

CREATING A HEALTHIER WORLD

Liver disease is one of the leading causes of illness and death worldwide.¹

Low awareness of liver diseases in Asia remains a key challenge towards realizing the World Health Organization's (WHO) goal to eliminate viral hepatitis as a public health threat by 2030.

Gilead, together with local communities and partners, are committed to enabling people living with hepatitis to lead long and fulfilling lives.



1M

deaths due to complications of liver cirrhosis and **1M** due to viral hepatitis and hepatocellular carcinoma² annually



354M

people living with hepatitis B virus (HBV) and hepatitis C virus (HCV) infections globally^{3,4}



90%

90% of people living with HBV⁴ and 79% living with HCV are unaware of their status⁵



Viral hepatitis is the primary cause of liver cancer, causing **69%** of global liver cancer deaths^{6,7}



Asia accounted for

80%

of global hepatocellular carcinoma cases⁸



Asia accounted for

54%

of global cirrhosis-related mortality⁹

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³ World Health Organization (2021, July 28). World Hepatitis Day 2021. www.who.int/news/item/28-07-2021-hepatitis-can-i-wait-who-commemorates-world-hepatitis-day-2021
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⁹ Sarin, S. K., et al. (2020). Liver diseases in the Asia-Pacific region: a Lancet Gastroenterology & Hepatology Commission. *Lancet Gastroenterol Hepatol* 5(2), 167-228. doi:10.1016/S2468-1253(19)30342-5



Fostering collaboration in research and development

- Over the past five years, Gilead has supported more than 140 clinical trials, investigator-sponsored researches and collaborative studies in Asia Pacific in the areas of HBV, HCV, HDV and NASH.
- Gilead is committed to advancing therapies for NASH. In 2019, Gilead partnered with Yuhan Corporation to co-develop novel treatments for patients with advanced fibrosis due to NASH.

Engaging communities

- Launched in 2021, the [Gilead Asia Pacific ALL4LIVER Grant](#) seeks to empower organizations to bring liver health, in particular HBV, to the forefront of public education and address the knowledge gaps in the region. More than 1 million USD was awarded to support community-led projects across Asia Pacific.



Centering efforts around patients and the community

Gilead Asia Pacific Liver Index Study¹¹

- The [Gilead Asia Pacific Liver Index Study](#) measured public knowledge of liver health in 11 markets in the region and revealed gaps on disease transmission, progression as well as apathy to screen and seek treatment.
- A collaborative multi-sectoral approach is called upon to close the identified gaps.

Elevating Voices of People living with HBV

- The inspiring [film series](#) produced by BBC storyworks, is created in partnership with [Coalition to Eradicate Viral Hepatitis in Asia Pacific](#) (CEVHAP) and [World Hepatitis Alliance](#) (WHA).
- The series brings discussions of hepatitis to the forefront and empower those living with, or vulnerable to HBV, to step up their own care.

Supporting the elimination of HCV in local communities

- Since 2022, the Educate, Test, Treat! (ETT) program, in collaboration with HCSA Community Services, educates and provides hepatitis C testing for high-risk groups in Singapore.

OUR COMMITMENT TO CREATING A HEALTHIER WORLD THAT IS HEPATITIS FREE

At Gilead Sciences, we have been at the forefront of advancing the care of people living with liver disease, including viral hepatitis. We are committed to realizing the World Health Organization's (WHO) 2030 goal to eliminate viral hepatitis as a public health threat by advancing science and access to treatment.



Advancing science in HBV, HCV and HDV treatment

- At the forefront of innovative treatment, Gilead has introduced four curative treatments for chronic HCV in less than four years.
- In 2016, Gilead launched a new therapy for people living with chronic HBV infection — the first medication for HBV approved by FDA in nearly a decade.¹⁰ Our scientists continue to actively pursue multiple pathways toward a possible cure.

¹⁰ U.S. FDA approved Vemlidy (tenofovir alafenamide, TAF) 25mg, a once-daily treatment for adults with chronic HBV infection and compensated liver disease on 10 November 2016

