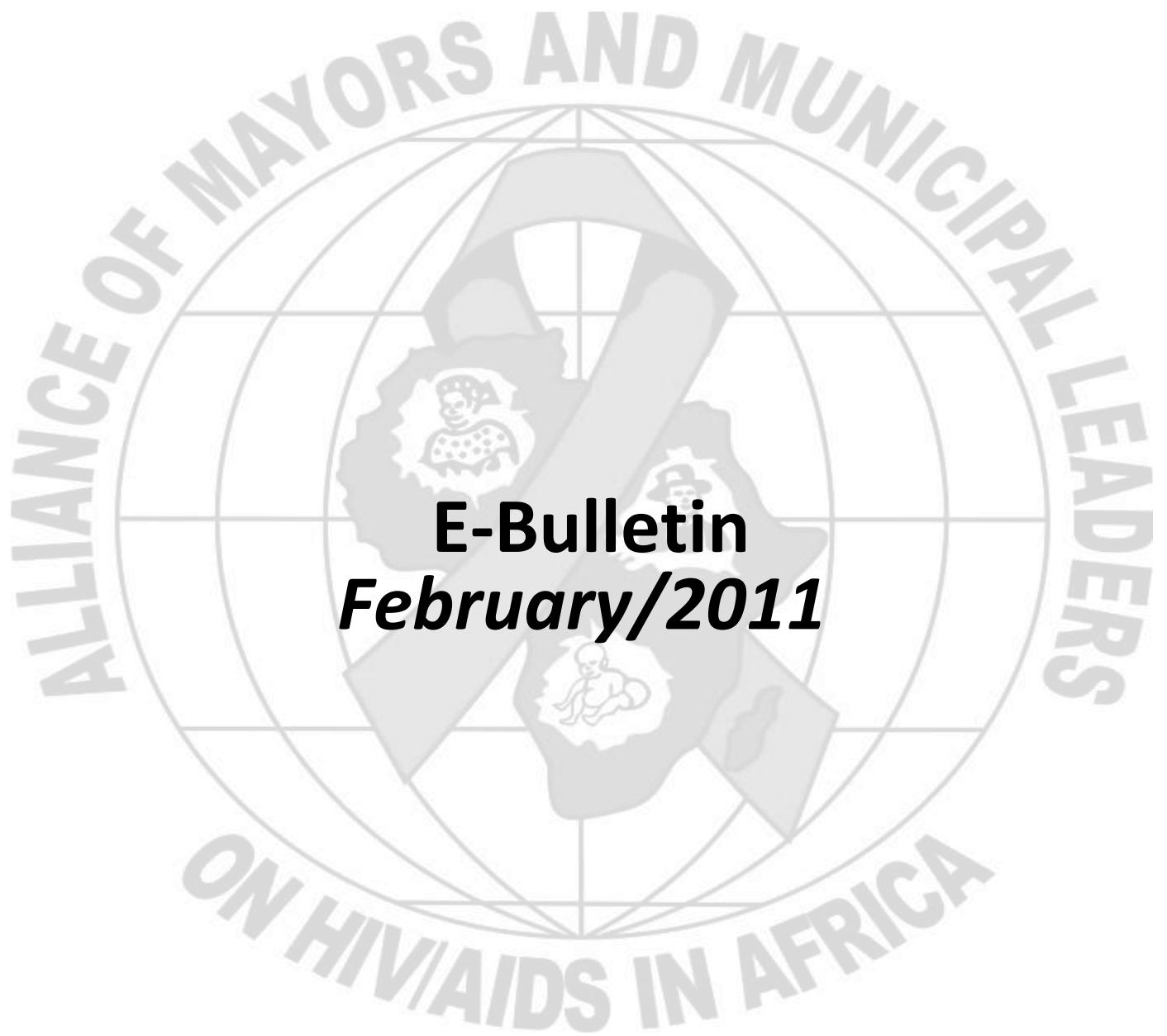




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Welcome note from The Alliance Executive Director



Ayanda Nabe, The Alliance Executive Director

Dear members,

Welcome to 2011!

We trust you all had a refreshingly wonderful Christmas and New Year with your family and friends. It is my sincere hope that we are all ready to continue passionately carrying out The Alliance's activities and mandate.

In this E-Bulletin, The Secretariat's resource mobilization unit has compiled vital information on its ongoing resource mobilization efforts. They were also busy with finalizing a funding proposal for The United Nations Trust Fund to end Violence against Women, under UN Women). The proposal was due on Monday, 24th January, 2011 and I am happy to report that the proposal was completed and submitted.

The Secretariat also started planned fieldwork visits to The Chapters late last year. In November, visits were made to Tanzania and Uganda and this month, Swaziland. There is a short summary of the visits so far in. More details on these missions will be available in due course on the website.

Another interesting read is the article on Gender Based Violence (GBV)-this topic is very important as it is a subject that a lot of potential partner and donor organizations are interested in.

Greetings from Windhoek,

Ayanda

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Expressions of Interest to Potential Partners

Since October, 2010, the following expressions of interest have been submitted by The Secretariat:

- **Mitigating the impacts of HIV/AIDS through Community Capacity Enhancement and improving local government policymaking and service delivery in Zambia, Namibia and Swaziland.** This was submitted to Open Society Institute South Africa.
- **Reducing discrimination against vulnerable groups through a stronger and more enabled civil society in Uganda and Tanzania.** This expression of interest was submitted to the United Nations Democracy Fund and seeks stronger relations and frequent dialogue between civil society, local government, and national governments. The project also aims to enable and mobilize civil society groups and informal networks of people living with HIV/AIDS, homosexuals, Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVCs) and commercial sex workers, to address discrimination.
- **Enabling service providers working against Gender Based Violence (GBV) through local government, referral networks and partnerships with HIV/AIDS sector to UN**

Trust Fund to eliminate violence against women. This regional proposal covers Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Swaziland and Namibia. The overall vision is to operationalize The Alliance's Declaration on Violence Against Women and by providing an impactful, multisectoral change in GBV services and operating procedures. The programme is intended to foster an environment conducive for GBV service providers and to promote positive messages and attitudes on GBV. The outcomes will be reflected in changes in the operating procedures of local government, and GBV and HIV/AIDS service providers.

We look forward to receiving inputs from Chapters when we are invited to submit full proposals.

The International AIDS Education and Training Center had a bid in August and October, 2010; a large, regional USAID programme with a maximum budget of 60 million dollars spread over five years. Though the Alliance will not have the resources to compete on such a bid, The Alliance and Chapters can attach themselves to a lead bidder and receive funding as a subcontractor or implementing partner. Discussions with an interested lead bidder are expected to be held in Namibia in March, 2011. A detailed strategy for partnerships and subcontracting is also expected to be updated in the Alliance Resource Mobilization Policy by June.

Other current opportunities include open proposals to The African Capacity Building Foundation, Elton John AIDS Foundation and other Open Society Regional Headquarters. Chapters may be interested in adapting The Secretariat's UN Democracy Fund to submit a proposal to KIOS, The Finnish NGO for Human Rights (http://www.kios.fi/english/funded_projects/). The Secretariat will support chapters in writing and reviewing funding requests. Please let us know if you need any additional information or are interested in any of the initiatives mentioned.

Field Visits to Chapters

Fieldwork missions were undertaken to Uganda from 27th November to 4th December and Tanzania from 5th to 12th December, 2010.

The objectives of these missions to Chapters are to ensure:

- quality and verified information and data is collected to inform project outputs;
- enhancement of AMICAALL country programme development and application of the AMICAALL strategy;
- strengthening of AMICAALL programmes through effective monitoring and evaluation;
- improved management of municipal HIV/AIDS programmes; and,
- increased availability of relevant information on AMICAALL programme implementation experiences for dissemination and learning.

The main purposes of the meetings were to provide technical support to The Chapters and gather information as part of the assigned tasks under the Project Terms of Reference.

Activities included:

- Detailed discussions with Country Programme Directors (CPDs) and elected leaders on AMICAALL programme implementation and expectations of support.
- Meetings with key national AMICAALL partners, including government agencies, UN bodies, private sector and other key stakeholders.
- Meetings with four local authorities and HIV/AIDS Committees and participation in a

Situation Analysis Dissemination Workshop in Kampala.

- Pilot application of Monitoring and Evaluation framework.

The key results of these activities were as follows:

- There was an identification of gaps and areas where The Alliance Secretariat can potentially support AMICAALL Chapters. Documentation of Chapter activities for use in guidelines, case studies, Discussion Paper and information dissemination has also been made possible.
- Information was gathered to inform focussed technical support to AMICAALL Chapters and future engagement with partners. Detailed information was collected which enables an analysis that will inform project outputs such as the proposed discussion paper, guidelines and case studies.
- Data that will be used for advocacy, resource mobilisation and communications was collected. A revised template based on testing will be used for future M&E work.

Follow-up

So far, the fieldwork has been useful in identifying several areas where some AMICAALL policy approaches could potentially be revisited. Specifically, the assumptions around availability of connectivity and use of electronic communication, gender mainstreaming and the role of the Regional Adviser position in supporting National Chapters. These issues will be assessed after the completion of the full fieldwork programme.

The Call for Integration of Gender Based Violence

In writing the UN Women proposal, The Secretariat's literature review of the correlation between Gender Based Violence (GBV) and HIV/AIDS has come across several passages and programmes that may be useful for AMICAALL country programmes.

A call to action from local government has been established as a best practice by USAID. This is a very strong and clear justification for AMICAALL programmes and local government to enter into GBV interventions.

“Support efforts to mobilize partnerships among community leaders, government officials, and NGOs to address GBV at the community level. Program experiences from diverse settings highlight the importance of enlisting local leaders (both formal and non-formal) in the effort to develop community-wide strategies for addressing GBV. Collaboration between civil society and local governments can be essential for both improving the community response to violence and helping to reduce levels of violence in the long run.”
(USAID, 2006)

Promising approaches includes a Nigerian NGO's programme: “Bridges to End Gender Based Violence—a Strategy for HIV/AIDS Prevention and Stigma Reduction” This programme uses the Mutapola framework (adapted from Action Aid's Southern Africa Partnership Program) as a principle in its training programmes to women living with HIV/AIDS, service providers and community leaders. The framework is based on four pillars:

- Women's right to comprehensive treatment and care
- Women's right to secure livelihoods (income and assets) and the right to food
- Strengthening and building capacity, organization and activism of women and girls living with HIV/AIDS

- Advocacy and campaigning for an enabling and legislative environment on paper and in practice, so that women and girls can claim and exercise their rights.

Examining these programmes and adapting them for use in AMICAALL may be a good opportunity to mobilize funds as it gives another intervention area for AMICAALL to bid on.

Stepping Stones is another programme heavily referenced in the literature. It has been implemented in over 104 countries and by over 2000 partners. Resources and contents of its training programmes are available at: <http://www.actionaid.org/main.aspx?PageID=137> and <http://www.stepsstonesfeedback.org/index.php/page/About/en>

Finally, frameworks for GBV action plans by local governments have been done in Botswana and are available at <http://www.genderlinks.org.za/article/botswana-local-government-gender-and-gbv-action-plans-2010-05-27>

Most of the interventions focus on simple activities, such as naming street names to ensure emergency services can find people who need emergency services, and lobbying businesses and community leaders to assist people in need. The ideas may be simple, but the frameworks may spark creative thinking and are a useful tool for others to brainstorm.

Documents referenced:

Addressing Gender-Based Violence through USAID's Health Programs

(2006) www.prb.org/pdf05/GBVReportfinal.pdf

Gender-based Violence and HIV (2010)

[http://www.aidstar-one.com/sites/default/files/technical_briefs/AIDSTAR-](http://www.aidstar-one.com/sites/default/files/technical_briefs/AIDSTAR-One_Gender_Based_Violence_and_HIV_tech_brief.pdf)

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Inter-linkages between Culture, Gender Based Violence, HIV and AIDS and Women's Rights (2008)

http://www.safaid.net/files/GBV_manual.pdf

Notices

- The Alliance welcomes Mayor Elaine Trepper as a member of The Alliance Executive Council. Madam Trepper is the current mayor of The City of Windhoek, Namibia. Read more about Mayor Trepper in the March issue of the newsletter.
- Uganda will be having their local government election at the end of February. We wish all Ugandans a peaceful election and hopefully the number of women in local government will be increased.
- On 18th January, 2011, AMICAALL Tanzania held an Annual General Meeting (AGM), during which a new executive was elected. The new positions are as follows:
 - Hon. Amani Said Mwamwindi (Mayor of Iringa Municipal Council) is now the new AMICAALL Tanzania Chairman.
 - Hon. Dr. Amani Anatory John, (Mayor of Bukoba Municipal Council) is now the Deputy Chairman.
- **Members of The AMICAALL Tanzania Executive Committee are:**
 - Hon. Khatib Abdulrahman Khatib, (Mayor of Zanzibar Municipal Council)
 - Hon. Frank Raphael Magali (Mayor of Lindi Municipal Council)
 - Hon. Emanuel S. Mwiliko, (Mayor of Dodoma Municipal Council)
 - Mr. Hamisi Juma Kaputa, (Municipal Director of Bukoba Municipal Council)
 - Mr. Rashid Ali Juma (Municipal Director at Zanzibar Municipal Council)

To End on a light note

Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

-Harold R. McAlindon-



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