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Assessment of the Epidemiological Situation & Demographics	HIV/AIDS Impact on the Macroeconomic Level
<p><u>Estimated percentage of adults living with HIV/AIDS, end of 2001</u> These estimates include all people with HIV infection, whether or not they have developed symptoms of AIDS, alive at the end of 2001: 15%</p> <p><u>Estimated number of deaths due to AIDS</u> Estimated number of adults and children who died of AIDS during 2001: 190,000</p> <p><u>Estimated number of orphans</u> Estimated number of children who have lost their mother or father or both parents to AIDS and who were alive and under age 15 at the end of 2001: 890,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenya has been hit hard by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Largely due to AIDS, life expectancy in Kenya dropped from 60 years in 1990 to 45.5 years in 2002. • In the major urban areas, Nairobi and Mombasa, HIV prevalence among Antenatal Clinic (ANC) attendees tested increased from 2% in 1985 to 19% in 1995. In Kiwi, a periurban area of Mombasa, HIV infection rates doubled from 12% in 1989 to more than 24% in 1995; in 1999, the rate was 23%. • Median HIV prevalence among ANC attendees tested outside the major urban areas increased from less than 1% in 1988 to 13% in 1997. In Kisumu, a town near the Uganda border, HIV prevalence plateaued between 1990 to 1993 at about 20% and then shot up to 30% in 1994, almost 35% in 1997 before decreasing to 27% in 1999. In Busia, another border town, the rates increased from 17% in 1990 to 34% in 1999. • Kenyan girls and young women are particularly vulnerable to infection. Young women aged 15 to 24 are more than twice as likely to be infected as men in the same age cohort. According to sentinel surveillance data gathered in 2001, HIV prevalence among pregnant women was 20% or higher at seven sites throughout Kenya. Seven additional sites reported HIV prevalence of 10% to 19% among pregnant women. • A joint report by the Joint United Nations Program on AIDS (UNAIDS), the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and UNICEF estimates that 892,000 children under age 15 had lost their mother or both parents to AIDS by the end of 2001. The number of Kenyan orphans due to AIDS is projected to increase to 1.54 million by 2010. AIDS was the major cause of a 25% increase in mortality in children under age 5 between 1987 and 1997. • In the past decade the HIV/AIDS epidemic has contributed to the tripling of new adult tuberculosis cases in Kenya. • More than 85% of sex workers tested in Nairobi and more than 55% of sex workers tested in Mombasa were found to be HIV-positive in 1992. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By 2005, Kenya’s gross domestic product is projected to be 14.5% lower than it would have been in the absence of AIDS. • AIDS is forecast to cost the country close to 1.5% of economic growth annually. • A simulation study of the potential impact of HIV/AIDS by sector projects that agriculture will suffer the greatest impact because the largest share of the labor force works in agriculture. The effect of AIDS will be to lower the value of agricultural production between 1.7% and 2.4% by 2010. <p><small>Sources: USAID, L. Bollinger, J. Stover, D.Nalo: “The Economic Impact of AIDS in Kenya” (September 1999) The Futures Group International in collaboration with: Research Triangle Institute (RTI) and The Center for Development and Population Activities), Economist Intelligence Unit</small></p>
	<h3>HIV/AIDS Impact on the Private Sector</h3>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A study by Family Health International (FHI) found that HIV/AIDS could increase labor costs for some businesses in Kenya by 16% by the year 2005. • A study of 16 large firms (average 1,200-1,500 employees in each firm) in Kenya estimated that the AIDS impact could be 3-8% of total labor costs by 2005 and 4% of profits. The same study showed that the most significant factors in increased labor costs were absenteeism due to HIV or AIDS and increased burial costs. • There is strong evidence that commercial farming is particularly vulnerable to AIDS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A study in a tea estate in Kenya found that those workers who ultimately died of AIDS had produced roughly one third less tea than other pluckers. They had also used significantly more leave in the three years preceding death. ○ On one sugar estate, a quarter of the entire workforce was infected with HIV. Direct cash costs related to HIV rose dramatically – company spending on funerals increased five-fold between 1989 and 1997, and direct health expenditure increased ten-fold. In addition, the estate’s managers reported greatly increased absenteeism, lower productivity (a 50% drop in the ratio of processed sugar recovered from raw cane between 1993 and 1997) and higher overtime costs as workers were paid to work extra hours to fill in for sick colleagues. ○ A flower farm saw a similar ten-fold rise in spending on employee health costs between 1985 and 1995. • One company experienced a 40-fold increase in funeral expenses between 1992-93 and 1996-97. During the same period, 41% of the employees left the company because of illness or death. Healthier workers had to work overtime – increasing direct overtime costs and possibly indirect costs, such as stress and reduced efficiency among overworked workers. <p><small>Sources: USAID, L. Bollinger, J. Stover, D.Nalo: “The Economic Impact of AIDS in Kenya” (September 1999) The Futures Group International in collaboration with: Research Triangle Institute (RTI) and The Center for Development and Population Activities), Family Health International (FHI)</small></p>
<p><small>Sources: Joint United Nations Program on AIDS (UNAIDS), World Health Organization (WHO), United States Agency for International Development (USAID)</small></p>	

The National Response	The Multisectoral Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National AIDS Control Council was established in 2000 in the Office of the President to provide leadership and a stronger coordination mechanism for a new, multisectoral national response to HIV/AIDS. • The Kenya National HIV/AIDS Strategic Plan, issued by the National AIDS Control Council in 2000, includes the following key elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reduction of prevalence among youth; ○ Creation of AIDS control units in each of the sectoral ministries, with a mandate to mainstream AIDS into ministry activities; ○ Creation of provincial and district AIDS control committees and constituency AIDS control committees to represent a wide range of stakeholders at all levels; ○ Development of strategies based on lessons learned about obstacles to the success of earlier interventions; and ○ The need for nationwide interventions versus current small-scale interventions. • The National HIV/AIDS Strategic Plan's five priority areas for action are prevention and advocacy; treatment, and implementing the continuum of care and support; mitigating the socioeconomic effects of AIDS; monitoring, evaluation and research; management and coordination. • In 2001 the Kenyan Ministry of Health released a National Condom Policy and Strategy (2001–2005) to ensure an adequate supply and access to condoms, together with public education and advocacy to increase condom use for protection against HIV and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI). • In May 2003 the country's president, Mwai Kibaki, proclaimed a "total war on AIDS", committing his government to help pay for the treatment of 40,000 patients and using a \$100 million "soft" loan from the World Bank to pay for 300 million condoms over a four-year period. In October of the same year the government moved to the final stage of providing antiretroviral drugs in public hospitals, with the country's Ministry of Health awarding tenders for the supply of the medicines to various pharmaceutical firms. • In September 2003 the Kenyan government approved a bill that would make it a criminal offence to sack or deny employment to anyone on the basis of their HIV status and would prevent insurers from raising premiums or denying services to HIV-positive clients. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USAID/Kenya collaborates with Family Health International (FHI), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Population Services International (PSI) on activities that focus on prevention of HIV infection, policy and advocacy, community-based care and support, integration of AIDS with family planning and child health programs, blood safety, operations research, and multisectoral activities, including workplace AIDS programs. • On June 20 2001, Coca-Cola announced that, in partnership with UNAIDS, it would use its advertising resources and distribution network to help combat HIV/AIDS in Africa. The company stated that, among other things, it would lend logistics managers to charities to help them figure out routes for distributing literature, condoms or testing kits, and turn over 30 billboards to Kenya's National AIDS Control Council to run an awareness campaign the company helped to develop. South Africa, Nigeria, Kenya, and Zambia were the initial recipient-countries of these services. • IFC supports a \$125 million expansion program of the soft drink bottling and distribution operations of Coca Cola SABCO (Pty) Limited in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Ethiopia and Mozambique, which promotes the implementation of HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment in the workforce and the local community. • Unilever Kenya has incorporated HIV/AIDS as a core part of its business programs. HIV/AIDS is a business agenda and is discussed at the Board level on a quarterly basis. All the different programs are anchored within the Kenya Government Strategic Framework and the Africa Regional Group HIV/AIDS Road Map which is part of the HIV/AIDS Manual that the company has developed to guide the design and implementation of its programs in East Africa. • Founded in 2000 at the initiative of Unilever-Kenya, the Kenya HIV and AIDS Private Sector Business Council works in collaboration with non-governmental and community-based organizations to design and implement HIV/AIDS programs at the workplace and in the community. The HIV and AIDS Business Council is affiliated to the Global Business Coalition on AIDS headquartered in New York. HIV and AIDS Business Council currently has more than 100 member-companies, some of which are: Unilever Kenya, Brooke Board, Haco Industries, Glaxosmithkline, Nation Media, Standard Chartered, Barclays Bank, Price waterhouseCoopers, BAT, Tetra Pak, Serena Hotels, Reckitt Benkiser, Cadbury Kenya, Cocacola Africa, Nairobi Bottlers, Kameme FM amongst others.
Sources: USAID, Washington Post, Financial Times	Sources: USAID, Kenya HIV and AIDS Private Sector Business Council, IFC

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3. Federation of Kenya Employers (FKE), G.N. Konditi, Deputy Executive Director, P.O. Box 48311, Nairobi. Tel: +254 (2) 721 929; 720 242, E-mail: fke@arcc.or.ke
4. Kenya AIDS NGO Consortium (KANCO), P.O. Box 69866, Nairobi. Tel: +254 (2) 717 664; E-mail: kenaids@iconnect.com
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Kenya – List Of Potential Direct Partners			
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			<p>nurses and medical personnel from various institutions and private practitioners volunteered their services for the medical camp plus. The companies donated drugs worth Kshs.500,000/- and their advertising vans to go into the surrounding areas broadcasting key HIV/AIDS messages.</p> <p>By the final day of the project (November 30, 2001), over 700 patients had received free medical treatment for various ailments and 200 had received Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT) services. About 5,000 residents of the estate came and listened to the HIV/AIDS messages given through popular community theatre, song, and dance using advertising vans and rigs donated by member companies.</p>
Federation of Kenya Employers (FKE)	<p>G.N. Konditi Deputy Executive Director, P.O. Box 48311, Nairobi. Tel: +254 (2) 721 929; +254 (2) 720 242 Fax: +254 (2) 721 990 E-mail: fke@arcc.or.ke</p>	<p>The FKE is designated by the National AIDS Control Council as a focal point in the fight against AIDS in the workplace. FKE could also provide referrals to organizations that provide HIV/AIDS services to Kenyan companies.</p>	<p>The Federation of Kenya Employers (FKE) was established in 1959 and has over 3,000 member companies. FKE published in 2002 the Code of Conduct on HIV/AIDS in the Workplace, which outlines AIDS policy and workplace program issues for companies.</p> <p>FKE's activities in the field of HIV/AIDS focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplying HIV/AIDS related information to employers, including pamphlets, video films and training materials, aimed at changing risky behavior of employees. • Mobilizing donor funding in the fight against HIV/AIDS. • Collaborating with the Government and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), which are running HIV/AIDS programs for private companies. • Organizing training and awareness programs for managers, peer educators, and employees. • Encouraging, amongst employees, early detection and treatment of Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs). • Promoting adoption of policies and programs that facilitate the availability of affordable anti-retroviral drugs at the enterprise level. • Ensuring ready access of sero-positive employees to palliative drugs for the treatment of AIDS-related opportunistic diseases. • Urging members to mainstream HIV/AIDS into their Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) programs. • Working with the Government and the Central Organization of Trade Unions (COTU) to support social welfare programs catering particularly for the basic needs of aids orphans and the living spouses of former workers.
Susan Hyde and Associates, South Africa	<p>Susan Hyde P.O. Box 29470, Sandringham, 2131 Johannesburg,</p>	<p>Susan Hyde and Associates has experience in providing HIV/AIDS-related</p>	<p>Legal Status: Closed Corporation</p> <p>Mission Statement/Goal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide expertise and services for workplace HIV/AIDS programs

	<p>South Africa. Tel: +27 (11) 640 7311 Fax: +27 (11) 640 7443 E-mail: susanhyde@global.co.za</p>	<p>services to companies in many African countries, including Kenya.</p>	<p>including Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices (KAP) surveys, needs assessments and various types of relevant training (e.g. managers, program managers, peer educators, counselors, committees);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop educational and training materials, particularly for low-literacy or multilingual target groups; • Carry out community-based work in the aforementioned areas. <p>Description of services provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Workplace</u> – Training of medical staff, HIV/AIDS program managers, peer educators. KAP Surveys/ Needs Assessments. Seroprevalence surveys, Impact Studies. AIDS Policy development. • <u>Community</u> - Training of medical staff, HIV/AIDS program managers, peer educators. KAP Surveys/ Needs Assessments <p>Year started: 2000</p> <p>Experience working with the private sector / references: Past clients include Anglo American Corporation (Coal, Gold, Platinum divisions), De Beers, the United Kingdom Department for International Development (DfID), USAID, South African National Defense Force (Military), South African Receiver of Revenue (Government dept.), and Eskom.</p>
<p>Population Services International (PSI)</p>	<p>PSI/Kenya ABC Place Waiyaki Way, Westlands Nairobi. Tel: +254 (2) 444 6318 Fax: +254 (2) 444 0899 E-mail: walks@psikenya.org</p>	<p>PSI can organize outreach activities in the workplace to fight stigma and discrimination, provide condoms to companies at affordable prices, and refer to VCT centers.</p>	<p>PSI/Kenya works closely with the National AIDS Control Program, other Ministry of Health departments, the Social Marketing Initiative of Kenya (SMIK) and other local NGOs and cooperating agencies funded through USAID.</p> <p>Selected project activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Condom marketing: In 1997, PSI/Kenya re-launched its condom brand <i>Trust</i>, with a new package and campaign, targeted at sexually active urban and peri-urban youth, ages 15 to 24. This group is targeted for their high-risk behavior and the recent trends in the spread of the AIDS. 60% of those newly infected with HIV are among individuals 15 to 24 years of age, and women are twice as likely as men to be infected. • In generic HIV/AIDS behavior change campaigns, people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWA) hold regular outreach activities in communities and workplaces, bringing a human face to the virus in order to reduce stigma. • PSI/Kenya currently markets Voluntary Testing and Counseling (VCT) centers in Kenya.
<p>Family Health International (FHI) - Institute for</p>	<p>FHI-Kenya Institute for HIV/AIDS</p>	<p>The FHI Institute for HIV/AIDS supports</p>	<p>The Institute for HIV/AIDS carries out its activities through the Implementing AIDS Prevention and Care Project (IMPACT), in collaboration with the</p>

HIV/AIDS	<p>The Chancery, 2nd floor Valley Road P.O. Box 38835-00623 Nairobi. Tel: +254 (2) 271 3911-9 E-mail: info@fhi.or.ke Website: http://www.fhi.org</p>	<p>NGOs in delivering peer education programs in the workplace, youth education, VCT, care and treatment of STIs, Prevention of Mother-to-Child-Transmission (PMTCT), and community-based interventions.</p>	<p>Ministry of Health, National AIDS Control Council (NACC), National AIDS and STD Control Program (NAS COP) and 25 NGO implementing partners.</p> <p>The overall goal of the IMPACT Project is to reduce the risk of HIV and AIDS transmission by supporting and improving programmatic responses to the epidemic in selected vulnerable populations.</p> <p>IMPACT is focusing on:</p> <p>Behavior change interventions: FHI assists its partners in implementing effective peer education programs in the workplace, with commercial sex workers, with women in low-income communities, and in schools. These interventions include developing curricula for primary schools, popular youth outreach, and general information campaigns. FHI also assists with interactive radio programs that target particular communities, reinforcing inter-personal and group communication activities.</p> <p>Interventions to improve service delivery: FHI works to upgrade STI clinics and outreach efforts, clinic-based HIV/AIDS care, tuberculosis services, voluntary counseling and testing (VCT), and programs for the Prevention of Mother-to-Child-Transmission (PMTCT).</p> <p>Community-based HIV/AIDS mitigation interventions: These interventions involve home-based care, psychological support, support for orphans through networks of people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWA), and micro-finance credit activities for affected communities.</p>
African Medical and Research Foundation (AMREF), Kenya	<p>P.O. Box 00506-27691, Nairobi. Tel: +254 (2) 605 220 Fax: +254 (2) 609 518 E-mail: petern@amrefhq.org Website: www.amref.org</p>	<p>In Kenya, AMREF works with private sector companies on peer education training both at the workplace and at the community level.</p>	<p>Mission The African Medical and Research Foundation (AMREF) is an independent NGO whose mission is to empower the disadvantaged people in Africa to enjoy better health. AMREF defines the disadvantaged as people who suffer from high prevalence and impact of major health problems and challenges like malaria, HIV/AIDS, adolescent and reproductive health, water and sanitation and have poor access to health care.</p> <p>Description of services provided: To achieve its mission, AMREF has identified three core strategies. These are capacity building, operation research, and advocacy. AMREF's approach places emphasis on developing, testing and evaluating methodologies and systems that are appropriate, relevant, affordable and effective.</p> <p>AMREF has a set of defined priority intervention areas. These are HIV/AIDS,</p>

			<p>TB, Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD), malaria, water and basic sanitation, disaster management and response, family health, clinical outreach services to remote areas, development of health learning materials, training and undertaking of consultancies.</p> <p>The AMREF Africa programs depend on funds raised mostly from Europe and North America. Donors include governments, foundation, trusts, individuals and corporate companies.</p>
Kenya AIDS NGO Consortium (KANCO)	<p>Allan Ragi P.O. Box 69866-00400 Nairobi. Tel: +254 (20) 271 7664 +254 (20) 271 5008 Fax: +254 (20) 271 4837 E-mail: kenaids@iconnect.co.ke Website: www.kanco.org</p>	<p>KANCO can refer to members of its network that provide HIV/AIDS services to companies.</p> <p>One of its main areas of activities is workplace education.</p>	<p>KANCO is an HIV/AIDS Network of NGOs, Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), Religious Institutions in Kenya, committed to HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and support. Their main activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination; • Information provision; • Networking; • Policy advocacy; • Media education and involvement; • Workplace education; • Capacity building; • Prevention.
Kenya AIDS Intervention/Prevention Project Group (KAIPPG)	<p>James A. Onyango P.O. Box 2448 Kakamega 50100. Tel: +254 56 641 004/ +254 333 41 004 Fax: +254 56 641 004 +254 333 41 004 E-mail: kaippg@africaonline.co.ke Website: www.kaippg.org</p>	<p>Information and help regarding support to People Living With HIV/AIDS (PLWA).</p> <p>KIPPG has a special focus on women, children and youth (including AIDS orphans).</p>	<p>Key activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community-based projects; • Support for individuals and their families; • Rehabilitation of malnourished children; • Training of AIDS widows in proper nutrition and the care of vulnerable children; • Training of healthcare workers in home-based care for people with AIDS.
Network of African People Living with HIV/AIDS (NAP+)	<p>Network of African People Living With HIV/AIDS (GNP+) African Secretariat, Michael Angaga, P.O. Box 30218, Nairobi. Tel: +254 (2) 228 776 Fax: +254 (2) 251 324 E-mail: nap@africaonline.co.ke</p>	<p>Information and help regarding support to People Living With HIV/AIDS (PLWA). NAP+ is working with other similar associations in Kenya and could provide training and materials, as well referral services to companies that are</p>	<p>Key activities in the past year include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Networking at key conferences and events around Africa; • Representation at global AIDS policy meetings; • Advocacy on behalf of PLWA in Africa; • Skills strengthening for PLWA through training; • Dissemination of AIDS-related material. <p>Main sources of funding: United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the United Nations Joint Program on AIDS (UNAIDS), Center for African Family Studies (CAFS), National Association of People with AIDS-United States (NAPWA-US).</p>

	Website: www.naprap.org	interested in involving PLWAs in their AIDS programs.	Number of PLWA engaged in the association: 2 million
The Association of People With Aids In Kenya, (TAPWAK)	Rowlands G. Lenya P.O. Box 30583-00100 G.P.O. Nairobi. Tel: +254 (20) 603 421 Fax: +254 (20) 603 421 E-mail: tapwak@kenyaonline.com	Information and help regarding support to People Living With HIV/AIDS (PLWA).	Key activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education; • Training; • Counseling; • Formation of AIDS Club in schools; • Income generating activities for women; • Orphan support; • Day care programs; • Distribution of education materials.
Pathfinder International	Charles Thube, Country Representative, Pathfinder International, P.O. Box 48147 Nairobi. Tel: +254 (2) 224 154 Fax: +254 (2) 214 890 E-mail: CThube@pathfind.org	<p>Pathfinder International can refer to local NGOs that it supports for the provision of the following services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention of Mother To Child Transmission (PMTCT) of HIV/AIDS • Community-based HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care, and Support • Youth Education <p>Pathfinder International actively supports the Kenya Network of Women with AIDS (Contact: Asunta Wagura, Tel: +254 (20) 766 677 asuntawagura@hotmail.com), which focuses on providing support to women living with HIV/AIDS.</p>	<p>Pathfinder International is an international NGO focusing on Family Planning and Reproductive Health (FP/RH) projects in developing countries. In Kenya, the organization has been working in Kenya since the mid-1960s, and has partnered with more than 40 local organizations, government agencies, and both public and private sector institutions.</p> <p>The Community-based HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care, and Support (COPHIA) Program aims to improve the ability of local communities to manage and implement HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and support activities for people living with HIV/AIDS, their families, orphans and vulnerable children. COPHIA depends on the development and maintenance of two-way referral linkages between community-based support services such as home-based care and facilities for medical treatment and clinical services such as treatment of opportunistic infections and community-based services for support services. Community support services provide emotional, spiritual, and material support to both the infected and affected through a network of local groups. The other critical link is between voluntary counseling and testing (VCT) sites and community network of services to promote knowing ones status and ensuring services for those who need them.</p> <p>Pathfinder is also supporting a new initiative to help prevent mother to child transmission (PMTCT) of HIV/AIDS by promoting the delivery of integrated and comprehensive PMTCT services. On the health care facility side, the package of services includes optimal antenatal care, voluntary and confidential counseling and VCT of antenatal patients and couples, optimal obstetric care, the use of anti-retroviral drugs (ARVs), and appropriate feeding recommendations. On the community services side, Pathfinder is organizing, training, and supporting existing community-based organizations and their health extension workers to identify women who need PMTCT services, and</p>

			<p>to provide information and support during pregnancy, home-birth, and the postnatal period.</p> <p>Pathfinder is also working to meet the reproductive needs of young adults through its support of two university-based projects at Egerton and Kenyatta Universities. These programs provide access to FP/RH information and services including family life education/human sexuality information, counseling, and the provision of condoms.</p>
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