



Embassy of the United States of America

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Dear PEPFAR Uganda COP23 Delegation:

On behalf of Ambassador Nkengasong, we are sharing the message below regarding the postponement of the PEPFAR Uganda Country Operational Plan 2023 (COP23) strategy presentation originally scheduled for April 28, 2023. We appreciate your essential partnership throughout the COP23 development process and will continue to work with you as we navigate the next steps:

Dear PEPFAR Uganda Family,

I want to thank you all for your diligent efforts during the past several weeks for developing the Uganda COP23 plans in a highly complex and shifting landscape.

In light of the recent developments with the potential signing of the Anti-Homosexuality Act (AHA) and how that could impact our ability to provide services and assistance, I have made the decision to postpone the Final COP Presentation meeting previously scheduled for April 28. This postponement will allow us more time to collectively and effectively assess the legal and programmatic implications of the evolving legislation and broader environment in Uganda, which impacts PEPFAR-supported HIV/AIDS programs, and make relevant adjustments in order to resolve COP23 plans as appropriate.

I am grateful for the resilience and grace that the team has shown during this difficult time. With regards to current programming, we will continue to assess the needs of PEPFAR Uganda and adapt programs as required to ensure the safety of our staff and beneficiaries and help ensure access to health services remains intact.

Thank you for your understanding,

John Nkengasong

On behalf of the PEPFAR team, I would like to thank you for your continued leadership and commitment towards achieving HIV epidemic control for Uganda. We remain available to discuss your questions as they arise.

Sincerely,

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