Helping Businesses Address the Challenges of HIV/AIDS

Through the IFC Against AIDS program, the Corporation works with client companies in Africa to accelerate their efforts in fighting HIV/AIDS. This year, MTN Nigeria received guidance in developing an AIDS policy, conducting a specialized survey, offering peer education, and providing anti-retroviral treatment to employees and their dependents. In Kenya, Magadi Soda also began providing this treatment; IFC Against AIDS will continue to strengthen the company’s internal program and develop funding proposals to expand it in the community. IFC Against AIDS also worked with the South African company Hernic Ferrochrome to help shape its HIV/AIDS education and prevention program. In Nigeria, IFC provided assistance to the Dangote Group in drafting an AIDS policy, outlining an intervention strategy, and identifying partners among nongovernmental organizations for a program that will cover all the group’s operations. In cooperation with PEP-Africa, the program is developing tools that will help smaller businesses in many parts of the continent manage the business risks of HIV/AIDS.

This year, IFC Against AIDS also established a full-time staff presence in Johannesburg to support activities in the region.