

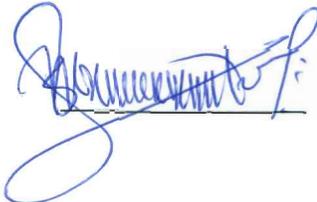
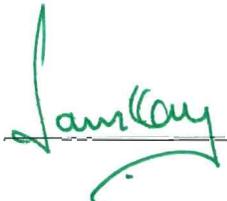
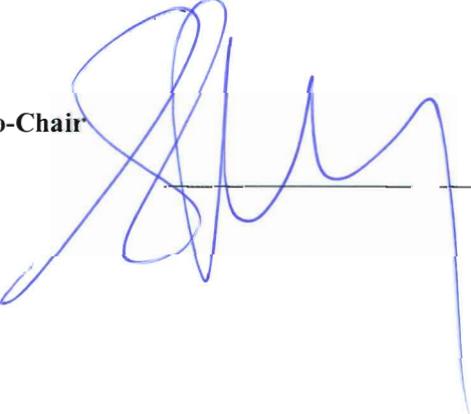
Sierra Leone MDTF

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Project Number: : Joint Vision Programme 16 - Local governance and decentralisation	Programme Duration: Twelve Months (1yr) Estimated Start-Up Date: January, 2012
Project Title: Regional Partnership Forum on AIDS	Programme Location: National
Project Description: District AIDS Committees to coordinate and facilitate Regional Partnership Forums on AIDS	Total Project Cost: US\$ 73,500 SL- MDTF: US\$ 73,500 Government Input: : US\$0 Other: US\$0 GRAND TOTAL: US\$ 73,500
Development Goal: Enhanced coordination and delivery of national response to HIV/AIDS in Sierra Leone Key Outcomes: Strengthened role of the District AIDS Committees to coordinate the decentralized response to HIV/AIDS	
Deliverables: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Four regional Meetings held in the West, East, North and South 2. District AIDS Committees with database of partners working on HIV/AIDS in their different jurisdiction 	

¹ The term "programme" is used for projects, programmes and joint programmes.

	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name/Title</i>
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DEPAC Co-Chair		<u>24/1/12</u>	Honorable Dr. Samura Kamara Minister of Finance and Economic Development
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Project Document

Executive Summary

District AIDS Committees to convene Regional Partnership Forum on AIDS

In 2007 a total of 19 District AIDS Committees (DACs) were established throughout Sierra Leone serving all districts. The main objective of this development was to accelerate the local response to HIV and AIDS. The move also fits into the wider context of sector reform in Sierra Leone, promoting the transfer of authority and power from national to sub-national levels, facilitating decision-making that is faster and more appropriate for local circumstances, particularly in the area of public planning, management and accountability.

Over the past number of years the UNAIDS has been supporting the District AIDS Committees to fulfil their role in;

- Developing and coordinating district HIV/AIDS response plan,
- Monitoring and supervising HIV/AIDS activities in the districts
- Maintaining oversight responsibilities over implementing partners

Coordinating and managing the expanded, decentralized multi-sector response involves diverse and complex processes including joint planning, knowledge management, resource mobilization, local managerial and technical capacity building, systems of accountability, clear and transparent legal frameworks that delineate the responsibilities, and sufficient funding to fulfill mandates and to meet local priorities.

The challenge with the Decentralized Response to HIV is that while it can ensure greater scale coverage and impact, it also relies on more skilled human and material resources at all levels. In 2010 UNDP in collaboration with UNAIDS completed a Capacity Needs Assessment of all 19 District AIDS Committees, the findings identified a number of capacity challenges for the DACs with particular reference to coordination of relevant partners at district level.

Situation Analysis

The Regional Partnership Forum on AIDS model proceeds from the recognition that a strong and sustained partnership of all government, civil society, the international organizations, PLHIV, etc-will mount an effective response against the epidemic at all levels.

It takes a well-coordinated coalition approach to minimize wasteful overlaps to effectively scale up efforts, while giving a clear leadership and coordination role to the Government. Against this background, the Regional Partnership on AIDS is guided by three key objectives, including:

- Representation and participation from all sectors involved in the response including Government, UN, Donors/Partners, NGOs, CBOs, FBOs, Civil Society, People living with HIV, the Private Sector, Uniformed Services and the Media
- All partners at District level are informed and aware of HIV activities and programs outlined in the National Strategic Plan on HIV 2011-2015 and the Operational Plan 2011-2012, including their roles and responsibilities for service delivery at the district level
- Strengthened partnership and coordinating role of the District AIDS Committees to manage the decentralized multi-sector response to HIV

Strategies including lessons learned and the proposed programme

In preparation for the Regional Partnership Forum each participating organization is expected to complete a summary highlighting their Overview, Accomplishments, Challenges, Opportunities (with particular reference to working with the District AIDS Committees) and outline their contribution and comparative advantage with reference to the Operational Plan 2011-2012. All summaries will be compiled and consolidated into one document that will provide a synopsis of all partners at local level and provide the basis for capturing the opportunities for a scaled-up response to HIV in support of the NSP, spearheaded by the District AIDS Committees.

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Results framework

Joint Vision Priority Areas	Rural Integration
Joint Vision Programme 16	Local governance and decentralisation
Key Result Areas	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enhanced coordination and delivery in the regions of the national response to HIV/AIDS in Sierra Leone 2. Strengthened role of the District AIDS Committees (including PLHIV representatives) to coordinate the decentralized response to HIV
Indicators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four Regional Partnership Forums held • Number of multi-sector partners participating at Regional Forums • No. of PLHIV support groups established • Regional Partnership Forum 'Annual Report' developed and disseminated 	Deliverables <p>-Regional Partnership Forum on AIDS;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printing and Dissemination of key pillar documents (NSP, OP, etc) and Regional Partnership Forum 'Annual Report' • Partnership Forum meeting package: (Project coordinator, venue, refreshments, travel) • Monitoring & Evaluation follow up assessments

In line with the Three Ones Principles, the Programme will work within existing national frameworks on HIV including: One Policy Framework, One Coordinating Mechanism and One Monitoring and Evaluation system, more specifically guided by:

The National Strategic Plan on HIV 2011-2015 objective of:

- Priority: Outcome 1.1: District AIDS Committees Strengthened

Management and coordination arrangements

The project will be managed under the overall coordinating responsibility of the UNAIDS Country Office (UCO) in close collaboration with the National AIDS Secretariat. Both the development and implementation of the project will be conducted by UNAIDS with support from the District AIDS Committees. Regular consultations will be organized by UNAIDS in collaboration with the National AIDS Secretariat, District AIDS Committees and the Joint UN Team on AIDS.

Fund management arrangements

UNAIDS being part of the UNCT involved in the implementation of the Joint Vision Programme is a signatory to the SL- MDTF MOU.

For this particular project, UNAIDS will receive all the funds and subsequently disburse the funds accordingly (with appropriate documentations) to the National AIDS Secretariat and subsequently to the District AIDS Committees.

Monitoring, evaluation and reporting

The M&E framework will be in line with the broader M&E framework designed to track the JV Programmes. In addition, each specific deliverable with corresponding indicators will be developed for each activity to track progress.

The Joint UN Team on AIDS will also provide support in supervision, oversight and technical backstopping during implementation. UNAIDS will share implementation progress during Joint Team meetings or by emails.

At the end of the activity, each of the beneficiary network/coalition will produce an implementation and financial report which UNAIDS Country Office will compile and forward it to the SPU.

Legal Context or Basis of Relationship

As part of the Joint Vision Programme 16, UNAIDS contributes to: the rural integration and decentralization of HIV and AIDS coordinating bodies, including District AIDS Committees. This is within both the Government Agenda for Change and the new National Strategic Plan on HIV&AIDS 2011-2015

Workplans and budgets

PROJECT BUDGET WITH UNGD BUDGET CATEGORIES (USD)	
CATEGORIES	TOTAL
1. Supplies, commodities, equipment and transport	\$44,000
2. Personnel (staff, consultants and travel)	\$10,000
3. Training of counterparts	\$9,191.59
4. Contracts	
5. Other direct costs	\$5,500
Sub-Total Project Costs	\$68,691.59
Indirect Support Costs*	\$4,808
TOTAL	\$73,500

* 7% of sub-total project costs