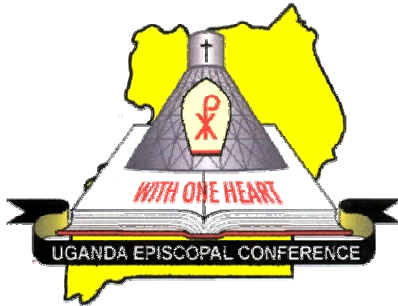


AIDS Care and Treatment Program

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Uganda Episcopal Conference (UEC) is the coordinating and leadership body of the Catholic Church in Uganda.

UEC owns and operates the largest network of non-governmental health service providers in the country comprising 30 hospital, 250 lower level health units.

UCMB is the medical technical arm (department) of the UEC, coordinating services and programs in all Catholic-founded health facilities in Uganda



UEC recently won a five year grant from CDC to support comprehensive HIV/AIDS services in 12 Catholic Health Care Facilities (HCF) currently managed by AIDS Relief Uganda (AR).

UCMB, the medical technical department of UEC will lead implementation of the ACT Program supported by HIV Focal Point and Finance departments of UEC.

The procurement of drugs and laboratory logistics for this grant shall be undertaken by Medical Access.

Target facilities for ACT Program.

- ♣ St Mary's Hospital Lacor
- ♣ St Joseph's Hospital Kitgum
- ♣ Dr Ambrosoli Memorial Hospital Kalongo
- ♣ Aber Hospital
- ♣ Nsambya Hospital
- ♣ Kamwokya Christian Caring Centre
- ♣ Nyenga Hospital
- ♣ Nkozi Hospital
- ♣ Villa Maria Hospital
- ♣ Comboni Kyamuhunga Hospital
- ♣ Kasanga HC III
- ♣ Virika Hospital

Expected results in 12 months:

- Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Package offered to PLHIV and communities.
- 34,000 pregnant mother will be tested for HIV
- Using Option B, 1,400 HIV+ mothers and their exposed babies will receive prophylactic ARVs.
- 95% of the exposed babies will receive a DNA-PCR test before 12 months.
- ACT will provide HCT to 36,000 individuals using a variety of approaches.
- Expand and roll out Safe Male Circumcision (SMC) to all the 12 HCF provisionally targeting 3,000 males.
- 60,000 PHAs will receive HIV general care services including PwP services.
- ACT targets to test 9,000 TB patients for HIV and initiate 1,400 TB patients on ART.
- 6,000 OVC will receive comprehensive OVC services.
- ACT will enroll 3,000 new clients on ARVs.
- Overall 25,488 patients will be maintained on ART.
- 242 health workers in comprehensive HIV care will 982 para-social workers trained in community HIV care.

The ACT Program commences on 30th September 2011, ACT partially overlaps with AIDS Relief Uganda Program that winds up in February 2012.

Target Districts:

North: Agago, Kitgum, Pader, Abim, Oyam, Gulu, Amuru.

Central: Buikwe, Mukono, Kampala, Mpigi, Gombe, Kalungu, Bukomansimbi.

West: Bushenyi, Kasese, Kabarole,

Strategies and Approaches in Implementation.

- ✓ Consolidation of previous work done by AIDS Relief Uganda.
- ✓ Build in-house capacity at Uganda Catholic Secretariat to support HCFs to deliver comprehensive services.
- ✓ Promote inter-facility collaboration within the Catholic healthcare network to maximize synergies e.g. in laboratory capacities for viral load testing, MDR-TB testing.
- ✓ Strengthen and expand on use of the Satellite health units and outreaches to reach the deserving rural poor.
- ✓ Support HCFs to provide HIV and other health services in an integrated manner.
- ✓ Work with District Health Management Teams to offer targeted health system strengthening support to the HCF.
- ✓ Align with the National Systems in terms of M & E, LMIS, and continue to use standard treatment guidelines.
- ✓ Work with AR consortium members and other local Organizations for skills transfer to UEC staff members.
- ✓ Work with Medical Access to coordinate PSM activities at the centre and the facilities.
- ✓ Leverage resources from other funding mechanisms like Global Fund.
- ✓ Community system strengthening to increase demand and utilization of HIV services.
- ✓ Work with MOH, and other institutions for quality service delivery.

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