

## HHS Secretary Leavitt Visits Twinning Center Partners in Mozambique and Tanzania

Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt visited three Twinning Center partners in Mozambique and Tanzania on his four-country tour of PEPFAR-supported sites in Africa last August.



Sec. Leavitt visited Hope Center in Maputo, where Twinning Center partners operate a Prevention with Positives program.

While in Maputo, Leavitt met with staff and volunteers at Esperanca Centreo (Hope Center), a community-based organization that provides peer counseling for PLWHA.

Through a CDC-funded partnership with the University of California-San Francisco, Hope Center runs a successful Prevention with Positives program, which is slated for replication at other sites in Maputo.

Leavitt also visited Catholic University of Mozambique, which is collaborating with the University of Pittsburgh to build an HIV/AIDS clinic at its Beira campus. With CDC support, the US partners are providing technical assistance and training to ensure that the healthcare workers who staff the new facility are skilled in ART and other HIV-related treatment and care.

In Dar es Salaam, Leavitt attended the first training conducted through the Tanzania HIV/AIDS Nursing Education (THANE) Project for nurse tutors from the country's Eastern Zone.

Partners at Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences School of Nursing and the University of California-San Francisco School of Nursing are leading this CDC-funded project to improve HIV/AIDS nursing education throughout the country. They trained and assisted the Tanzanian master trainers who conducted the workshop.



Judith Bagachwa of the Tanzania Institute of Social Work asks Sec. Leavitt a question during his visit to Muhimbili University.