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CELEBRATING 33 YEARS OF GREAT LEADERSHIP OF THE NRM GOVERNANCE



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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE HIV AND AIDS RESPONSE

Background

Uganda is among the countries that have demonstrated remarkable success in the fight against HIV and AIDS by achieving a dramatic reduction in the adult HIV prevalence rate from 18% in 1991 to 6.5% in the early 2000s, largely due to committed and sustained political leadership, early intervention, a strong focus on prevention, and a multi-sectoral approach. The HIV/AIDS success story of Uganda was driven by the direct leadership of His Excellency President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, the President of the Republic of Uganda who led the national HIV campaigns on educating Ugandans about behavioural change, and other strategies for managing HIV/ AIDS.

Despite the multi-sectoral concerted efforts, a number of challenges emerged majorly hinged on complacency which led to the re-surgency of the epidemic which was documented in the AIDS Indicator survey of 2011 which reflected a prevalence of 7.3%. Over the period, the Uganda AIDS commission mobilized efforts of partners and focused on the drivers of the new infections and these gains have been realized overtime.

Results from the Uganda Population base HIV Impact Assessment (UPHIA) that was conducted from August 2016 to March 2017 indicated that the HIV prevalence among adults aged 15 – 49 years was 6% compared to 7.3% in 2011.

The reduction in HIV prevalence over the period is mainly attributed to a combination of factors namely multi-sectoral approach, increased coverage of ART, targeted interventions, increased funding, political commitments among others. The number of People Living with HIV in 2017 was about 1.3million and with new infections at 50,000 in the same year, HIV still remains a burden which requires concerted efforts including sustainable financing to check the epidemic.

The Presidential Fast Track Initiative (PFTI) on Ending AIDS in Uganda

As part of the global efforts to end AIDS by 2030 and following the launch of the presidential fast track initiative (PFTI) in 2017, Uganda AIDS Commission has co-ordinated efforts to implement the 5 point program across the country and has reached all districts, most ministries, departments and agencies as well as the policy makers specifically Parliament. The 5 point program plan of the PFTI includes;

1. Engage men in HIV prevention and close the gap on new infections particular among the girls and young women
2. Accelerate implementation of test and treat and attainment of 90-90-90 targets particularly among men and young women
3. Consolidate progress on elimination of mother to child transmission of HIV

4. Ensure a financially sustained response
5. Put into place a functional and sustained well-coordinated response

Regional engagements were held in the 8 regions of the country and were critical in comprehensive community mobilisation and sensitisations. The engagements were held in the districts of Kole, Hoima, Namayingo, Kalungu, Adjumani, Isingiro, Kotido and Manafwa. Among the many stakeholders, the engagements brought on board the Kings and cultural leaders as well as religious leaders who came out to mobilise and sensitise their communities on HIV and AIDS within their context.

Commemoration of World AIDS Day (WAD) 2018

The World's AIDS day was commemorated on 1st December 2018 in Manafwa District under the theme "Know your HIV status". WAD 2018 was presided over by the Vice President of the Republic of Uganda who represented the President. The day was used as an opportunity to mobilise communities to test for HIV. The day was also used as a platform for sharing the annual report on the presidential fast track initiative.



H.E The Vice President Edward Ssekandi at the World AIDS Day commemoration in Manafwa District

Engagement of Parliament.



The Speaker Rt Hon. Rebecca Kadaga receives the Annual Presidential first initiative Report from the Uganda AIDS Commission Board Chairman Dr. Mukoyo Eddie Sefulunya.

The Speaker of Ugandan Parliament convened parliament and was equipped with the Fast Track priorities. Uganda AIDS Commission Chairperson presented the Presidential Fast Track annual report to the parliamentarians.

The Speaker committed to support and provide policy guidance on sustained implementation and funding for HIV and AIDS response.

Engagement with cultural Institutions

The cultural leaders have been highly engaged as champions in HIV prevention control and mitigation of impact and have drafted and passed pronouncements against negative cultural norms that put the community at risky of HIV infection.



King Oyo of Tooro (centre) together with UNAIDS and UAC officials at the Youth leadership engagement Forum on HIV/AIDS at Uganda Christian University campus (Mukono).

The Joint AIDS Review

The Uganda AIDS Commission convened the Joint AIDs review in August 2018 where the country undertook a review of progress on implementation of interventions. The review was followed by the partnership forum which discussed the priorities for the 2019.

HIV Prevention Symposium

The country held a high level HIV prevention symposium which was attended by key stakeholders in the national HIV and AIDS multi-sectoral response and some from the international community. The symposium overall objective was to enable the country review performance of the HIV prevention response and assess how the country is positioned to deliver on the national and international commitments. The symposium came up with practical measures for scaling up HIV prevention in the country that will guide the future direction of national HIV prevention efforts.

Strengthening interventions for refugees in refugee settlements in Uganda.

The refugee influx in Uganda continues to rise and this creates vulnerabilities to HIV infections to both the refugees and the host communities. Uganda AIDS Commission has rallied with UNHCR supported through the Inter- Governmental authority on Development (IGAD) and the implementing partners to scale up HIV and AIDS services in these communities.

National Aids Spending Assessment (NASA)

The Uganda AIDS Commission has undertaken

a National AIDS Spending Assessment study to track the income and expenditure on HIV and AIDS. This is intended to facilitate the harmonised implementation of activities across all the HIV and AIDS thematic interventions ranging from HIV prevention, Treatment and Care, social support and protection and systems strengthening.

Mainstreaming of HIV and AIDS in Public and Non - public sector

Uganda AIDS Commission has continued to coordinate and engage with Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies to ensure that they mainstream HIV/AIDS in their routine activities focusing on underlying factors that lead to new HIV infections and also to encourage these government bodies to have in place HIV and AIDS work place policies and programs.



Hon. Minister for Justice and Constitutional Affairs Kahinda Otaiire launching the National HIV mainstreaming guidelines at the PFTI forum in Hoima District.

The AIDS Trust Fund – ATF

The regulations that govern the operations of the AIDS Trust Fund were approved by Parliament in 2018. This will contribute to the increased domestic financing for HIV and AIDS for a sustained response.

Message from the Commission

The Board of Uganda AIDS Commission congratulates His Excellency the President of the Republic of Uganda on its 33rd Liberation Day Celebrations and 33 years of tremendous achievements in the control of the HIV and AIDS scourge. We urge all Ugandans to test and know their HIV status in order to live a better life.



Uganda AIDS Commission Board Members