EVALUATING THE ANGLOPHONE AFRICA PLATFORM

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Regional Platform
for Communication and Coordination
on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
For Anglophone Africa

OVERVIEW

The CS and CGs participating in the Anglophone Africa platform activities conducted a rapid review of the platform to establish what has worked well and future needs of the member to enhance their engagement in GF programs in the region. The objective of the rapid assessment is to measure the usefulness of the platform as well as inform the design and content of the next phase of the platform. Information gathered through the rapid assessment will shade light on critical needs of the CS and CGs in the region and help the platform respond to the identified needs.

The following are the results of the rapid assessment.

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RAPID ASSESSMENT RESPONDENTS

A total 42 CS and CGs representatives responded to the rapid assessment. The respondents were drawn from across Anglophone Africa, representing CS and CGs including KP and KAP organisations.

B. RESPONDENTS SPECIFIC TECHNICAL NEEDS RELEVANT TO THEIR EFFECTIVE ENGAGEMENT IN THE GFATM PROCESSES

RESPONDENTS OUTLINED THE FOLLOWING AS CRITICAL AREAS OF SUPPORT NECESSARY TO ENHANCE THEIR PERFORMANCE AND ENSURE EFFECTIVE ENGAGEMENT IN GF PROGRAMS;

1. Funding request development
2. Review and development of national strategic plans
3. GF grants implementation support
4. Sustainability and co-financing on GF programs
5. Organizational capacity building in; 1) organizational development and 2) program design and implementation

C. RELEVANT ACTIVITIES OF THE ANGLOPHONE AFRICA PLATFORM;

PARTICIPANT HIGHLIGHTED THE FOLLOWING AS RELEVANT AND EFFECTIVE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES COORDINATED THROUGH THE ANGLOPHONE AFRICA PLATFORM;

1. Periodic topical webinars
2. Annual PRs/Implementers dialogue forums
3. Annual CS CCM dialogue forums
4. Social media discussions and resources
5. Support to accessing and utilization of TS
6. Research and studies
7. In country support to CS and community groups coordination

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D. PRIORITY AREAS FOR THE NEXT PHASE OF THE ANGLOPHONE AFRICA PLATFORM;	**E. ACCESS TO TECHNICAL SUPPORT FROM CRG AND OTHER SOURCES**	**F. COMMON AREAS OF TECHNICAL SUPPORT**	**G. PREFERRED ANGLOPHONE AFRICA PLATFORM INFORMATION DISSEMINATION CHANNELS**
PARTICIPANTS PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING AS KEY PRIORITY AREAS OF FOCUS FOR THE NEXT PHASE OF THE ANGLOPHONE AFRICA PLATFORM; 1. Strengthening CS CCM governance role 2. Strengthening the CS PR grants performance 3. Enhancing the role of the CS and Co,,unity groups in funding request development 4. Enhancing community-based monitoring for GF grants 5. Enhancing the role of CS and CGs in programs sustainability and co-financing of programs by national government 6. Documentation and dissemination of best practices, tools, and guidelines to enhance grants performance	**MAJORITY OF THE PARTICIPANTS, AT 63%, CONFIRMED TO HAVE ACCESSED TECHNICAL SUPPORT (TS) FROM CRG AND OTHER SOURCES OF TS. IT IS NOTABLE THAT 37% OF THE RESPONDED HAVE NOT ACCESSED TS FOR THEIR WORK.** Participants stated the following as their common sources of TS 1. The Global Fund CRG TS 2. GIZ back up health 3. Frontline AIDS 4. Stop TB partnership	**PARTICIPANTS STATED THE FOLLOWING TECHNICAL SUPPORT AREAS THAT THEY HAVE ACCESSED TS ON;** 1. GF Funding request development 2. Review and development of NSPs 3. Institutional organizational development 4. Program design and implementation	**PARTICIPANTS HIGHLIGHTED THE FOLLOWING AS MOST EFFECTIVE APPROACHES AND WAYS TO COMMUNICATE AND SHARE INFORMATION FOR THE PLATFORM;** 1. Social media 2. Periodic topical newsletters 3. Platform website 4. Information guidelines and toolkits 5. Surveys publications

H PROPOSED TOPICS AND INFORMATION AREAS FOR THE PERIOD 2020 – 2022

PARTICIPANTS HIGHLIGHTED THE FOLLOWING AS KEY INFORMATION NEEDS THAT WILL ENHANCE CS AND CGS ENGAGEMENT IN GF PROGRAMS IN THE PERIOD 2020 – 2022.

1. Generation and utilization of strategic information. This will include enhancing data collection and analysis as well as development and dissemination of case studies.
2. Key population and key affected population programing including effective strategies for KP and KAP interventions
3. Community based monitoring
4. Domestic resource mobilization and financial sustainability strategies
5. Human rights and gender programing
6. Organizational development, including governance and leadership
7. GF grants design process; FR development, and grant making
8. CCM roles and functions