

A Civil Society Rough Guide to the PEPFAR 2017 Country Operational Plan (COP) Process

GROUP 1

Cameroon, Ethiopia, Haiti, Kenya, Mozambique,
Tanzania, Zimbabwe

GROUP 2

Botswana, Cote d'Ivoire, Lesotho, Malawi, South Africa,
Swaziland, Uganda, Ukraine, Zambia

GROUP 3

Burundi, DRC, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Sudan,
Vietnam

NOTE

Other countries/regional programs are part of the
"STAR" groups not listed and have different timelines.

When?

What happens?

What can civil society do?

Immediately

Time to start planning.

1. Start meeting to review last year's COP and identify what CSOs think should change for 2017. Find the 2016 COPS here: <https://www.pepfar.gov/countries/cop/c71522.htm>
2. Last year CSOs succeeded in our push to get PEPFAR to put all of its data online! Take a look at the PEPFAR data for 2016 as a tool for advocacy—it tells an important story of what's working and what's not! <http://data.pepfar.net>. Need help with the data? Email data@pepfarwatch.org
3. Start identifying who your strongest advocates are to attend the PEPFAR COP reviews in April in Johannesburg.

January 18

COPS process starts,
guidelines are published.

Get in touch with PEPFAR coordinator to ask them for a calendar of exact dates for your country and all the materials you need to be engaged. They should provide:

- Country-specific additional COPS guidance from Washington
- A calendar for the next few months
- Quarter 4 POART slides from meeting with PEPFAR Washington
- Access to the data (but you don't have to wait, see above)

Week of January 23

PEPFAR teams have a
"strategic retreat."

1. Ask to be invited
2. Come with a set of initial demands/priorities
3. Start work on a formal submission from your groups about what you want to see in COP17.

Feb 6—10

(Group 1)

PEPFAR country teams go to Washington, DC for the “Management Meetings” where they will lay out initial priorities for COP17.

1. Before the Management Meetings make sure they know your major priorities.
2. Prepare a written submission on what you think should change and send it to them as soon as you can. To do this:

Feb 20—24

(Group 2)

PEPFAR country teams are required to provide you with the outcomes of those meetings within 4 days.

- Consult with communities, especially outside capitals, get their input and their evidence about why changes are needed.
- Use data from PEPFAR.
- Be specific about what should change from last year’s COP to COP17. What should be added? Who should be covered? Where?

Mar 7—10

(Group 3)

March

(At least 48- 72 hours **before** the COP goes to the Ambassador for sign off (which means a few days before the due dates below)

Strategic Direction Summaries (SDS) are required to be shared with stakeholders **before** the country Ambassador reviews.

You have just a few days! But if you can work quickly then your input on this critical document is required to be considered by the Ambassador and by PEPFAR headquarters in Washington.

- Read the SDS and suggest changes in writing.
- If you have done a formal submission you can just update this to note what has not been taken on board fully in the SDS (maybe in red ink).

March 2

(Group 1)

COPs due to Washington.

After COP submission it is not over. You can still influence by:

- Lobbying the PEPFAR team to make changes before the review.
- Coordinating with US and global advocates to make sure PEPFAR Washington knows about further changes you still want.

March 16

(Group 2)

March 30

(Group 3)

April 19—21

(Group 1)

PEPFAR Country Reviews in Johannesburg.

Send your best, boldest advocates well prepared to push for your priorities. Have a pre-meeting with CSOs and consider also meeting with government and IPs to gather information.

April 24—26

(Group 2)

April 27—29

(Group 3)

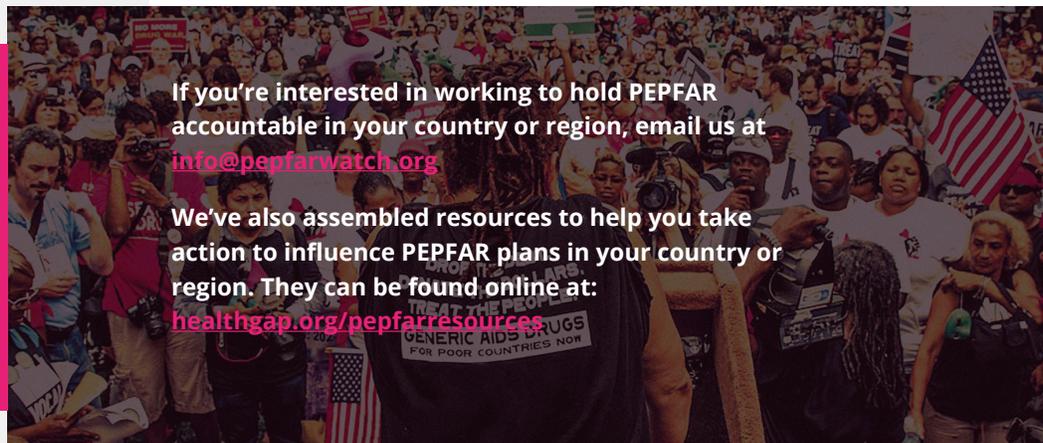


How can I get involved in advocacy to influence what PEPFAR is doing in my country?

If you're interested in working to hold PEPFAR accountable in your country or region, email us at info@pepfarwatch.org

We've also assembled resources to help you take action to influence PEPFAR plans in your country or region. They can be found online at:

healthgap.org/pepfarresources



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