

HIV/AIDS Twinning Center



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Mozambique Partners Open New HIV/AIDS Clinic and Training Center in Beira

HIV/AIDS Twinning Center partners at the Universidade Católica de Moçambique (UCM) and the University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania celebrated the opening of a new HIV/AIDS clinic and training center on June 17.

Located at UCM's campus in Beira, St. Luke's Health Center has greatly expanded accessibility to high quality primary care and HIV/AIDS services to people in Mozambique's Sofala Province. Since its opening, the facility has already provided treatment and care to more than 3,500 people — more than a quarter of whom are living with HIV.

With support from PEPFAR through CDC/Mozambique, UCM has been collaborating with the University of Pittsburgh since 2006. While the clinic site was undergoing lengthy renovations, partners focused on faculty and curriculum development through an extensive series of professional exchanges and trainings conducted in both Mozambique and the United States.

"We have partnered with the Ministry of Health to create a vital service for the local community, as well as a critical opportunity for current and future healthcare workers in Mozambique to learn important clinical skills," says Dr. Peter Millard, of UCM's Faculty of Medicine.

"St. Luke's delivers HIV treatment in a primary care setting, which helps reduce stigma, improve accessibility, and provide 'one stop shopping' for many patients who would otherwise face long waits at the central hospital," Millard continues, explaining that the clinic also "serves as a center of excellence, teaching current and future healthcare workers the planned care model, a cutting edge medical practice used to care for patients with chronic diseases such as HIV, TB, hypertension, and diabetes."

Partners have already conducted three 10-day, skills-based trainings on opportunistic infections for 20 medical professionals from Beira and nearby areas, with a fourth slated to take place in fall 2009.

Leveraging US government support for their efforts, the Pittsburgh partners sought donations of medical

equipment and supplies, arranging for two 40-foot containers of materials valued at nearly \$85,000, which were shipped to Beira in November 2008.

For the UCM partners, the twinning partnership — and the donated equipment and supplies — have translated into improved capacity to meet the underserved needs of people in their community, both now and in the future as



The UCM clinic provides much-needed HIV treatment and other health services to people in Sofala Province.

more clinicians and allied caregivers are trained. "The support we are getting from the American people, the Twinning Center, and our partners in Pittsburgh is greatly enhancing our capacity to deliver quality health services," said UCM Vice Chancellor Fr. P. Francisco Ponsi.

"The clinic is an excellent contribution to Mozambique's health system. Not only will it help us to assist people in the neighboring community, it will also serve as a training ground and enable us to launch an internship program for graduate-level medical students."

Clinic manager Vitor Karatzisdos Santos says, "As the building progressed, my excitement grew along with it. I believe that the quality care that is available here will change the landscape of health services in Sofala Province."

Social Work Training Emerges as Effective Model of Providing Care to Vulnerable Children, Families



A successful model of training community-based caregivers in key social work and child development skills first piloted in Tanzania in 2007 is now being adapted and replicated in other countries across Africa.

Twinning Center partners at the Institute of Social Work and Jane Addams College of Social Work and the Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center at the University of Illinois-Chicago have already trained 1,200 community caregivers, 75 District Social Work trainees, 122 Para-Social Worker Supervisors, and 45 Trainers thanks to the support of the American people through PEPFAR and USAID/Tanzania.



These Para-Social Workers are trained community members whose role is to assess a vulnerable child's needs and strengths then create a care plan that helps ensure his or her physical, emotional, and developmental needs are met by linking the child to existing services and support. In 2009, partners began working with the Capacity Project to scale up Para-Social Worker training throughout Tanzania.

The Twinning Center conducted a three-day workshop in Dar es Salaam August 5-7, 2009 for partners whose focus is improving care and support for orphans and other vulnerable populations in Botswana, Ethiopia, Nigeria, and Tanzania.

In addition to African partners and their US counterparts, representatives from Tanzania's Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, NGOs involved in Para-Social Worker training efforts, HRSA, USAID/Tanzania, CDC/Tanzania, and the Twinning Center also participated.

Key objectives of the event included sharing ideas and best practices on Para-Social Work program implementation; developing a common understanding of related terminology, principles, and challenges — including workforce development, recruitment and retention, qualifications, compensation, and quality assurance; and charting a plan of action that will effectively guide future program development and expansion.

"In Tanzania, we view the Para-Social Worker Training Program as a work in progress. We are constantly adjusting our curriculum based on participant feedback and trainer observation," explained Theresa Kaijage, senior lecturer at the Institute of Social Work.

Noting that the courses are often the first formal training many community-based volunteers and NGO staff receive, Kaijage continued, "When most of these individuals first come to the trainings, they view orphans and vulnerable children as victims who can be helped simply by material support. We teach them from the beginning to invest in looking for strengths — strengths in the community, strengths in the family, and strengths in the children themselves. By the end of the course, all of the trainees have changed their mindset."

Giving participants insight on the US government's perspective as donor, Dr. Ellen Caldeira of HRSA's Global AIDS Program said, "Instead of the donor-recipient model primarily used during PEPFAR's first five years, the paradigm is shifting toward equal partnerships under PEPFAR II. This means national HIV/AIDS

strategies will be the driving factor. OVC care and support services are a priority for PEPFAR, and we're looking to increase the numbers of healthcare providers at all levels of the system. It is a new way of doing business for us and, if Para-Social Worker training is a priority for your countries, it's likely to be a priority for us."

Caldeira also stressed the importance of leveraging US government support with funding from other international donors, including the European Union and the Global Fund.

Hoping to replicate this success, Twinning Center partners in Ethiopia and Nigeria piloted similar training programs designed to arm community-based professionals and volunteer caregivers with key social work skills that can aid in their efforts to help children cope with illness and the loss of family members on August 10.

Other countries receiving PEPFAR support — including Botswana, Mozambique, South Africa, and Zambia — have also expressed interest in the model.

"When we heard about this model, my colleagues and I became very excited," said Kgomo Tse N. Sejoie from the Department of Social Work at Botswana's Ministry of Health. Stating that Parliament passed the Children's Act in April 2009, which establishes a social welfare framework for orphans and vulnerable children, she explains, "We need a program like this one to help staff the new system."

Participants at the August strategic planning workshop devoted significant time to small group discussions. By the end of the three-day event, each group had compiled a detailed framework for advancing social work training for para-professionals as a way to improve care and support for orphans and vulnerable children and families.

New Psycho-Social Caregiver Training Program Improves Quality of Care for Vulnerable Families

Community-based caregivers who work with orphans and other vulnerable populations in and around the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa gained much-needed case management, counseling, and psycho-social support skills at a workshop conducted in August by Twinning Center partners at Addis Ababa University School of Social Work and their US counterparts from Jane Addams College of Social Work and the Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center at the University of Illinois-Chicago.

With funding from PEPFAR through CDC/Ethiopia, this pilot in-service training — titled “Introduction to Applying Social Work Skills to Psycho-social Needs of People Infected and Affected by HIV” — armed caregivers who work with vulnerable children and families at the grassroots level with critical information

on how to better assist people in need.

Participants learned about topics ranging from HIV disease and current trends in Ethiopia and how to identify HIV-affected groups within the community to the psycho-social support needs of people living with the virus and their families and how to mitigate HIV-related stigma and discrimination.

Other topics covered during the 12-day workshop included prevention of mother-to-child transmission, providing support to improve adherence to treatment, effective education and outreach techniques, case management, and how to link clients to existing services and support programs.

Explaining how their feedback would be reviewed carefully to help direct changes and additions to course content to

ensure training is in keeping with the needs of caregivers who work with vulnerable populations within their communities on a daily basis, Dr. Tasse Abye, Dean of Addis Ababa University School of Social Work told participants, “Not everyone who works on a daily basis with people made vulnerable by HIV/AIDS has the opportunity to attend trainings. It is your responsibility to take what you learn here and share it with your co-workers. In that way, these efforts will multiply,” and more and more people will have access to the care and support they need.

Partners are now in the process of fine-tuning the training curriculum and related materials and will be move forward with additional workshops in the coming months.



The pilot training featured presentations, case studies, and small group exercises designed to arm participants, all of whom currently work directly with vulnerable children and families, with key social work skills that will help them provide effective community-based support.



New Drug Information Center Opens at Addis Ababa University Black Lion Hospital

Twining Center partners at Addis Ababa University (AAU) and Howard University celebrated the opening of a model Drug Information Center (DIC) May 27 at Black Lion Hospital.

AAU President Andreas Eshete and a number of AAU officials, deans, and department heads, as well as local and international stakeholders in the field of pharmacy education and training attended the event.

With support from PEPFAR through CDC/Ethiopia, as well as from the World Bank, partners from the AAU and Howard University schools of pharmacy, along with Howard's Pharmacists and

Continuing Education Center, established the DIC to serve as a center of excellence on drug information services in Addis Ababa and, eventually, elsewhere in Ethiopia.

Staffed by trained faculty members from the AAU School of Pharmacy, the DIC provides comprehensive, objective, unbiased, and evidence-based information that assists and informs health professionals as they plan and provide clinical care.

The DIC also serves as a training and research center, particularly as relates to the country-wide scaling up of ART and other drug treatments for PLWH. Such treatment involves increasingly

complex pharmacotherapy, making pharmacists a critical member of a multidisciplinary HIV/AIDS care team.

Equipped with the latest drug information databases as well as reference books, the DIC represents an invaluable resource on drug research.

Center staff respond to queries related to drug therapy of diseases; drug therapy in special populations; adverse drug reactions; drug interactions; pharmacodynamics; pharmacokinetics; pharmacogenetics, the social use of drugs, and other related topics.



The new DIC at Black Lion Hospital features a wealth of drug information resources. Staff are trained to respond to queries and assist with research to better inform clinical practice.

Partnership Helps Update Palliative Care Standards in Côte d'Ivoire

In Côte d'Ivoire, the government recognizes that palliative care is an essential component of the provision of care for people suffering from HIV/AIDS and other chronic illnesses.

The Ministry of Health has already developed a National Palliative Care Strategy, although it has yet to be integrated into an overall national health strategy.

Even though this — and a number of other related documents, manuals, and guidelines — do exist, most were developed during unstable political times and lack the solid grounding in evidence-based palliative care practices that comes with collaboration with international experts.

With support from PEPFAR through CDC/Côte D'Ivoire, Twinning Center partners at Hope Worldwide in Abidjan and the African Palliative Care Association in Kampala, Uganda, conducted in 2009 a review of key documents, including the country's national palliative care guidelines, training manuals for healthcare professionals and community workers, data collection tools, and essential medications list.

Thanks to the support of the American people through PEPFAR, Twinning Center partners from Hope Worldwide, APCA, and other key stakeholders are helping redefine the provision of palliative care in Côte d'Ivoire by revising national guidelines and training materials in keeping with international best practices.

Based on the review, partners submitted recommendations to the Technical Working Group for Palliative Care in Côte D'Ivoire and organized a workshop July 28-August 1 to discuss how to move forward with revision of the training manuals and other critical guidelines, according to APCA Mentorships Manager Abby Baguma.

"Much was achieved during the workshop, in particular a commitment was made to develop a National Palliative Care Association in Côte D'Ivoire," Baguma says, noting that Hope Worldwide was given a mandate to lead these efforts in conjunction with the National Palliative Care Technical Work Group.

"By the end of the workshop there was definitely a renewed enthusiasm to see palliative care become a reality in Côte d'Ivoire," she says.

Palliative care expert Collette Cunningham — who has significant experience working with the Palliative Care Association of Zambia — consulted on the project, lending technical expertise and insight to the document revision process.

"The new National Policy for

Palliative Care in Côte D'Ivoire offers excellent guidance and can stand as a reference document for other francophone countries in Africa. Its contents are rooted in evidence-based research and the latest international best practices in palliative care," she explains.

"The training documents form a complete course on palliative care for healthcare professionals and the Quality Standards for Palliative Care document is highly professional. If these standards are applied in Côte D'Ivoire then programs here will be providing the best possible palliative care in African settings."

According to Dr. Solange Balou, Executive Director of Hope Worldwide in Côte D'Ivoire, the workshop was an invaluable meeting of the minds that "has allowed us to improve the quality of the training documents and norms and standards, as well as to adapt the practical guidelines of palliative care. It also helped to redefine the coordination of palliative care through the creation of a national association of palliative care, which is expected to occur by the end of 2009 with support of the Ministry of Health."

According to WHO, thousands of individuals in sub-Saharan Africa have incurable diseases — mainly HIV/AIDS and advanced cancer — which cause great suffering to patients and their families.

It is estimated that at least half of all HIV patients and 80 percent of cancer patients will suffer from severe pain in the course of the terminal phase of their disease.

The scale of palliative care needs for HIV and AIDS in Africa outweighs the cancer care needs many times. In Uganda, for example, 20,000 cancer patients need palliative care, while 200,000 AIDS patients need these services.



Twinning Center Expands Volunteer Healthcare Corps to Three More Countries

The Twinning Center's Volunteer Healthcare Corps (VHC) now has opportunities for skilled professionals looking to provide onsite technical assistance to PEPFAR-funded organizations in Botswana, Mozambique, and Namibia.

The VHC is a needs-driven program that recruits professionals from varying fields to serve the cause of global health by volunteering their time and expertise in target countries throughout Africa.

In Botswana, recruitment is

under way for health communication and organizational development specialists. In Mozambique, the VHC is seeking clinical preceptors. And, in Namibia, researchers are needed.

The VHC now operates in six African countries:

- Botswana
- Ethiopia
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- South Africa
- Tanzania

Para-Social Worker Training Program Kicks Off in Nigeria, Focuses on Improving OVC Care

"Nigeria is home to nearly 1.7 million orphans and vulnerable children — innocent ones who find themselves in this position through no fault of their own," Barrister Grace O. Ezezika, Deputy Director for OVC at the Federal Ministry of Women's Affairs and Social Development told a group of some 70 community caregivers who work with vulnerable children in and around the nation's capital of Abuja.

"This is a topic of grave concern to everyone, and I charge you to not to leave this training the same as you came. Return to your work with a new determination to change things for the better," Ezezika challenged.

Participants in this pilot training — which was titled "Developing Skills to Assist Vulnerable Children and Their Households" — took this challenge to heart, spending five days learning critical social work and child development skills that will help them identify vulnerable children and families, assess their needs and strengths, improve and expand delivery of key psycho-social services, and better engage communities to provide a network of care, support, and protection.

"I gained a great deal of knowledge about how to

better interact with orphans and vulnerable children ... how to put myself in their position and not impose my own personal beliefs and decisions on them," says Obianuju B. Nwana, who works for the Catholic Secretariat of Nigeria. "Now that I better understand the impact of culture and values and beliefs, I am better able to satisfy the needs of the children I work with."

Held August 17-21, this training was conducted with support from PEPFAR through CDC/Nigeria by HIV/AIDS Twinning Center partners at the Federal School of Social Work in Enugu and the Department of Social Work at the University of Nigeria in Nsukka and their US counterparts from Hunter College School of Social Work, Howard University School of Social Work, the Nigerian Social Workers Association, the National Association of Social Workers, and the National Association of Black Social Workers.

Another similar workshop was conducted August 10-14 in Enugu, marking the launch of the new training program in Nigeria.

Participants at both trainings included PEPFAR implementing partners, local Kids Club workers, child welfare

officers, social work educators, and other caregivers who work with vulnerable children and families at the grassroots level.

"This training was really focused on building our capacity," Nwana stresses, noting, "We are all determined to apply what we have learned to our work helping Nigeria's vulnerable children and families."

Dr. Adeola Oguntayo, program manager at the Network on Ethics of Human Rights for HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care, and Support (NELA), agrees.

"This program is very unique in Nigeria. I learned that empathy is critical to improving the lives of orphans and vulnerable children. I now have a better way of reaching out to these children," Oguntayo says.

"I also understand that caring for them is everyone's concern, so I have begun donating money and material support when I can. I am helping a child by making arrangements to pay for schooling and some other issues. So, I would say this training opened my eyes not only to what I should be doing in my work, but also what I should be doing on a personal level."



Grace O. Ezezika challenges participants at the Para-Social Worker training in Abuja to change things for the better for Nigeria's 1.7 million orphans and vulnerable children.



Community-based caregivers take part in a small group activity designed to illustrate that the terms "family" and "community" mean different things to different people based on their own unique experiences.

Volunteer Helps Eastern Cape Hospital Increase ART Access through “Down Referral System”



Dutch physician and VHC volunteer Caroline van der Werff (center) talks with an ART patient who has been able to access treatment and care at her local clinic thanks to the new down referral system van der Werff implemented at Canzibe Hospital in rural Eastern Cape Province.

Caroline van der Werff is a young Dutch physician with a passion for rural medicine. She has spent the last 22 months volunteering at Canzibe Hospital in South Africa's former Transkei region thanks to funding from PEPFAR through CDC/South Africa and support of the HIV/AIDS Twinning Center's Volunteer Healthcare Corps (VHC).

Located in Eastern Cape Province, near Nelson Mandela's home village, Canzibe primarily serves the Xhosa people who settled in the area. A missionary hospital until 1976 when it was taken over by the state, Canzibe is a 140-bed rural hospital serving a local population of approximately 70,000. Ten clinics situated in remote parts of the district refer their patients to the hospital for care beyond the scope of the rural health posts.

Canzibe faces all the usual challenges of recruiting and retaining healthcare profes-

sionals at a rural hospital, but they were also burdened with a bigger obstacle — the hospital did not have access to antiretrovirals. With the help of Transcape, a local non-profit, the hospital has devised a solution to treating people living with HIV/AIDS by establishing a make-shift, yet fully functioning ARV unit, effectively bypassing government bureaucracy and providing access to treatment to 10,000 people in need.

Since van der Werff started her VHC assignment in December 2007, she has instituted a down referral system that enjoys a 100 percent success rate. The system features a strong patient education component, so individuals know to go to the clinic closest to their home for ART rather than spending their limited time, energy, and resources traveling on dirt roads just to get to the hospital each month.

Additionally, van der Werff has spent a significant amount of time training

nurses in the surrounding clinics and is also conducting community training of home-based caregivers through Transcape.

According to van der Werff, 800 patients were on ART as of July 2009. Her goal is to get 15 new patients on treatment each week, and she is currently working to establish community support groups for PLWH. For those who are receiving care, it is clear that the volunteer's efforts are paying off.

"I no longer have to travel long distances to the hospital and wait in long lines to get my medication. Instead, I can save money to buy food," says ART patient Ntombixolo Majola*. "At my local clinic, I am attended to immediately. I used to be wary about going to there for treatment because the neighbors might ask questions, but now I am just grateful for Dr. Caroline," Majola explains.

** Name changed at the request of the patient.*

MISA/ZAMCOM Partners Conduct Media Training Workshop for NGOs Working with PLWH

During the workshop, partners launched "Hearts and Minds," a multi-media public education campaign designed to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS and decrease related stigma and discrimination against people living with the virus.

Twinning Center partners at the Media Institution of Southern African (MISA) in Botswana and the Zambia Institute of Mass Communication (ZAMCOM) in Lusaka conducted a media relations training in Gaborone June 30-July 3 for 18 representatives from local NGOs and other groups working in the field of HIV/AIDS.

Partners developed the training curriculum based on training needs assessment they conducted the previous month. NGO representatives who responded to the assess-

ment survey indicated that journalists often misrepresented them or sensationalized their stories. According to MISA partner Mpho Motlhabani, "Our study showed that the NGOs did not know how to use the media and that they thought it reports falsely."

Meant to build a bridge between the NGO community and members of the mass media, the workshop provided participants with practical tips for working more effectively with journalists, including ways to

shine a spotlight on critical issues, gaps in services, and the work they are doing to provide care and support for people living with or affected by HIV/AIDS.

They also learned about media relations staples such as organizing press conferences, pitching stories to reporters, setting up interviews, and conducting events and activities in ways that are more likely to garner positive print and broadcast coverage.

Institutionalizing Pharmacy Training to Improve Pediatric ART Services in Zambia

Management of treatment and care for people receiving ART is a complex process that becomes even more challenging with pediatric cases. As part of a multidisciplinary HIV/AIDS care team, pharmacists play a critical role in improving the quality of ART and related services yet, in countries like Zambia, they often lack the clinical skills and training they need to effectively manage drug regimens.

Since 2006, a Twinning Center partnership funded by PEPFAR and CDC/Zambia has been training Zambian pharmacists and pharmacy technicians thereby strengthening local capacity to provide quality treatment and care to children living with HIV or AIDS. The Milwaukee-based Center for International Health (CIH) is working with pediatric HIV care and treatment centers of excellence

established by the CDC and Columbia University at the University Teaching Hospitals in Livingstone and Lusaka.

The CIH partners provide much-needed technical expertise, training, and mentoring to develop the knowledge and skills of Zambian pharmacy staff, while at the same time working closely with their partners to develop and implement effective management systems at each facility.

With the overall goal of improving the quality of HIV/AIDS care to mothers, infants, and children, partners have been conducting a series of targeted trainings in Zambia to teach pharmacy staff how to better organize and manage pharmacy services. The latest workshop — conducted in Livingstone April 29-30, 2009 — brought together 20 Zambian phar-

macy professionals, who learned about a broad range of topics, including hospital pharmacy management, patient safety, drug resistance, supply chain management, and a host of clinical topics related to the provision of care for pediatric HIV patients.

A key focus of the partnership has been building sustainable local training capacity through ongoing faculty development for professionals at both hospitals. Partners are now in the process of expanding the scope of future trainings and further institutionalizing training capabilities to ensure educational opportunities remain available for future generations of pharmacy professionals.



Participants at the pharmacy training workshop conducted in Livingstone April 29-30, 2009.

New Partnership Will Strengthen Emergency Medical Services in Ethiopia

The Twinning Center recently launched a new partnership in Ethiopia designed to build critical capacity in the field of emergency medicine.

Established in close cooperation with Ethiopia's Ministry of Health with support from PEPFAR and CDC/Ethiopia, this partnership links the University of Wisconsin at Madison and People to People International with the Addis Ababa University Faculty of Medicine and Black Lion Hospital to strengthen their capacity to provide quality care — including ART and treatment for opportunistic infections — to people living with HIV or AIDS.

Addis Ababa University

Faculty of Medicine at Black Lion Hospital established the first residency program for emergency medicine in the country and the hospital's emergency room opened in August 2008.

Ethiopia's Ministry of Health has committed to creating an Emergency Medical Services Center of Excellence at Black Lion, where the majority of urgent care patients present with internal medical emergencies related to HIV/AIDS.

In early July, the Ethiopian delegation traveled to Madison, where they met with their US partners and Twinning Center staff. During the exchange, they developed their year-one work plan,

toured various clinical sites, participated in grand rounds, and shadowed professional counterparts to learn about effective models of urgent care, service organization, and clinical education and training.

According to Medical Faculty Dean Dr. Milliard Derbew, the School of Medicine was established in 1964 and now has 1,670 students enrolled in its programs. "It is one of just eight medical programs in Ethiopia and we have recently increased our intake of medical students to meet the country's growing needs."



Black Lion Hospital's busy ER is stretched well beyond its capacity with more than 1,400 patients seeking treatment each day. The majority of patients present with complications stemming from HIV infection.

Conferences, Grants, and Opportunities



National Minority AIDS Council 2009 US Conference on AIDS

Oct. 29-31, 2009
San Francisco, USA

47th Annual Meeting of the Infectious Diseases Society of America

Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 2009
Philadelphia, USA

11th World Congress of the International Union Against STIs

Nov. 9-12, 2009
Cape Town, South Africa

22nd Annual Conference of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care

Nov. 19-22, 2009
Jacksonville, USA

15th Annual Conference on the Science and Art of Pain and Symptom Management

Nov. 21, 2009
Toronto, Canada

IAPAC '09: Unity in Action

Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 2009
New Orleans, USA

5th SAHARA Conference on the Social Aspects of HIV and AIDS

Nov. 30-Dec. 3, 2009
Johannesburg, South Africa

2nd International Conference on Infectious Disease

Dec. 2-4, 2009
Athens, Greece

Medical Management of HIV/AIDS

Dec. 3-5, 2009
San Francisco, USA

1st Conference on Update of HIV/AIDS in Africa

Dec. 14-17, 2009
Accra, Ghana

XVIII International AIDS Conference

July 18-23, 2010
Vienna, Austria

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