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## Historical Note

AHF started their work in Mexico in 2004, and opened the country's first clinic in Tijuana in 2005 in partnership with the Mexican nonprofit Agencia Familiar Binacional. At the time, the Mexican government would not pay for HIV medications for migrant workers who would travel to the United States. AHF offered free antiretroviral therapy at their Tijuana clinic, and by 2014 the Mexican government had changed its policy and offered HIV medications to migrant workers. As AHF Mexico grew, it began to offer nationwide, free HIV testing kits and training to its partners among non-governmental organizations (NGOs) located near government HIV clinics. AHF also partners with Clinica Condesa, the largest HIV clinic in Latin America.

Jessie Gruttadauria, an AHF staffer who began in 1990, did much of the initial legwork in creating AHF's presence in Mexico. In 2006, Gruttadauria connected with Dr. Patricia Campos who began working with AHF. Dr. Campos was the former director of an HIV/AIDS program in the state of Jalisco, Mexico. She built up AHF's programming in Mexico and worked on AHF's expansion into other Latin America countries. She became the first Latin America Bureau chief. The Latin America and Caribbean Bureau currently has 12 countries, including Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, and Peru.