

CAP KENYA SMALL GRANTS AND INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING PROGRAMS I AND II

Project Overview: Funded by USAID/Kenya under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), CAP Kenya (2005-2009, \$25 million) is enhancing the technical and organizational capacities of Kenyan civil society organizations (CSOs) engaging in HIV/AIDS prevention and service delivery activities.

From **April 2005** to **September 2008** CAP Kenya:

- Provided grant funding to CSOs working in all PEPFAR priority areas in Kenya.
- Facilitated participatory assessments with participating organizations to create baseline measures of organizational and technical strengths and weaknesses;
- Designed and implemented Institutional Improvement Plans with all participating organizations; and
- Facilitated reassessments to document the changes in grantee systems, processes and procedures along the continuum of organizational development domains.

Kenya Context: HIV and AIDS remain major challenges in Kenya. Substantial regional variations in HIV infection, low levels of HIV testing, couple HIV discordance and ongoing epidemics of sexually transmitted infections are important challenges in the control and management of the HIV epidemic.

The **major components of the program** include:

Quarterly Partners' Forums. Working sessions in Nairobi allow CAP Kenya staff opportunities to provide M&E, financial compliance and other trainings.

Peer Learning Exchanges. Funds for networking and exchange visits are built into each grant. During the visits, grantees observe how colleague organizations implement programs, discuss best practices and brainstorm potential collaboration.

Institutional Strengthening. CAP Kenya delivers intensive technical assistance by:

- Guiding organizations through the grant proposal and budgeting processes;
- Building funds into each grant to provide institutional capacity-building interventions tailored to the organization's individual needs;
- Conducting monitoring visits to all grantees at least once each quarter.

Founders Forums. Organizations founded by a passionate and committed leader often experience unique growth challenges. CAP Kenya has created a collaborative for founders to address these issues.

National Civil Society Platforms. CAP Kenya is a leader in the Nairobi Regional Network of NGOs, participates on two Government of Kenya committees that focus on developing Kenya's HIV/AIDS strategy, and has written and published several research studies on technical aspects of HIV/AIDS programming.

Number of individuals trained: 12,805 grantee staff members

Number of beneficiaries served: 146,463

Number of grants executed: 63

Value of grants program: \$17,428,129

Number grantee exchange visits: 45

Number of technical assistance episodes and monitoring visits: 248

Percentage of grantees demonstrating an increase in overall institutional capacity: 69%

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