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## Improving Access to HIV/AIDS Care and Patient Retention in Russia

The USAID-funded Quality Assurance Project (QAP) began work in the Russian Federation in 1998, initially supporting the piloting and scale-up of improved systems of care for maternal and child and primary health care. In 2003, USAID asked QAP to apply quality improvement methods to improve treatment, care, and support for HIV-infected and AIDS patients. From 2004- 2006, QAP supported a demonstration collaborative on HIV/AIDS treatment, care and support involving sites in four cities in the oblasts of Samara, Saratov, and Orenburg, and St. Petersburg. The aim of the demonstration collaborative was to develop a municipal model for delivery of treatment, care and support services to persons living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA).

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