THE GLOBAL FUND CIVIL SOCIETY AND COMMUNITY GROUPS REGIONAL COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION PLATFORM FOR ANGLOPHONE AFRICA 2017-2019 CYCLE
WHO WE ARE

The Eastern Africa National Networks of AIDS and Health Service Organizations (EANNASO) is a regional network of national networks of civil society (CS) and community groups (CG) in seven countries, namely: Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, United Republic of Tanzania and Uganda, and. Our Mission is to increase the contribution of CS and CG in eliminating HIV, TB, and Malaria and other associated diseases and challenges through strengthened coordination, programmatic alliance, capacity development and creation of an enabling policy and legal environment.

WHAT WE DO

Through its work, EANNASO strives to foster an enabling environment for CS that promotes access to equality, equitable and affordable HIV, TB, Malaria and other related health services, strengthening of institutional and programmatic capacities and promoting sharing of information and experiences. To fulfill its work, Capacity development is at the center of the day to day business of EANNASO our Niche is being the voice and representative of HIV, TB and Maria CSOs in the Eastern Africa Region.

OUR TARGET REACH AND PARTNERS

EANNASO works with various civil society organizations, community groups, Key and vulnerable population groups and communities of people living or affected by TB, HIV and Malaria. Our partners include Technical Support Providers, Long Capacity development networks, Multi-lateral and Bi-lateral development partners, Governments and regional economic commissions (EAC, SADC, IGAD, COMESA) and the Africa Union.

WHY A REGIONAL PLATFORM

In November 2016 the Global Fund Board approved $15 million as investments for the Community, Rights and Gender Strategic Initiative (CRG-SI) for the period 2017-2019.

This next phase of the CRG-SI will continue to be implemented through three components:
1. The Short-Term CRG Technical Assistance Program;
2. The Regional Platforms for Communication and Coordination
3. Long-Term Capacity Development and Meaningful Engagement of Key and Vulnerable Populations.

As of September 2017, EANNASO was re-selected by the Global Fund Community Rights and Gender Strategic Initiative (CRG SI) to host the Regional Communication and Coordination Platform for Anglophone Africa for the period of December 2017 to December 2019 covering 25 Anglophone African countries.
OBJECTIVES OF THE ANGLOPHONE AFRICA PLATFORM

Further the meaningful engagement of civil society and community groups through regular bi-directional communication and provision of accurate and accessible information to enhance the knowledge and participation of these actors in Global Fund-related processes.

Improve the overall impact of Global Fund programs and interventions, and disease responses more globally through strengthened engagement of civil society and communities affected by HIV, tuberculosis and malaria.

Expand access to technical assistance for civil society and community groups through greater coordination with the CRG Strategic Initiative short-term TA component, as well as key national, regional and global technical assistance partners.

Support strategic civil society and community capacity development initiatives through fostering spaces for engagement and collective participation in key decision-making processes, in particular as they relate to community, rights and gender.

COVERAGE


HOW THE REGIONAL PLATFORM WILL SERVE YOU

To achieve its objectives, The Anglophone platform will strengthen the voices and contributions of civil society and community groups that are currently engaged in Global Fund processes to understand and effectively carry out their roles through experience-sharing, joint-learning and documentation. This is mainly aimed at civil society and community representatives on CCMs and who are implementing Global Fund grants engaging civil society organizations and community networks in Global Fund processes, facilitate a bi-directional feedback loop – as a conduit of information and support to community groups, while also sharing needs, challenges, gaps and other feedback from community groups with the Fund, development of tools and guidance documents for communities and CSOs for-example community guides which are visually attractive, concise and easy to digest. The platform will also be responsible to disseminate information on technical assistance opportunities across all Anglophone countries where the Global Fund has grants countries for CSOs in accessing and applying for technical assistance through the CRG-SI, or from external providers such as Expertise France, WHO, UNAIDS and others.