



CIVIL SOCIETY FUND

Strengthening civil society for improved HIV/AIDS
and OVC service delivery in Uganda



Despite Uganda's success in some aspects of HIV/AIDS interventions, there is evidence that key HIV/AIDS related indicators have stagnated. The recent National AIDS Indicator Survey 2011 report shows that national level prevalence has increased slightly to 7.3%. There is also evidence that the dynamics of the epidemic have changed, with new infections concentrated in some key populations. The numerous and extensive efforts of civil society organizations to support the government's HIV/AIDS and OVC responses have been widely acknowledged. However, their efforts have not been commensurate with the daunting scale of those needs, which are cross-cutting and long-term.

Left to right:- Vinand Nantulya (Chair UAC Board of Directors); Honorable Frank Kagyigyi Tumwebaze, (Minister for the Presidency & Minister for Kampala Capital City Authority); Dr Kihumuro Apuuli (Director General UAC), Dr Joel Okullo (Chair CSF Steering Committee);

To address this urgent situation, multiple donors known as the AIDS Development Partners partnered with the Government of Uganda in 2007 to support the Civil Society Fund (CSF). This is a mechanism that provides civil society with funds and technical support to enable them scale up coordinated and comprehensive HIV/AIDS and OVC responses. Over the last five years, the CSF Steering Committee (SC) has served as the unit responsible for the strategic direction of the Civil Society Fund. The operations of the CSF have been executed by the Financial Management Agent, the Technical Management Agent, and the Monitoring and Evaluation Agent. To date over \$125 million dollars in grant commitments have been made to fund qualified civil society organizations and local governments.



In December 2012, the CSF celebrated its five year anniversary: "CSF@Five" to commemorate its achievements to date but also to continue to advocate for the strengthening of the combined effort of all key stakeholders to ensure the GOU's HIV and AIDS commitment of "zero new infections; zero discrimination and zero related deaths."

Left to right:- James Kaboggoza Ssembatya (Assistant Commissioner Youth and Children-MGLSD); Dr Joel Okullo (Chair CSF Steering Committee); Dr Solome Nampewo (SIDA); Prof. Vinand Nantulya (Chair UAC Board of Directors); and Mary Oduka Ochan (Irish Aid).

Achievement of CSF @ Five

AIDS Development Partners

- United States Agency for International Development
- Danish Agency for International Development
- United Kingdom Department for International Development
- Irish Aid
- Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
- Italian Development Cooperation

- 123 CSOs funded (8 NNGOs in 61 districts; 23 CSOs 6 CHP focus districts; and 40 new NGOs and CBOs expected to start March 2013).
- 238 contracts signed (99 HIV Prevention; 8 HIV Care; 42 OVC; 3 Pediatric AIDS; 7 TSOs; and 79 LGs).
- Over 3 million people received HIV prevention messages.
- Over 979,700 individuals received HIV Counseling and Testing services.
- Over 78,383 individuals received HIV Care, Treatment and Support services of which 65% were female.
- 98,795 OVC and their households accessed OVC services; 66,327 of these received comprehensive services (i.e., services in at least 4 Core Program Areas).
- More than 36,151,993 million condoms distributed, including a large proportion distributed to most-at-risk groups such as commercial sex workers, commercial fishermen, incarcerated populations, truckers, and *boda-boda* drivers.

Implementing Organizations

FMA: Deloitte and Touche

TMA: Chemonics International Inc.

MEA: Chemonics International Inc.



Left to right: Robert Waweru (COP FMA); Sheila Marunga Coutinho (COP TMA); Honorable Frank Kagyigyi Tumwebaze, (Minister for the Presidency & Minister for Kampala Capital City Authority); Dr. Joel Okullo (Chair CSF Steering Committee); Peter Ndawula (DCOP FMA); and Julian Bagyendera (COP MEA).

- Safe Male Circumcision services provided to over 4,687 individuals.
- IEC materials distributed to over 16,926,279 individuals.
- Developed a centralized web database tool where sub-grantees can record data collected using the primary data collection tools and by 2012, all CSF-supported sub-grantees were effectively using the database to enter, retrieve, and analyze their data across all reporting periods.
- Trained 567 staff from all CSF grantee organizations in M&E concepts and best practices.
- Strengthened M&E resources in civil society organizations: 100 percent of CSOs have a designated M&E resource, compared to 78 percent in 2009.
- 72 percent of CSOs have functional data quality assurance procedures, in comparison to the 33 percent in 2009.
- Increased capacity for data use from 23 percent in 2009 to 50 percent in 2011 and 64 percent in 2012.

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