

Brits Clinic Achieves Annual Targets for Provision of ART, Palliative Care

One of the Twinning Center's first partnerships—an alliance between Brits District Hospital in South Africa's North West Province and the Pretoria-based Foundation for Professional Development (FPD) has reached two key performance indicators far ahead of schedule, initiating ART for 1,036 patients and providing palliative care to 1,609 HIV clients as of September 30.

Since inception, the partners have worked to strengthen the operational capacity of Brits HIV/AIDS Clinic and provide integrated HIV-TB prevention, care, and support services to PLWHA. Additionally, they have focused on building a strong referral system between the clinic and key community-based treatment facilities and a comprehensive strategy for human resource training and development.

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Thanks to PEPFAR support, the partnership has initiated other improvements including health education and outreach programs for clinic clients and area businesses, a newly designed computerized filing system, and new medical and information technology equipment.