

CAP NPI NEW PARTNERS INITIATIVE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Project Overview: The New Partners Initiative (NPI) is a \$200 million initiative created under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) to fund work by new partners, including faith-based and community organizations that implement HIV/AIDS prevention and care activities in the 15 PEPFAR focus countries.

CAP NPI (2007-2012, \$20.6 million) supports the grantees through tailored/customized technical assistance (TA) and broad-based trainings, and ensures that the skills built are institutionalized to support grantees' ability to apply for direct funding from the U.S. Government (USG) in the future. From the three rounds of NPI competition, CAP NPI provides TA services to 29 grantees.

Countries: CAP NPI supports grantees in Botswana, Côte D'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Haiti, Kenya, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Vietnam and Zambia.

From **August 2007** to **January 2009**, CAP NPI:

- **Validated** grantee needs assessments and action plans for grantee organizational development;
- **Conducted** one-on-one and group trainings for and TA visits with grantees;
- **Published** 20 issues of *NPI-Connect eNews*, an online newsletter that covers eight capacity-building focus areas: compliance, external relations, financial management, human resources, monitoring and evaluation (M&E), program management, governance and HIV/AIDS technical resources;
- **Facilitated** Global Partners Meetings in South Africa and Uganda;
- **Launched** *www.NPI-Connect.Net*, a Web site designed especially for NPI grantees, and initiated the development of a comprehensive resource guide to bolster the performance of grantees;

- **Conducted** large-scale, regional trainings in East and Southern Africa on financial compliance, governance, program planning, organizational development and staff and volunteer management;
- **Provided** TA in monitoring and evaluation, program delivery, sustainability and technical issues such as stigma; and
- **Supported** grantees in finalizing Country Operational Plan submissions, annual work plans and other program documents.

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

- Developing and implementing grantee technical assistance plans anchored in baseline measurements across seven organizational domains;
- Supporting grantees' understanding and compliance with PEPFAR and USG rules and regulations, enhancing their systems' capacity to receive and manage USG funds;
- Strengthening the management and administrative structures and systems of grantees to ensure compliance with local laws and NGO best practices;
- Strengthening grantees' abilities to deliver quality technical programs based on best practices and aligned with the USG in-country program and applicable National Strategic Plans for HIV/AIDS;
- Facilitating scale-up and sustainability by strengthening indigenous capacity and building on local networks and institutions; and
- Coordinating linkages with implementing partners, other grantees, other implementing stakeholders and the USG.

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