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## HIV/AIDS Research

The National Institutes of Health's HIV/AIDS research effort is a multi-Institute, global program to better understand the basic biology of HIV, develop effective therapies, and design preventive interventions. Research findings have helped to extend survival and improve quality of life for HIV-infected people worldwide.

### PERFORMING

★ ★ Moderately Effective

- **The program has a flexible and cross-cutting design that explicitly allows the Office of AIDS Research to plan, identify, evaluate, and fund AIDS research priorities across the Institutes.** The program reassesses an annual comprehensive strategic plan to determine highest scientific priorities, enhance collaboration, and develop budget estimates.
- **The program will be using its recently improved AIDS research information systems database to track expenditures, minimize duplication, and ensure AIDS research dollars are invested in the highest priority research areas.**
- **The program's budget and performance integration is making progress in presenting the tie between funding requests and expected performance results.**

**We are taking the following actions to improve the performance of the program:**

- Initiating a Phase IIb trial of a promising vaccine candidate that may protect across viral clades (or subtypes).
- Utilizing the enhanced ARIS database to track, monitor, and budget for trans-NIH AIDS research to more efficiently conduct portfolio analysis of 100% of expiring grants to reallocate resources.

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