

Background of the Network

Although interventions against HIV/AIDS in Ethiopia began after the first case was identified in 1984, the establishment of associations of people living with HIV/AIDS didn't happen until the mid 1990s. The involvement of these associations and some other organizations engaged in the fight against the pandemic to the curtain of stigma and discrimination against PLWHA has showed encouraging results and gradually decreased these and other HIV/AIDS related problems. But much remains to be done before it completely disappears and the rights of these groups of the society are fully respected. Now days a number of PLWHA associations are being established throughout the country and are getting involved in the national efforts of fighting against HIV/AIDS. While these associations are involved in the design and implementation of various programs targeting people infected and affected by the virus their emergence and subsequent mushrooming is giving more voice to the debates surrounding the pandemic and to influence policy and the strategies of the government.

Nevertheless, the effectiveness and meaningful contribution of these associations was compromised due to the uncoordinated, inconsistent and sometimes contradictory engagements and initiatives. aware of the situations and the need for coordinated and increased involvement of these associations a total of 25 PLWHA associations (embracing more than 2000 PLWHA members) found in the region have established their network /umbrella office in Awassa, capital of the Region in September 2006 while the number is reached to 71. The Network has legally registered as a nongovernmental organization and has got its license from the SNNPR Bureau of Justice. In addition it has signed operational agreement with the SNNPR Bureau of Finance and Economic Development.

Objectives of NSP+

The NSP+ was established to carry out the following objectives stated in its Article of Association:

- To coordinate the HIV/AIDS prevention and controlling activities of the PLHIV Associations in the Region;
- To help PLHIV and orphans with the necessary resources to ascertain their physical, social, and psychological health and the protection of their rights;
- To promote and strengthen the partnership and collaboration among the national and international organizations working on HIV/AIDS;
- To increase the participation and decision making of PLHIV at all levels;
- To mobilize and enhance the participation of the community in the HIV/AIDS prevention and controlling endeavors;
- To advocate and lobby for the provision of laws and policies on PLHIV;
- To build implementation capacity of member Associations.

The governance of the Network is led by the highest decision making organ of the General Assembly of Members. Next to the general assembly is a board of directors. There is a body of external auditors to report to the general assembly on financial matters. The Executive Director is accountable to the Board of Management. There is also a management committee, which is composed of the Executive Director and senior personnel of the Network.

Source of Fund

The main sources of funds of the network are from Donors and membership contributions.

Partnering

- The SNNPR Health Bureau, HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Sector
- Network of Networks of HIV Positives in Ethiopia (NEP+)
- Action Aid Ethiopia, South Regional Office
- Christian Relief and Development Association (CRDA)
- Volunteer Service Overseas (VSO)
- SNNPR HIV/AIDS Forum of NGOs
- John Hopkins University (JHU)-TSEHAI Project

ASPIRATIONS, VALUES AND PROGRAMS

♣ Vision

“To see an HIV/AIDS free society in Ethiopia”

♣ Mission

“To enhance the greater & meaningful involvement and participation of PLHIV and their Associations in the fight against HIV/AIDS through empowerment, advocacy, and capacity building”.

♣ Overall objective

“Reduction in the prevalence rate of HIV and improvement in care and support and treatment of PLHIVs while redressing the health and socio-economic impacts of AIDS in the Region”.

♣ Values

- ❖ Transparency & Accountability
- ❖ Equity & Equality among members
- ❖ Voluntarism
- ❖ Participation
- ❖ Commitment/dedication
- ❖ Respect and confidentiality
- ❖ Unity and Solidarity

♥ Programmatic Activities

1. Capacity Building

Activities:

- Develop and adopt an internal bylaw on membership, resource allocation, information exchange, work place HIV/AIDS policy.
- Adopt MIPA manual
- Office facility development such as rental/construction of office building, IT networking, websites, etc.
- Adopt advocacy guideline

- Adopt resource mobilization strategy/guideline for the Network and the members
- Revise the Article of Association of the Network and register it
- Procurement of vehicles for the Network
- Hiring the necessary personnel
- Staff development
- Opening of Zonal Chapters of the Network

2. Empowerment and community mobilization

Empowerment and Community mobilization program is designed to address issues relating to, limited capacity of members, the HIV prevalence, adherence, care and support, and new infections in the region. The program is expected to supplement the HIV prevention strategy by sensitizing the society on SDDs against PLHIV. Moreover, the advocacy activities of the Network will benefit from this program since it will ensure the participation of the community and PLHIV associations in the advocacy at grass root level.

Activities:

- Support the development of Strategic plan by the member associations
- Capacity building of members through trainings, material support, policies and systems etc
- Promoting community involvement in HIV/Prevention activities through community conversation
- Promoting community based care and support of PLHIV
- Support the media to produce publications and programs on HIV and AIDS
- Promote community based care and support of orphans and elders
- Produce IEC/BCC materials (leaflets, posters, and signboards) to sensitize the society on issues of HIV and AIDS, SDDs, HTPs, elders and orphans of PLHIV.

3. Resource Mobilization

Activities:

- Organize fund raising events.

- Community mobilization.
- Resource mapping.
- Resource mobilization from donors.
- Identify and Prepare locality specific micro and small feasible projects for IGA programs.

4. *Research and Advocacy*

Activities:

- Assess the HIV/AIDS situation and needs of the PLHIV in the region.
- Documentation and dissemination of good practices.
- Conduct action oriented researches on the situation of AIDS orphans and elders in the localities of the Region.
- Conduct a research on adherence to ART in the Region.
- Advocate towards adoption of code of ethics for PLHIVs
- Advocate mainstreaming of HIV/AIDS in the media.
- Advocate community based adherence, and care and support of orphans, elders and PLHIVS.
- Engagement in advocacy activities initiated by other institutions and networks that promotes the rights of PLHIV and the vision of NSP+.

5. *Monitoring and Evaluation*

Activities:

- Develop M&E manual of the Network
- Support the members in developing M&E systems
- Undertake regular supportive supervisions
- Maintain participatory planning, monitoring and evaluation
- Review of the strategic plan
- Conduct midterm and end term evaluation of programs.

Network of South Region Associations of HIV Positive People/NSP+

Member Associations

No	Name of the Associations	Address		Licensed on	Month of Registration	Remark
		Zone/Special woreda	Town			
1	Dawn of Hope Dilla	Gedeo,	Dilla	February 3,1999	Sep 2006	
2	Koratenet Yiteykal Women Dilla	Gedeo	Dilla	March13,2008	June,2008	
3	Shama Dilla	Gedeo	Dilla	July 12,2007	Oct,2007	
4	Ersho Women Yirgalem	Sidama	Yirgalem	March 8,2006	Sep 2006	
5	Medan Leku	Sidama,	Leku	March 21,2006	Sep 2006	
6	Talita A/wondo	Sidama,	Aleta Wondo	Oct 24,2008	Sep 2006	
7	Selam Ras Agez PLHIV Association	Sidama,	Yirba(Boric ha)	July 16,2008	July,2008	
8	Mihret Yiwred PLHIV Association	Sidama,Dara	Dara	Sep 3,2008	Oct.,2009	
9	Felege Birhan PLHIV Association	Sidama,	Aleta Wondo	Oct.14,2008	Oct.2009	
10	Tenesa Be Yirgalem Ketema	Sidama,	Yirgalem	March 5,2007	Sep , 2007	
11	Dawn of hop Awassa	Hawassa city Admin.	Hawassa	February 3,1999	Sep 2006	
12	Tilla Women Awassa	Hawassa City admin	Hawassa	Oct 2,2003	Sep 2006	
13	Fares Awassa	Hawassa city admin	Hawassa	March 26,2007	Sep , 2007	
14	Medhin Ethiopia Positive Elders	Hawssa City admin	Hawassa	April 11,2007	Sep , 2007	

	Awassa					
15	EthioDebub Positive Youth Awassa	Hawassa city Adm.	Hawassa	July 13,2007	Sep , 2007	
16	Messale HIV positive Gov"t Awassa	Hawassa city admin	Hawassa	Dec 6,2007	Dec,2007	
17	Addis Alem A/minch	Gamogofa	Arba Minich	June 27,2005	Sep 2006	
18	Dawn of Hope A/minch	Gamogofa	Arba Minich	July 19,2007	Sep 2006	
19	Menor Tesfa Goffa Sawla	Gamogofa,	Sawla	August 15,2006	Sep 2006	
20	Addis Tesfa Women A/minch	Gamogofa	Arbaminich	April 28,2005	Sep 2006	
21	Addis Hiwot Leigna	Gamogofa	Arbaminich	Nov 12,2007	June,2008	
22	Betesayeda Women A/minch	Gamogofa	Arbaminich	May 7,2008	June, 2008	
23	Atidi ashana	Gamogofa	Kucha	July 28,2008	Jul,2008	
24	Lewtatoch west abaya	Gamogofa	M.Abaya	July 17,2008	Jul,2008	
25	Wotatoch Lewetatoch PLHIV AssOciation	Gamogofa	M.Abaya	July 17,2008	July,2009	
26	Addis Beza A/minch Western Abaya	Gamogofa	M. Abaya	Dec. 19,2005	Sep 2006	
27	F'ensun Durame	Kembata & Tembaro	Durame	Feb. 08,2006	Sep 2006	
28	Hanseye Tembaro	Kembata & Tembaro	Mudula	Aug.08,2006	Sep 2006	
29	Nigat Kachabira	Kembata & Tembaro	Shinshicho	Sep 8,2006	Sep 2006	
30	Mena ne Korambun PLHIV Kenbata T.	Kembata & Tembaro	Danboya	Sep 1,2008	Oct,2008	
31	Kememun Hadero	Kembata & Tembaro	Hadero	July 31,2007	Sep , 2007	
32	S'emunka Shinchale Doyogena	Kembata & Tembaro	Doyogena	Dec.17,2007	Apri,2008	
33	Hiwot Aden Angecha	Kembata & Tembaro	Angecha		Sep 2006	No license
34	Fana Guragie	Gurage	Wolkite	Dec. 28,2004	Sep 2006	
35	Dagim Hiwot PLHIV Assoc.	Gurage,	Agena	Oct 29,2008	Oct,2008	
36	Addis Hiwot PLHIV Assoc.	Gurage,	Butajira	Sep 20,2008	Sep,2008	
37	Etine Hossana	Hadiya	Hosaena	Dec. 15,2004	Sep 2006	
38	Tesfa Hiwot Haddiya Badawacho/Shone	Hadiya	Shone		Sep 2006	No Licens
39	Tesfa Hiwot OLHIV ASSoc. Hadiya	Hadiya	Hossaena	Oct 20,2008	Dec.2008	

	and women's PLHIV association					
69	Yichalal Hawassa HIV positive university community and students association	Hawassa city	Hawassa	Sep. 6,2009	Nov, 2009	New
70	Daguchote Chale PLHIV association	Hawassa cityAdm.	Hawassa Tula	June 18,2009	June, 2009	New
71	Dubusha PLHIV association	Dawro,	Bale	Aug.11,2009	Aug, 2009	New