



HIV Leadership through Accountability Programme

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The "HIV Leadership through Accountability" Programme is funded by UKaid from the Department for International Development (DFID) Governance and Transparency Fund (GTF). It combines specific evidence-gathering tools, national AIDS campaigns and targeted advocacy for good governance and Universal Access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support.

It contributes to the setting of national, regional and global evidence-based campaign agendas based on the GIPA principle through a community driven process. It will be implemented in fifteen countries around the world, and though time-limited, effects are anticipated to be long-lasting, delivering significant capacity building beyond the direct research and advocacy impact.

Background:

In 2009-2010, networks of people living with HIV (PLHIV) in Kenya, Nigeria and Zambia, led the planning and implementation of five research tools by and for PLHIV aimed at strengthening evidence in:

- 1) Stigma and discrimination experienced by people living with HIV;
- 2) The level and quality of involvement of people living with HIV in HIV responses;
- 3) Criminalisation of HIV transmission and exposure;
- 4) Human rights violations against PLHIV;
- 5) Sexual and reproductive health and rights of people living with HIV.

Five Evidence Gathering Tools:

- The People Living with HIV Stigma Index;
- The GIPA Report Card;
- Criminalisation Scan;
- Human Rights Count!;
- Advancing the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights of PLHIV: A Guidance Package.

Evidence-based Advocacy:

- Building broad and diverse Civil Society campaign platforms;
- Identifying key issues and intervention points;
- Building partnerships based on common objectives;
- Targeted evidence-based campaigning, advocacy and lobbying;
- Informing national policy and programming.

NATIONAL NETWORKS OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV

Learning By Doing:

- Building internal capacity: planning, budgeting and programme skills;
- Addressing internal governance and accountability;
- Strengthening HIV Civil Society organisational partnerships;
- Engaging with national processes and mechanisms;
- National networks of PLHIV at the centre of the response to HIV.

GIPA Principle in Action:

- Tools designed by and for PLHIV;
- Thousands of PLHIV empowered through their involvement in the programme;
- Data giving a voice to experiences of PLHIV in Kenya, Nigeria and Zambia;
- Results and recommendations on GIPA, stigma and sexual reproductive health and human rights of PLHIV;
- PLHIV improving the quality of their lives.

Next steps:

- Identifying key messages from report recommendations;
- Developing six month campaigning, advocacy and lobbying action plans in Kenya, Nigeria and Zambia;
- More countries joining the programme in 2010: Cameroon; Ethiopia; Moldova; South Africa

Lessons learned:

- Strong engagement of National AIDS Councils with PLHIV networks;
- Invaluable evidence gathered from tools;
- Policies already being reviewed on basis of evidence;
- PLHIV networks and civil society organisations need to partner earlier on in the evidence gathering process;
- Need for organisational core support for PLHIV networks;
- Strong support from PLHIV to contribute their experiences and stories.

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