



HLSP – HIV and AIDS Technical Capacity

HLSP is committed to bringing its experience and expertise in technical consultancy and management to supporting the global response to HIV and AIDS.

- We support global initiatives, national programmes, private sector initiatives, civil society and community based interventions.
- Our expertise includes capacity building for institutions tasked with planning, coordinating and implementing multi-sectoral responses to HIV and AIDS.
- We actively work to increase equitable access to prevention, care and treatment services..
- In addition we have an extensive track record of providing policy and technical advice and we have experience of appraising, designing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating complex national HIV and AIDS programmes.

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HLSP is an international professional services firm specialising in the health sector in both the UK and worldwide. Working with international agencies and national governments, HLSP strives to advance health systems, reduce poverty, improve health outcomes and combat HIV and AIDS through long-term sustainable solutions.

Internationally we work in partnership with governments, bi-lateral agencies such as the UK's Department for International Development (DFID), multi-lateral agencies such as the Development Banks, the European Union, and the World Bank, United Nations Agencies, Global Health Partnerships and private sector organisations.

The principal components of HLSP are:

- HLSP providing client focussed technical services, consulting and project management, including programme design, monitoring and evaluation.
- The HLSP Institute which builds on HLSP experience and expertise in health and AIDS policy and practice, health systems and aid management to inform debate and policy on global health issues.

Additionally, we manage two resource centre contracts for DFID: the Health Resource Centre focussed on communicable diseases such as AIDS and sexual and reproductive health; the Health Systems Resource Centre focused on national and international policy and health systems development. These Resource Centres assist DFID in its procurement and management of technical assistance in priority countries for its work in health and HIV and AIDS, as well as supporting DFID's policy and strategy development on these agendas.

Our early work in HIV and AIDS was built on our internationally recognised expertise in health systems and we remain committed to integrating responses to prevention, treatment and care into broader health system development. As the field of HIV and AIDS is always changing, our work experience is evolving and now focuses primarily on the following key areas:

Strengthening Global and Regional Responses

In recent years we have developed technical expertise in devising policy, strategy and lesson learning for global health partnerships, multi-lateral and bi-lateral organisations. Examples of our work in this area include:

- Provision of technical assistance to the GFATM to define how it should monitor its impact against its principles, looking particularly at the issue of sustainability.
- Assessment of the experience of mainstreaming HIV and AIDS in national development instruments and poverty reduction strategy processes for UNDP and UNAIDS
- Developed a framework for a formative evaluation of the UK Government's policies and strategies for tackling HIV and AIDS in the developing world.

Harmonising national responses to HIV and AIDS

Over the past year we have carried out a number of activities that are specifically related to the international harmonisation and alignment agenda on aid effectiveness. In the context of HIV and AIDS, the internationally agreed Three Ones provides the framework for coordinating national HIV and AIDS responses. Examples of our work include:

- On behalf of UNAIDS and DFID and through the Resource Centre contract, we reviewed implementation progress against the internationally agreed Three Ones Principles in Kenya and Zambia.

Multi-sectoral Action for HIV and AIDS

We place a strong emphasis on building the capacity of governments, national and regional coordinating authorities, civil society and the private sector to provide leadership and effectively implement multi-sectoral responses to tackling HIV and AIDS.

One example of our work is the management of the DFID supported Strengthening the AIDS Response, Zambia (STARZ) Programme (2004-2009) which supports multi-sectoral responses to HIV and AIDS through collaboration with the National AIDS Council (NAC), the public and private sectors and civil society. This programme supports the NAC through policy development, strategic planning; developing management and information systems and enhancing the response of civil society and private sector initiatives through capacity building and lesson learning.

We also manage the DFID Nizhny Novgorod Oblast Partnership Programme which is supporting the Nizhny Novgorod Oblast Administration to implement an effective multi-sectoral response through effective planning, development of coordination mechanisms, monitoring and evaluation systems and disseminating HIV and AIDS best practice.

Developing Institutional Capacity for HIV and AIDS

We work with governments and institutions to strengthen their capacity to develop, coordinate and monitor effective responses to HIV and AIDS. This area of work may include the development of:

- Policy and strategic frameworks
- Reviewing and strengthening institutional arrangements
- Developing operational policies and implementation plans
- Developing common monitoring and evaluation frameworks
- Strengthening financing mechanisms and ensuring HIV and AIDS is addressed through national budgetary systems

Examples of our work include:

Tanzania: review of the work of TAC AIDS to address the HIV and AIDS epidemic and develop a framework of partner support for short and long term assistance

Malawi: review of the national HIV/AIDS strategic framework and operations of the National AIDS Commission

Jamaica: capacity building for the Government of Jamaica to coordinate multi-sectoral policies and activities in HIV and AIDS

Nigeria: appraisal of Nigeria's institutional arrangements for managing the national HIV/AIDS programme

Scaling up Community-based Response

Through our project management and implementation activities we have provided extensive support to capacity building of non-governmental organisations and civil society groups. Key examples include:

- Management of a small-grants scheme and technical support to civil society groups in Russia, Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus to develop innovative initiatives in health and social care, including HIV and AIDS.
- Strengthening of a national NGO to implement a community based intervention model to promote and maintain sexual health among low-income women in Karachi, Pakistan
- Assisting NGOs and CBOs in developing sexual health awareness interventions in India
- Capacity building of local NGOs involved in HIV and AIDS prevention efforts with high risk populations (especially young people) in Ukraine
- Institutional strengthening of the Christian Health Association of Nigeria (CHAN) to provide high quality health services to poor communities through improved and accountable systems.

Prevention, Treatment and Care

HLSP has been actively involved in designing and developing prevention, treatment and care strategies, specifically the policy, health system and institutional challenges of scaling up anti-retroviral treatment (ART). Examples of our work include:

- A scoping study for the design of an HIV and AIDS prevention component to be implemented within a highways rehabilitation programme in Papua New Guinea
- Provision of technical advice to DFID during the formulation of the UK's treatment and care policy
- Provision of support to the Ministry of Health in Kenya to develop and implement a national treatment and care strategy

Programme Design, Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

We have expertise in designing HIV and AIDS programmes, in developing monitoring and evaluation frameworks and in undertaking national HIV and AIDS programme reviews. Our work has included:

- Evaluation of Development Cooperation Ireland's Uganda HIV and AIDS strategy
- Design and appraisal of the World Bank / DFID decentralised HIV and AIDS and reproductive health programme in Kenya
- A joint mid-term review of the Ethiopia national multi-sectoral response to HIV and AIDS
- Evaluation of the private sector potential for franchising TB and HIV/AIDS diagnosis and care in Africa
- Evaluation of the concept, management and effectiveness of technical support provided through the GTZ BACKUP Initiative.

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