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The Partnership Programme promotes public/private partnerships and facilitates collaboration across sectors and disciplines to enable scaling up of community-based responses to HIV/AIDS. The UN-AMICAALL Partnership Programme is working with a wide range of organisations, e.g. UNAIDS/Co-sponsors (UNDP, UNFPA, WHO, World Bank), national and local government agencies, civil society organisations, USAID, African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF), Africities, African Union of Local Authorities (AULA), Council on Health Research for Development (COHRED), Locally Elected Officials Against AIDS, France (ELCS), International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), National Conference of Black Mayors, USA (NCBM), PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), Sister Cities International (SCI), Telluride AIDS Benefit, USA (TAB), Urban Management Programme/UN Habitat and World Alliance of Cities Against Poverty (WACAP).



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UN-AMICAALL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME

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“AMICAALL—The Alliance of Mayors Initiative for Community Action on AIDS at the Local Level is helping to translate the goals of the International Partnership Against AIDS in Africa, launched by the Secretary General of the United Nations, into concrete actions on the ground.”

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UN-AMICAALL Partnership Programme

- Launched in April 2001 with support from UNAIDS
- Implemented by the UN Office of Project Services (UNOPS)
- Facilitated by a small team in Geneva
- Supported by a team of associates around the world
- Dedicated to the development and implementation of the Alliance/AMICAALL programme of action

Focus Areas:

- Promotion of AMICAALL strategy
- Advocacy and promotion of public/private partnerships
- Programme development at country level
- Resource mobilisation
- Documentation and dissemination of lessons learned
- Institutional support to the Alliance Secretariat

Priority attention is being given to countries in sub-Saharan Africa, however the Programme also works in other regions.

What is the Alliance of Mayors and Municipal Leaders on HIV/AIDS in Africa?

Launched in 1998 in Abidjan, it is a network of local government authorities and mayors. The overall goal of the Alliance is to reduce the social and economic impact of the HIV/AIDS epidemic on urban and peri-urban communities in Africa. A General Assembly convenes every two years at the Africities Summit. The Alliance has a Co-ordinator, Co-ordinating Committee and Executive Secretariat. The Alliance Secretariat is based in Windhoek, Namibia.

What is AMICAALL?

AMICAALL is the strategy adopted by the Alliance to translate its goals into concrete actions in countries and communities.

The overall goals of AMICAALL are to develop and implement multisectoral responses to the HIV/AIDS epidemic at the local level via a consultative process between:

- Civil society organisations
- Community leaders

and achieve local capacity to sustain these efforts.

The AMICAALL strategy calls for a locally led, multisectoral approach that complements and supports national policies. AMICAALL creates a context for exploring appropriate solutions and decision making by communities, local governments authorities and civil society partners, working together.

Core Principles

The AMICAALL strategy is based on certain core principles. AMICAALL is:

- **Inclusive**—involving a broad range of stakeholders
- **Responsive**—reacting to locally-articulated needs and brokering dialogue among local people, municipalities, policy-makers and decision makers
- **Gender Sensitive**—responding to the different experiences of men and women in terms of vulnerability, response and impact

- Alliance of Mayors and Municipal Leaders on HIV/AIDS in Africa
Headquarters — Windhoek, Namibia
- Regional Office — Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

- **Dynamic**—local action informs policy, and changes in policy facilitate a more enabling environment for sustained responses, while strengthened management systems at the local level provide foundations for scaling up the response to the epidemic.

The strategy was developed with support from UNDP/UNAIDS and draws on participatory methodologies and development lessons of the past two decades.

Programme activities are integrated within national development frameworks and reflect local needs and realities.

- National Chapters of the Alliance
- National AMICAALL Programmes
- National AMICAALL Coordinators