

WHAT IS THE ANGLOPHONE AFRICA CRG PLATFORM?

The Anglophone Africa Communities, Rights, and Gender (AACRG) Platform is a Communications and Coordination Platform for Civil Society and Community Groups that are involved in the response to fight HIV, TB and Malaria. In 2021, the Eastern Africa National Networks of AIDS Service Organization (EANNASO) was selected to host the AACRG Platform. EANNASO is a regional umbrella body bringing together civil society voices to inform policies and improve programming on HIV, TB, Malaria and other related health challenges.

The AACRG Platform is one of the six regional platforms that were established with the support of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (the Global Fund) under the Community, Rights, and Gender Strategic Initiative (CRG SI). Two platforms are in Africa - one for Anglophone Africa, hosted by EANNASO, and another for Francophone Africa, hosted by Réseau Accès aux Médicaments Essentiels (RAME). The Regional Platform represents a significant commitment by EANNASO towards addressing the needs of civil society and community groups to ensure Human Rights and Gender inclusive programming approaches in global health financing in the region.



OBJECTIVES OF THE ANGLOPHONE AFRICA CRG PLATFORM

Objectives of the platform for the 2021 – 2023 funding cycle are;

1. To enhance community knowledge of the Global Fund and its processes, through the regular bi-directional sharing of tailored and targeted information to a diverse audience.
2. To strengthen the capacity and coordination of communities to engage in national and regional Global Fund grants and related processes.
3. To improve community access to technical assistance through information-sharing, linkage to appropriate providers, support developing requests, and strengthening TA provider capacity and coordination.

THE WORK OF APCRG

As a coordination and communications platform, AACRG supports initiatives to help civil society, key population networks, non-governmental and community-based organisations to push for the inclusion of CRG-related interventions in different HIV, TB, and malaria programmes across the region. Our work includes the following:

- Coordinating and facilitating communications among different stakeholders from civil society and partners for relevant and up-to-date content and materials on Global Fund Related process;
- Facilitating a deeper understanding of CRG issues among HIV, TB, and malaria civil society, development partners, and technical assistance providers as well as improving awareness of how support can be provided to mainstream CRG interventions;
- Providing information to civil society, key population networks, non-governmental and community-based organisations on how to access Global Fund CRG Technical Assistance Programme, or via other TA providers;
- Developing resources and tools to capacitate civil society members on how to engage at various forums and platforms and in different National processes in order to advocate for CRG-related interventions;
- Capacity building for Civil society and Community groups to engage effectively during Global Fund Funding request development processes to assess inclusion of CRG in country programs and to provide recommendations on how to ensure that CRG issues are flagged in Concept Note narratives and CRG-related interventions are operationalised and budgeted;
- Producing community-friendly resources online and engaging in social media engagements to broaden awareness on CRG among key populations; and
- Communicate and coordinate with other technical assistance (TA) initiatives in the region to ensure alignment of TA support and coverage
- Convene catalytic thematic meetings on specific topics that impact across the three diseases, such as Universal Health Coverage (UHC)



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