The Pan Caribbean Partnership against HIV/AIDS (PANCAP) is an organisational model in functional cooperation designed to harness the resources of governmental and non-governmental organisations and donors in order to achieve the most effective response to end the AIDS epidemic.

CARICOM is the host organisation for PANCAP and provides the PANCAP Coordinating Unit (PCU) with administrative and fiduciary support services and facilities. This institutional arrangement allows CARICOM to enter into contracts; acquire and dispose of property and assets; if necessary, initiate legal proceedings for the benefit of PANCAP; provides an accountability framework to ensure due diligence; and safeguards the management of PANCAP resources and activities.

The PCU functions as a project unit within the Human and Social Directorate of the CARICOM Secretariat and a standing report of the activities of PANCAP is made to the Heads of Government through the CARICOM Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD).

PANCAP is one of the few cross-border entities that comprises countries, as well as donors, regional agencies and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs); all Partners have equal status as constituents and decision makers. A critical element for PANCAP is to foster country-regional synergy within the Partnership. Therefore, the National AIDS Programmes (NAP) of member states are primary constituents of the PANCAP Partnership. While the NAPs are focal points in this link, several developing partners have supported and continue to play a critical role in sustaining the Partnership. Chief among them are The Global Fund, PEPFAR/USAID, UNAIDS, KfW and other UN partners.

**PANCAP’s Vision: An AIDS-free Caribbean by 2030**

**PANCAP’s Objectives**

♦ To facilitate comprehensive, country-driven processes with involvement of all relevant stakeholders;

♦ To provide regional support for the acceleration and achievement of universal access to HIV and AIDS prevention, treatment, care and support services;

♦ To garner the necessary political commitment to achieve a sustained and effective pan-Caribbean response to HIV and AIDS;

♦ To reduce the estimated number of new HIV infections;

♦ To encourage the meaningful involvement of people living with and affected by HIV and AIDS and other key affected populations in the design, implementation and monitoring and evaluation of the national response to HIV and AIDS;

♦ To reduce stigma, discrimination and exclusion of people living with and affected by HIV and AIDS and to protect their human rights and dignity; and

♦ To increase access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support services.
The Caribbean Regional Strategic Framework (CRSF) on HIV and AIDS is the core instrument for guiding the technical direction of PANCAP. The framework defines the links and interface between PANCAP Partners and represents a consensus to strategically align efforts in the fight against HIV through joint decision-making in setting programmatic priorities, and in harmonising partner contributions. The Strategic Priority Areas (SPAs) of the CRSF 2014-2018 build on previous iterations of the Framework to move the regional response closer to realising the vision of an AIDS-free Caribbean. The SPAs are interlinked and overlapping, together constituting a holistic and comprehensive approach to addressing complex social and structural challenges. Progress is interdependent; results are required in all areas if the elimination of AIDS is to be achieved. The six strategic priority areas are:

1. An enabling environment
2. Shared responsibility
3. Prevention of HIV transmission
4. Care, treatment and support
5. Integration
6. Sustainability

The goal of the CRSF 2014-2018 is: “To halt the spread and reduce the impact of HIV in the Caribbean, while promoting sustainable health and development.”

PANCAP’s Members
Currently, there are 69 bona fide members of PANCAP, including CARICOM member states (Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago); CARICOM associate member states; regional institutions and organisations; regional civil societies; and multilateral agencies.

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