

PROJECT SUMMARY

Universal Access and UNGASS DoC: Supporting community sector involvement and advocacy



Ensuring that the targets for universal access set at the country level are ambitious, reflect the epidemic and the needs of those most affected, and are achieved by 2010.

This project aims to:

- Support community-based organizations to be engaged in monitoring and evaluation processes to assess progress on the implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS (DoC) and on achieving Universal Access.
- Increase technical knowledge and capacity within the community sector to achieve more active and meaningful participation in national consultations and AIDS review processes.
- Provide greater clarity, community sector guidance, and advocacy on how to achieve 'universal access' by 2010.

The main objectives are:

1. Increase evidence and understanding of the level and effectiveness of community sector involvement in monitoring and reporting processes, including the DoC and the Universal Access target setting process.
2. Increase advocacy on the need to involve the community sector in monitoring and reporting process.
3. Increase support for community sector monitoring and reporting of the implementation of the UNGASS DoC and Universal Access targets.

Project activities are:

The project has three phases:

1. Community sector involvement in target setting process (2007)
2. Mobilization and coordination of support for community advocates (2007-2008)
3. Monitoring and advocacy for implementation (2008-2011)

PHASE 1: Community sector involvement

Activity 1: country-level community researchers' document:

- how the community sector was involved in the target setting processes for universal access
- how ambitious and realistic the targets agreed are
- How the targets set are complementary (or not) of the UNGASS DoC targets

Activity 2: ICASO prepares a summary report of the findings and presents it at the UNAIDS PCB meeting in June 2007.

PHASE 2: Mobilisation and coordination of support for community advocates

Activity 1: ICASO (co) hosts consultations with community advocates to:

- share information/experiences on Universal Access processes at country level
- define/design/create a platform to advocate for more community involvement at country level processes
- strategize on how to:
 - better support the community sector at country level to be involved
 - better interact with the UN and other stakeholders
 - find more resources to support community sector involvement
 - have more impact in the UNGASS review sessions
 - be part of the M&E and reporting processes (within the official process or as shadow processes)

PHASE 3: Monitoring and advocacy for implementation

Activity 1: Create and support a platform to assist M&E, reporting and advocacy at country level. Based on recommendations from the advocates meeting and on lessons learnt, ICASO will support the creation of a platform to assist community advocates to:

- Advocate for transparent and inclusive reporting processes on progress on implementing the UNGASS DoC and on reaching the UA targets set for 2008 and 2010.
- Advocate for changing UA targets that do not reflect the epidemic and the needs of the most marginalized and vulnerable.
- Prepare shadow reports on monitoring the implementation of the UNGASS DoC and reaching the targets for UA in 2008 and 2010.