCPI questions that have remained the same as in previous reporting rounds and for which data were reported by the country are also available to load. If loading previous responses or pre-populated data, please verify whether there have been any changes, and ensure to complete any new questions.

Sections of the NCPI for which data are available to load (either from previous reporting or pre-populated by UNAIDS) indicate “Available” in the “Data to load” column on the “Data entry” tab. Also, when opening the questionnaire sectionr for which pre-populated data are available, a notification message will be shown in the top section of the data entry page for the indicator, highlighting the possibility to use it.

I want to start entering data but I don’t see a Save button. What should I do?

It is possible that you only have viewer access rights. Please ask the national GAM rapporteur to communicate with aidsreporting@unaids.org to have your account changed to have editor rights, if applicable.

I do not have new data for most of these indicators. Do I still need to enter in each page one by one?

In this case, it is not necessary to enter in each indicator page. You may indicate whether each indicator is relevant and if there are new data available in the corresponding column within the indicator list table in the “Data entry” tab.

I am getting a popup window with error messages and am not able to save. I have verified that the data entered are correct. What should I do?

Consistency checks have been automated in the online tool to support correct data entry and completeness of reporting. A popup window will appear if there are warning messages highlighting issues in the data entry that the user is encouraged to review before saving the data. This may include incorrect percent calculations, missing data, or large changes from data reported for previous periods. If you want to save the data as is, please enter a reason in the space provided in the popup window, then click “Save Comments”.

Automated checks may also trigger an error message, that appears at the top of the indicator page in red accompanied by messages in red font in the specific sections where the errors were detected. These errors will need to be addressed before saving again.

The following validation checks have failed while saving. Please correct the data or provide in the box below an explanation for the inconsistency.

Some percentages are missing. Please explain.
Some numerators are missing. Please explain.
Some denominators are missing. Please explain.
The numerators and denominators do not correspond to its percentages.

[Review Errors](#) [Save Comments](#)

I'm ready to submit data but the Submit button is not enabled. What should I do?

This means that there are still some indicators without answers.

If the indicator is not relevant in your country's context or there are no new data to report, this needs to be specified in the data entry screen for the indicator or in the column for selecting indicator relevance/data availability in the indicator list table. A warning will also appear in the commitment heading in the indicator list table to indicate the number of indicators without answers. Additionally, each indicator that requires attention has a blank "status" cell and no "download as a pdf file" icon.

If there are no indicators in the list requiring attention but the data entry progress is still not 100%, this means that data have not yet been entered data in the AIDS Spending module (Indicators 6.1 to 6.3). You are required to respond for indicators 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 in the AIDS Spending module before you can submit in GAM.

You can also check the "Submission" tab for a summarized status of all the components of the GAM report.



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