

Namibia participates in COP 2018 Review Meeting

19-24 February, Johannesburg: A Namibian team composed of participants from the Ministry of Health and Social Services (MoHSS), civil society organisations (CSOs), U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), USAID, and UNAIDS participated in the Country Operational Plan (COP) 2018 Review Meeting.

The Meeting was organized under the leadership of U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator of PEPFARR and U.S. Special Representative for Global Health Diplomacy, Deborah Birx, and UNAIDS Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Director, Dr. Catherine Sozi.

Namibia was congratulated for the great

achievements on accelerating the Fast Track strategy to reach 90-90-90 targets. The UN's strategic support of providing evidence, development of policies and strategic framework was highly appreciated.

The team also shared some best practices, including Index Partner Testing, Same- Day Testing and Offering of Anti-Retrovirals (ARVs) and Pre Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP).

To sustain the achievements, UNAIDS, PEPFAR and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) are supporting the Government of the Republic of Namibia (GRN) in the development of Namibia's Sustainability Framework for Epidemic Control. PEPFAR has allocated USD 71,569,000 to Namibia for its COP 2018. ***SDG 3 'Good Health and Well-Being'***

