



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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## Media Statement on NDoH & U.S. PEPFAR COP22 signing

**Pretoria**: Please join us on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 for an event where the Senior advisor in the office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, Mr Jirair Ratevosian, and Director General of the National Department of Health, Dr Sandile Buthelezi, will be signing the United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), Country Operational Plan (COP22) for a period between October 2022 and September 2023.

This commitment will see the United States invest more than \$455.7 million (R6.8 billion) over the next year to strengthen South Africa's HIV prevention, care, and treatment services and combat the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on the HIV response.

The investment also builds on 19 years of close partnership between PEPFAR and the Government of South Africa, community-based organizations, civil society, and key multilateral organizations to confront the twin epidemics of HIV and TB and save as many lives as possible.

Details of the event:

Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Time: 09:00 - 1030

Venue: Dr Fabian & Florence Ribeiro Clinic, Cnr Sisulu & Madiba Street, Pretoria CBD

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