

# Needs Assessment

The process of collecting information about the needs of people with HIV (PWH). It involves gathering data from multiple sources and analyzing them to identify gaps and barriers to HIV care/services.

## Epidemiologic Profile



The number and demographic characteristics of people with HIV within the jurisdiction.

## Resource Inventory



An inventory of the financial and HIV-service provider resources available in the Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA).

## Estimate of Unmet Need



The number and characteristics of people with HIV who are aware of their status but not engaged in care.

## Estimate of Unaware



The estimated number and probable characteristics of individuals with HIV who are unaware of their status.

## Profile of Provider Capacity & Capability



Local agencies' capacity and capability to serve people with HIV, including capacity development needs.

## Assessment of Service Needs & Barriers



Information about the service needs of people with HIV and barriers to getting services.

- Needs assessment must include direct input from diverse people living with HIV.
- Needs assessment is a multi-year task, with different components updated each year.
- Needs assessment data are used to inform priority setting and resource allocation decision-making including the development of directives.

