

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION
BETWEEN THE PRIVATE SECTOR (PS) AND
UGANDA HIV/AIDS CONTROL PROJECT (UACP)
IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HIV/AIDS**

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1. Overview of UACP

- UACP is the Uganda chapter of MAP (Multi-country HIV/AIDS Programme)
 - MAP is an **initiative of the World Bank** to scale up the response to HIV/AIDS in Sub Saharan Africa.
- **Objectives**
 - **Preventing** the further spread of HIV/AIDS
 - **Mitigating** impact of HIV/AIDS at all levels
 - **Strengthening** capacity to respond to HIV/AIDS

Overview of UACP cont'd

Total Project Cost is USD 50 Million (IDA Credit- US \$ 47.5 M, GOU US \$ 2.5 M)

- National Level Initiatives- USD 5 Million
- District Initiatives- USD 10 Million
- Community-Led HIV/AIDS Initiatives- USD 15 Million
 - VCT Centres - USD 3 Million
 - Large ticket procurements- USD 17 Million

2. Opportunities for collaboration between UACP and PS

- **Representation of PS on UACP organs- PSC, TRN, DAT, DHAC**
- **Umbrella PS Organizations:** Funding for advocacy on HIV/AIDS and building capacity of branches/affiliates/members
- Funding on **research** - HIV/AIDS and the PS
- Funding for expansion of **VCT services through PS**
- Funding the training of private medical practitioners on **ARV management**

Opportunities for collaboration between UACP and PS cont'd

- **Co-funding of Work place Programmes**
 - Small PS entities (small resource base)
 - Big companies (large resource base) ?
- **Technical Support and Advocacy**
 - In PS workplace programmes ,UACP can fund advocacy on the need for such programmes and technical support for the design of the programmes.
 - PS can access existing guidelines on HIV/AIDS
- **Condom distribution**
 - PS can play a role in distributing condoms procured by UACP to workers, customers and communities

Opportunities for collaboration between UACP and PS cont'd

- **IEC:** PS skills and channels in marketing and distribution can be shared for IEC on HIV/AIDS.
- **Collaboration in supporting those most affected by HIV/AIDS** - Through UACP structures, the most needy orphans, widows/widowers, PLWAs and households can be identified and supported by PS

Opportunities for collaboration between UACP and PS cont'd

- **Services provided by Govt./CSOs to PS**
 - UACP funds govt. depts. and other CSOs in accordance with their mandates to deliver HIV/AIDS related services to employers and employees of the PS.
- **PS skills in HIV/AIDS workplace programmes-**
Other partners supported by UACP can benefit from PS skills and experience (Unilever)
- **Business opportunities**
 - Supply of goods and services to the project (Over US\$ 20 Million). Domestic preference is given to local manufacturers.

3. *How are funds are accessed by PS?*

- **National Umbrella Organizations of PS, National Offices of PS entities or other National CSOs that provide services to the PS**
 - Submit project proposals to the UAC/PCT for consideration and funding.
- **District Level individual PS entities, branches of PS entities or district level umbrella organizations of the PS**
 - Submit project proposals to the districts for consideration and funding

4. How is the PS benefiting from UACP ?

Notable PS Umbrella Organizations and PS groups benefiting from UACP include:

- **Farmers** –through Uganda Farmers Federation, government depts.
- **Fishermen-** through Uganda Fisheries and Allied Workers Union, CSOs, government depts.
- **Private Midwives** – through Uganda Private Midwives Association

How is the PS benefiting from UACP ?

- **Commercial Truck Owners-** through Uganda Commercial Truck Owners Association, other CSOs.
- **Other public transport users and operators** -through CSOs, government depts.
- **Drug shop operators** -through government depts.
- **Bar/lodge/hotel owners and employees** -through government depts., CSOs
- **Construction employees** -through employers and government depts.
- **Herbalists** -through THETA
- **Plantation workers** in Tea and Sugar estates- trough CSOs and govt. depts.

How is the PS benefiting from UACP ?

Business Opportunities

- Manufactures and suppliers (or their representatives) of various goods and services have been awarded contracts
- Clearing firms
- Banks, etc

5. *Challenges*

- **Diverse nature** of the PS
- Some entities **not effectively covered by Umbrella Private Sector Organizations**
- PS Umbrella organizations **competing** for the same members
- How far should UACP go in **funding HIV/AIDS workplace programmes of big business enterprises (with large resource base)?**
- **Limited research on impact** of HIV/AIDS on the PS in Uganda

Challenges cont'd

- **Eligibility criteria** for funding the PS specifically is yet to be developed. The one available is for CSOs in general.
- The partnership between entities leading the National HIV/AIDS programme and the PS is still in its infancy. There is no good foundation on which UACP can build a **systematic collaboration** with the PS.
- Private sector led HIV/AIDS **good practices** that can be scaled up are few.
- Not so well organized informal PS.