

## **PANCAP Justice for All Programme**

*Taking Action to Eliminate Stigma and Discrimination in the HIV Response in the Caribbean by 2015*

### **Concept Note**

The Pan Caribbean Partnership against HIV/AIDS (PANCAP) is mounting a programme of activities under the theme, **Justice for ALL**. This programme has the full support of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS ([UNAIDS](#)). The UN Secretary General Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in the Caribbean has been requested to lead in the process and thereby help to accelerate a meaningful response that would contribute towards an “AIDS free generation “.

The aim of the Justice for All programme is to promote activities consistent with the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights to which all countries are committed. It is more specifically intended to achieve one of the goals of the United Nations High Level Meeting Political Declaration (2011) to eliminate stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV by 2015 and to uphold the human rights and dignity of all.

The programme involves holding a series of national community conversations/consultations between November 2013 and March 2014 and one regional consultation in Jamaica in April 2014. Participants will include a cross section of stakeholders—parliamentarians/judiciary, civil society, private sector, faith organizations and youth. Media workers will also be engaged. These conversations/ consultations will be informed by a status report on the issues that perpetuate stigma and discrimination and solutions designed to eliminate them. In this regard it will be complemented by the Report of the Global Commission on HIV and the Law, Anti-stigma Framework and the Regional Model Policy and Model Antidiscrimination Legislation, developed by PANCAP and a series of relevant outcomes from activities undertaken by the UN agencies, The Futures Group, the Caribbean HIV AIDS Alliance, among others. It is expected that this process will result in countries devising their own strategies toward the elimination of stigma and discrimination by 2015.

A **Pan Caribbean Declaration** with actionable recommendations is also intended as a feasible outcome of the regional event aimed at framing concrete policies and actions. Among the more specific elements of the Justice for All programme on which the national and regional conversations will focus are:

- Enhancing the family spirit in the form of national and regional solidarity to support and care for those in need
- Increasing access to Treatment including affordable medicines
- Reducing gender inequality including violence against women, girls and children
- Promoting sexual and reproductive health and rights, in the context of self-worth
- Achieving legislative reforms for modifying and repealing discriminatory laws that infringe human rights
- Providing targets and indicators for tracking progress
- Agreeing on a Pan Caribbean Roadmap
- Submitting a Declaration for approval by Pan Caribbean Heads of Government

- **Enhancing the family spirit in the form of national and regional solidarity to support and care for those in need**
  - Utilising community systems and strengthening partnerships
  - Building national programmes directed to social protection, coordination and collaboration
  - Drawing on Regional/international support systems for national priorities
- **Increasing access to Treatment including affordable medicines**
  - Maintaining and expanding treatment access in particular getting treatment to key populations
  - Identifying sources of support to finance treatment for those who need it which may even with lessened funding from traditional external sources
  - Taking action to maintain and increase control and supply of affordable drugs including consolidated approach to drug regulations
- **Reducing gender inequality including violence against women, girls and children**
  - Establishing the fundamental problems and challenges based on factual information
  - Mobilizing community based programmes and policies geared to solving the problems making provision for the inclusion of men and boys
  - Identifying complementary social and legal actions
- **Promoting sexual and reproductive health and rights, in the context of self –worth**
  - Clarify the issues involved in “human sexuality”, “reproductive health” and “reproductive rights”
  - Identify appropriate national, regional and international responses or models including the value and implementation of health and family life programmes
  - Identify short term and long term goals
- **Achieving legislative reforms for modifying and repealing discriminatory laws that infringe human rights**
  - Relating reforms to the border human rights agenda inscribed in declarations and resolutions that cut across gender, race, class and religion
  - Identifying steps that have been taken at the national level so far and the gaps that are to be addressed
  - Establishing what is required to deal with the gaps
- **Providing targets and indicators for tracking progress**

- Establishing targets and indicators for each of the issues
- Creating timelines to 2015 and then beyond 2015
- Striving to identify at least 2 measurable results for each element of the programme

**Exclusively for the Regional consultation will include the following additional elements:**

- **Agreeing on a Pan Caribbean Roadmap**
  - Identifying priorities within each element recommended for consideration
  - Recommending issues and targets that can best be done at the regional level
  - Identifying the institutional focal points to take the lead in advancing the roadmap
  - Providing options for financing the implementation of the roadmap
- **Submitting a Declaration for approval by Pan Caribbean Heads of Government**
  - Coming with no more than 10 actionable recommendations to be included in this declaration

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