



Working with Faith-Based and Community-Based Organizations

The U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief is the largest commitment ever by any nation for an international health initiative dedicated to a single disease.

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Faith-based organizations (FBOs) and community-based organizations (CBOs) possess an extensive geographic reach and a well-developed infrastructure in the developing world. Working under national strategies and in coordination with host governments, the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) draws upon the capabilities of these organizations to contribute to an effective, multi-sectoral response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

Building FBO and CBO Capacity:

Under the New Partners Initiative (NPI), PEPFAR is awarding grants totaling approximately \$200 million to new partners to provide prevention and care services in PEPFAR's 15 focus countries. NPI seeks out organizations that have the capability to reach people who need HIV/AIDS services, but lack experience in working with the U.S. Government and its processes. By identifying and supporting the organizations that provide much of the health care in the developing world, PEPFAR resources will reach more people, more effectively.

The HIV/AIDS Twinning Center supports strengthening of human and organizational capacity through the use of health care volunteers and twinning relationships to facilitate skills transfer and rapidly expand the pool of trained health care workers. Twinning partnerships with FBOs and CBOs have demonstrated success in facilitating HIV/AIDS stigma reduction communication at the local level.

USAID and HHS Centers for Faith-Based Initiatives help to empower FBOs to apply for federal social service grants. The centers supply information and training to organizations.

Partnering with Faith-Based and Community-Based Organizations

With networks that reach even the most remote villages, many FBOs and CBOs are uniquely positioned to promote HIV/AIDS stigma reduction and prevention messages, as well as to provide counseling and testing, home care, clinical services, and antiretroviral treatment. These members by building on relationships of trust and respect. These attributes make their part-

PEPFAR prioritizes the development of partnerships with FBOs and CBOs as a key strategy for if it is owned by the people of each country. Building the capacity of FBOs and CBOs not only increases the number of individuals with access to services, but also increases local ownership of the response to HIV/AIDS.

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