

## **E-Bulletin Issue 9**

### **AMICAALL PROGRAMME, ZAMBIA**

The AMICAALL Zambia Programme Steering Committee met on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2004, with the newly appointed AMICAALL Coordinator, and adopted an implementation strategy. The strategy takes into account and complements proposed and existing HIV/AIDS coordination structures at the District Level. A phased approach to programme implementation was adopted. Zambia has 72 local government authorities. The first phase will cover 10 local government authorities, which include, inter alia, Lusaka, Kitwe, Livingstone and Ndola. A programme start-up workshop will be held, involving Mayors, Principal Officers, Planning Directors and key stakeholders at the district and local level, the outcome of which will inform the development of the AMICAALL Zambia national framework and plan of action.

### **CITY OF WINDHOEK (NAMIBIA) AND LOCAL NGO COLLABORATE ON HIV/AIDS SERVICE DIRECTORY**

The City of Windhoek and Namibia Network of AIDS Service Organisations (NANASO) are working together to prepare a city HIV/AIDS directory that will be distributed to the public. The Directory includes the City of Windhoek HIV/AIDS policy, a municipal profile, a city map, basic facts on HIV/AIDS and a listing of HIV/AIDS referral services available in the city. A forward by the Mayor of Windhoek calls attention to the challenges of HIV/AIDS and the role that local government can play, in collaboration with civil society, in the overall response to the epidemic. It is planned that the Directory will be officially launched together with the City of Windhoek's HIV/AIDS policy and special HIV/AIDS Website at the end of April. Support for the Directory has been provided by UN APP and USAID, and developed in collaboration with the Alliance of Mayors and Municipal Leaders on HIV/AIDS in Africa. National AMICAALL programmes in other countries are working with a number of other cities to prepare similar directories.

### **AMICAALL PROGRAMMES SUPPORT WORLD BANK MARKETPLACE COMPETITION SUBMISSIONS**

The AMICAALL Namibia and Swaziland Programmes worked with local government authorities, non governmental organisations (NGOs) and community-based organisations (CBOs) to support the preparation of six project ideas to the World Bank-Sponsored Regional Marketplace Competition with the theme 'HIV/AIDS: Turning Ideas Into Action.' This competition is open to five Southern African countries: Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland. The project ideas submitted included initiatives for home-based care, orphans and vulnerable children, counseling and training of community based volunteers, education and prevention targeting young people.

### **ESTABLISHING CITY-TO-CITY COOPERATION BETWEEN JINJA, UGANDA AND MACON, Georgia, USA**

In March, the His Worship David Wakudumira, Mayor of Jinja, Uganda visited Macon, Georgia at the invitation of Macon Mayor Jack Ellis. The visit was a follow up to meetings which took place in Uganda in September 2003 when a delegation of US Mayors and representatives from the US Conference of Mayors visited four countries (Namibia, Uganda, Swaziland and South Africa) in Africa to launch a city to city cooperation initiative on HIV/AIDS. During the visit to Macon, Mayor Wakudumira met with representatives of the City Council, the business community, education and training institutions and other groups. This visit provided an opportunity for public/private organisations in Macon to better understand the impact of HIV/AIDS in Uganda and in Africa and what local governments in Africa are doing to confront the challenges of HIV/AIDS in their cities and towns. Next steps will focus on identifying specific areas for city to city cooperation and

community to community cooperation between Macon and Jinja aimed at expanding local government responses to the epidemic.

### **MILLENIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (MDGs)**

The Alliance was invited to make a presentation at the World Alliance of Cities Against Poverty (WACAP) Conference held in March of this year, in Rome, Italy. WACAP is an international information exchange network and provides a forum for sharing best practices on municipal poverty reduction policies and programmes. This year the Conference focused on the contribution of cities to achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The Alliance was represented by His Worship J. Ssebaana Kizito, Mayor of Kampala and a member of the Coordinating Committee of the Alliance of Mayors and Municipal Leaders on HIV/AIDS in Africa. He cautioned that in Africa it will not be possible to achieve the MDGs without turning the tide on HIV/AIDS. He called for international solidarity to mount a comprehensive response to HIV/AIDS and said it was time to move from setting goals and developing strategies to putting in place operational systems to support services that reach people and communities. He shared examples of innovative actions being taken by local governments, mayors and municipal leaders to expand HIV/AIDS related services and programmes at the local level and encouraged more local governments and local government associations to join the Alliance and to do more and better in confronting HIV/AIDS in their cities and towns.

### **NEW PUBLICATIONS**

In December 2003, during the third Africities Conference, the Alliance and UN APP held a Special Session on HIV/AIDS and Local Government. The Alliance convened a session of its General Assembly during the Summit to review progress and discuss future directions and priorities. A report, entitled “**Special Session on HIV/AIDS and Local Government and the Alliance General Assembly,**” highlighting the presentations from the Special Session on HIV/AIDS and summarizing the presentations and decisions taken by the Alliance General Assembly can be found online at: [http://www.amicaall.org/publications/ssga/africitiesreport\\_eg.pdf](http://www.amicaall.org/publications/ssga/africitiesreport_eg.pdf).