

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction

The Parliamentary Constituency Task forces on HIV/AIDS (PCTA) were set up for efficient coordination of HIV/AIDS activities at constituency level. However, a situational analysis revealed that the PCTA did not have operational guidelines to guide their implementation. Operational guidelines have been developed to enable PCTAs become more effective in carrying out their oversight functions at constituency level. With guidelines in place PCTA will be better informed which HIV/AIDS government programs are performing or failing, which will in turn inform Parliament's decisions in appropriating funds. In so doing, Parliament promotes development and accountability by ensuring that scarce public resources go to those programs that have verifiable benefits to the public.

Objective

The overall objective was to develop operational guidelines for the Parliamentary Constituency Taskforces on HIV/AIDS in order to guide their implementation and to ease monitoring of their progress.

Methodology

Development of operational guidelines for the PCTA followed a participatory approach involving the Fellow, an external facilitator and the members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on HIV/AIDS and related matters. The operational guidelines contain three documents that is; narrative guidelines, a monitoring and evaluation framework and operational plan for the PCTAs. This project was done in phases: Relevant documents and stakeholders were consulted, draft operational guidelines developed, shared, amended and later on disseminated.

Outcome

Under the narrative guidelines, the PCTA roles were defined under four subthemes that is representation, legislation, oversight and advocacy. Membership, criteria for selection of members, duration and PCTA activities were defined. The operational plan and Monitoring and Evaluation framework for the PCTA were developed.