

Grant Duration and Budget

Duration

1 October 2016 to 30 September 2019

Budget

\$5,075,234

Implementation Arrangement

PR – CARICOM Secretariat

1 SR – PANCAP Coordinating Unit (PCU)

2 SSRs – Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA),
Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)

Collaborating partners: Caribbean Network of People Living with HIV (CRN+), UWI-Health Economic Unit (HEU)

Barriers to be addressed by grant

- Legal and policy environment that is at odds with a public health response
- Harmful societal norms and high levels of stigma and discrimination
- Limited capacity of national programmes to integrate and implement rights-based approaches
- Limited capacity of national programmes to provide innovative, evidence-based, high impact services that reach key populations
- Weaknesses in health systems, particularly in the areas of strategic information and laboratory services
- Insufficient attention to sustainability planning and financing

Grant Programme Goal

To contribute to the removal of barriers that impede access to HIV and sexual and reproductive health services for key populations, thereby promoting the achievement of regional HIV targets.

Key population groups

- PLHIV, MSM, Transgender, Sex workers, Migrants, and youth belonging to these groups

Strategies for Objective 1

Objective 1: To promote law and policy reform to remove barriers that impede access to services to prevention, diagnostic, treatment, care and support services for key populations.

1.1 Leverage the influence of high-level CARICOM bodies, including the Conference of Heads, Community Council, Council for Human and Social Development, to strengthen political commitment for law and policy reform.

1.2 Engage regional faith-based, professional, academic and private sector leadership to affirm human rights and gender equality, and to advocate for reforming policies and laws and changing societal norms, beliefs, attitudes and practices in support of the 2015 Rio Call to Action towards UNAIDS goals of achieving Zero Discrimination by 2030.

1.3 Improve the harmonization and coordination of strategic regional advocacy efforts, including by facilitating coordinated technical support and action planning on law and policy reform.

Strategies for Objective 2

Objective 2: Increase access to HIV and health services for key populations and improve their retention on the continuum of care.

2.1 Strengthen regional approaches (guidelines, adaptation of model approaches and policies, and training of trainers) for effective evidence-based interventions that address common barriers to HIV and health services for key populations.

2.2 Strengthen information systems, reporting, data analysis and information sharing to ensure that effective evidence-based interventions reach key populations.

2.3 Promote sustainability by building capacity for resource mobilization to address gaps, including through better leveraging of regional and national resources.

Major Actions by strategies

1.1 Leverage the influence of high-level CARICOM bodies, including the Conference of Heads, Community Council, Council for Human and Social Development, to strengthen political commitment for law and policy reform.

1.1.1 Engage the Conference of Heads, Community Council, Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD), the Conference of Ministers of Health, caucus of Chief Medical Officers (CMOs) and the CARICOM Legal Affairs Committee to expand the Justice for All (JFA) dialogue and increase understanding and support for key issues and new approaches for effectiveness and sustainability of the HIV response.

1.1.2. Support the participation of CSO and key population advocates in the above-listed high-level governance meetings to strengthen the presentation of issues and set the stage for their sustained, strategic engagement with duty bearers.

1.1.3. Face-to-face advocacy meetings with high-level political and faith leaders to be conducted by the United Nations Secretary General Special Envoy (UNSGSE) for HIV in the Caribbean will complement and lay the ground work for PANCAP's efforts at governance meetings.

Major Actions by strategies

1.1 Leverage the influence of high-level CARICOM bodies, including the Conference of Heads, Community Council, Council for Human and Social Development, to strengthen political commitment for law and policy reform.

1.1.4. Develop and support an innovative approach to mobilizing regional youth leaders to actively engage in high-level advocacy and policy dialogues by linking the CARICOM Youth Ambassador (CYA) program with PLHIV youth leaders supported under CVC/COIN's activities aimed at fostering leadership, governance and strategic strengthening of emerging youth and transgender regional networks (YurWorld and Trans in Action).

1.1.5. Strengthen the relationship between PANCAP and the broader CARICOM health frameworks and entities to promote political, structural and financial sustainability of the regional HIV response.

Major actions by strategies

1.2: Engage regional faith-based, professional, academic and private sector leadership to affirm human rights and gender equality, and to advocate for reforming policies and laws and changing societal norms, beliefs, attitudes and practices in support of the 2015 Rio Call to Action towards UNAIDS goals of achieving Zero Discrimination by 2030.

1.2.1. Strengthen constructive engagement with faith based leaders through a series of regional dialogues that will bring together faith leaders from across the region. An initial meeting will bring together representatives from diverse countries and faith communities to discuss and agree on 'what faith leaders can do to end AIDS' and will establish the basis for sustained and strengthened involvement of regional faith leaders in the HIV response and human rights.

1.2.2. Engage mainstream organizations and regional influential personalities as Champions for Change, to advocate on behalf of changing attitudes and reforming policies and laws, and to publically challenge discrimination in the community, professional associations and workplaces.

Major actions by strategies

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1.2.3. Participate in two yearly regional trainings hosted for judicial officers from around the Caribbean to inform and sensitize successive groups on KP issues and challenges, the impact of stigma, discrimination and rights violations on the HIV epidemic, the latest regional and international developments in human rights law.

Engage with Parliamentarians for their involvement at every stage of the process for revising policies, allocating resources and holding governments accountable to maximize outcomes

Major actions by strategies

1.3: Improve the harmonization and coordination of strategic regional advocacy efforts, including by facilitating coordinated technical support and action planning on law and policy reform.

1.3.1 Finalize PANCAP's regional advocacy strategy and 5-year plan of action to guide the work of partners, to improve coordination, avoid duplication and guide sustainability efforts in the following areas: high-level engagement and policy dialogue with regional and national leaders; appropriate messaging and development of advocacy tools and materials; and monitoring the implementation and effectiveness of approaches.

1.3.2. Strengthen PANCAP's Policy and Strategy Working Group on Stigma Discrimination to advance concepts of human rights and address stigma and discrimination.

1.3.3. Strengthen the visibility, voice and impact of the Caribbean Regional Network of people living with HIV (CRN+), a founding member of the PANCAP partnership and a critical voice in regional advocacy.

Major actions by strategies

1.3: Improve the harmonization and coordination of strategic regional advocacy efforts, including by facilitating coordinated technical support and action planning on law and policy reform.

1.3.4. Develop a regional rights-based framework to increase the access of migrants and mobile populations to HIV prevention, care, support and treatment.

1.3.5. Engage key national leaders for action planning to support advocacy efforts and the formulation and implementation of policies and plans consistent with international human rights instruments.

1.3.6. Support the development and implementation start-up of costed, time-bound Justice for All (JFA) action plans in three countries, building on the momentum and consensus achieved through national and regional consultations under the Round 9 grant programme.

1.3.7. Strengthen harmonization and coordination of advocacy and policy and law reform efforts by utilizing existing PANCAP governance mechanisms (RCM, Executive Board and PACC).

Major actions by strategies

2.1: Strengthen regional approaches (guidelines, adaptation of model approaches and policies, and training of trainers) for effective evidence-based interventions that address common barriers to HIV and health services for key populations

2.1.1 Build capacity of national authorities (NAP managers, chief medical officers (CMOs) and permanent secretaries) to operationalize effective programs to meet with new global targets, and to effectively integrate HIV services into SRH services.

2.1.2. Sensitize senior government, health authorities and providers, policy makers, legislators, magistrates and other authorities regarding universal access to health and universal health coverage.

Major actions by strategies

2.2: Strengthen information systems, reporting, data analysis and information sharing to ensure that effective evidence-based interventions reach key populations.

2.2.1. Strengthen regional reporting and monitoring of the CRSF and KP indicators, and improve the availability of quality data related to KPs, including quality data on the HIV treatment and prevention cascade to provide evidence of what may deter or enhance KPs being recruited and retained along the continuum.

2.2.2. Strengthen mechanisms for regional information sharing, including the regional data repository at CARPHA, to facilitate sharing and uptake of strategic information for greater accountability and to create synergies for greater efficiency.

2.2.3. Strengthen data analysis to support regional evidence based planning by building the capacity of NAPS to analyze and use data to inform evidence-based, policies, strategies and programming to achieve the new global targets.

Major actions by strategies

Strategy 2.3 Promote sustainability by building capacity for resource mobilization to address gaps, including through better leveraging of regional and national resources.

2.3.1 Convene quarterly virtual meetings of the PANCAP Advisory Group on Resource Mobilization

2.3.2 Economic evaluations of key population service delivery and outcomes.

2.3.3 Address the gaps and challenges identified by evaluations and strengthen programming for key populations.

2.3.4 Advocate with Ministers of Finance for increased HIV investment.

Prioritisation and Complementarity with CVC-COIN concept note

- The selection and prioritization of interventions is in keeping with PANCAP's mandate for coordination, capacity building and resource mobilization
- This concept note leverages PANCAP's comparative advantages of:
 - Access to high-level political leaders and the CARICOM Secretariat and its governance organs, the UNSG Special Envoy on HIV in the Caribbean, regional policymakers.
 - The expertise of the leading regional technical agencies, including the University of the West Indies, PAHO, CARPHA, as well as CRN+, to develop regional policies and approaches.
 - Existing regional multisectoral coordination and oversight capacity and mechanisms.
 - Mechanisms and experience in bringing together government, civil society, technical, community and donor partners.
 - Existing regional programs implemented by PANCAP, such as the LCI, which are building civil society capacity for advocacy and sustainability.
- PANCAP's approach is intended to complement, support and build on CVC's approach. Taken together, the proposals provide a unique and coherent approach (top-down and bottom-up) to working with all stakeholders (government, communities, technical) at different levels to achieve regional goals and targets.

Areas of collaboration with CVC-COIN

- Regional advocacy strategy to incorporate/ align with CVC/COIN's
- PANCAP can utilize information generated under CVC/COIN grant to inform advocacy, including Legal Environment Assessments (LEA), mapping and tracking, documentation
- PANCAP will facilitate access to high-level political leadership
- PANCAP will work to strengthen support for national level work
- Regional working groups and meetings, including Judges' Forum
- JFA country-level support to be complementary
- PANCAP to facilitate regional technical support
- Strategic information, laboratory strengthening, prevention capacity building – complementary roles and approaches
- Training for NAPs and civil society
- Improved information sharing

Sustainability

- This regional concept note process has provided a unique opportunity for partnering civil society with state and non-state actors, and agencies in the development of programmes that can address the needs of the Caribbean key populations and the more general need to rapidly diminish the HIV epidemic in an efficient and effective manner.
- More importantly, the process presented in the two notes also affords the opportunity for formalizing this relationship into structures that can ensure the sustainability of such programmes beyond the Global Fund support.

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