



14 New Partners Initiative Grants Announced in the Fight Against HIV/AIDS

Power of New Partnerships Against HIV/AIDS

The New Partners Initiative (NPI) announced in 2005 on World AIDS Day, is part of a broader effort within the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) to work with new partners, including community and faith-based organizations, enhancing their technical and organizational capacity and ensuring the quality and sustainability of HIV/AIDS programs by building community ownership.

New Grants Announced

The U.S. Government is proud to announce the second round of planned grant awards under the NPI, establishing new partnerships with 14 grants to the following recipients:

- American Refugee Committee International (ARC) – Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA
- Baptist AIDS Response Agency (BARA) – Nairobi, Kenya
- CAMFED USA Foundation – San Francisco, California, USA
- Children's Emergency Relief International (CERI) – Kingwood, Texas, USA
- Comprehensive HIV AIDS Management Programme (CHAMP) – Lusaka, Zambia
- Handicap International Rwanda – Surrey, United Kingdom
- Integrated Community Based Initiatives (ICOBI) – Bushenyi District, Uganda
- Matibabu Foundation Kenya – Ugenya, Kenya
- St. Boniface Haiti Foundation – Randolph, Massachusetts, USA
- Sophumelela Clinic Incorporated (SCI) – Eastern Cape, South Africa
- Tearfund – Teddington, United Kingdom
- THETA – Kampala, Uganda
- Woord en Daad – Gorinchem, Netherlands
- World Conference of Religions for Peace (WCRP) – New York, New York, USA

These new partners will join prior NPI grantees announced on World AIDS Day, December 1, 2006, in providing care for people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, as well as preventing new infections. Several of the organizations will work through networks of local and faith-based organizations, thereby strengthening their capacity as well.



How the New Partners Initiative Works

Under the New Partners Initiative, PEPFAR plans to award a series of grants totaling approximately \$200 million to new partners to provide HIV/AIDS prevention and care services in PEPFAR's 15 focus countries. This second round of planned three-year grants will be worth at least \$35 million.

To ensure the sustainability of the response, NPI offers assistance to successful applicants, focusing on successful program implementation, needs analysis, and organizational growth and strengthening.

The Need for New Partners

- Many organizations have the capability to reach people who need HIV/AIDS services, but lack experience in working with the U.S. Government and its processes. Community- and faith-based organizations, in particular, represent vital but underutilized resources. Many such organizations are well-established within communities and well-placed to reach out to those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.
- Building the capacity of organizations at the community level also helps to build local ownership of HIV/AIDS responses for the long term. In some countries, such organizations provide as much as 40-50 percent of all care for people living with HIV/AIDS – with little support from the U.S. Government. In some cases, existing U.S.-based organizations can serve as a “bridge” due to their relationships with these entities in host countries.
- The alliance between PEPFAR and new partners will promote better care for people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS, and give hope to stronger families and healthier communities.

New Partners Initiative Goals

PEPFAR is reaching out to organizations through NPI, working to enable them to become new partners of the U.S. Government. The goals of the initiative are to:

- Increase PEPFAR's ability to reach people with needed services, by identifying potential new PEPFAR partner organizations, increasing their capacity to provide prevention and care services, and increasing the total number of PEPFAR partners; and
- Build community ownership by developing the technical and organizational capacity of local partners to address HIV/AIDS and to promote the sustainability of host nations' efforts.

Resources:

- World AIDS Day 2006 Fact Sheet – New Partners Initiative Grant Awards: <http://www.pepfar.gov/press/77472.htm>
- World AIDS Day 2006 Fact Sheet – New Partner Organizations: <http://www.pepfar.gov/press/77502.htm>