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Acronyms and Abbreviations

AFCHA	African Faith based consortium on HIV and AIDS
ANHERTHA	African Network of Higher Education Research in Theology HIV and AIDS
CONSORTIUM	The three organizations of ANHERTHA, INERELA+ and PACANet
CUAHA	Churches United Against HIV and AIDS in Eastern and Southern Africa
DMCDD	Danish Mission Council Department for Development
DRC	Democratic Republic of Congo
GBV	Gender Based Violence
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
INERELA+	International Network of Religious Leaders Living with HIV and AIDS
LGBTI	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans-sexual and Intersexual
MCP	Multiple Concurrent Sexual Partners
SSAC	South Sudan AIDS Commission
PLHIV	People Living with HIV
SAVE	Safer Practices, Access to treatment and Nutrition, Voluntary Counselling and Testing and Empowerment
SIDA	Swedish International Development Agency
UNAIDS	United Nations AIDS

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Executive Summary

The report is a record of the progress made against the objectives and the plan approved by the board for the year 2012. It also captures the lessons learnt and challenges, sustainability issues, conclusion and recommendations for the way forward.

The progress and achievements are captured under each objective and include both regional level events and at country level through the CCANets. Among the main Regional level achievements include; the lessons learnt conference and the Donor interactive dialogue held in Botswana when PACANet commemorated her 10th anniversary of coordinating the Christian response to HIV and AIDS in Africa. These also include the Think Tank, the listserv which maintained lively interaction and connection among constituency partners on topical HIV and AIDS issues. The main country level result was the formation of the network in Cameroon thus CAMCANet-Cameroon Christian AIDS Network, an outcome of various activities and events as part of the process. The process in South Sudan also began and is ongoing. The one in DR Congo was halted in agreement with DMCCD due to instability and was deferred. Two of the already existing networks thus NECHRAS in Sierra Leone and CCANet Burkina Faso were linked to development partners and are directly funding their work till 2015. Other details are narrated in the different sections of the report.

On the consortium, 2012 was the final year of the consortium project. During the year, processes to wind up the project began with arrangements for the final Audit and end of project evaluation. A proposal to expand the current consortium to include three other regional organizations (EHAIA, CUAHA and Islamic Relief) was made as the members explored possibilities of negotiating a new agreement with Sida. The expanded consortium AFCHA was agreed and the MOU signed by the members. In the same vein, a proposal for AFCHA was submitted to Sida. This was not funded as Sida was in transition, changed strategy and priorities. At the time of reporting, the end of project evaluation and the final audit are ongoing.

1.0 Introduction and Background

PACANet's overall goal in the current strategy ending 2013 was; To positively engage and position the Church in Africa as an effective and efficient key partner in the response to HIV and AIDS. To realize this goal, PACANet focused on four areas which are also PACANet's objectives as drawn from the overall PACANet strategy. The four areas included; a. Research information, networking and partnership development, b. Advocacy, c. Capacity building and d. Resource mobilization and Facilitation. These are the same objectives pursued during the year 2012. In pursuance of the same, PACANet focused the six countries where CCANets exist, thus Swaziland, Madagascar, Uganda, Burkina Faso, Liberia and Sierra Leone. Replication in the new countries included Cameroon, South Sudan and DR Congo, in addition to regional events that involved the wider PACANet constituency. Below is the record of the progress against the objectives.

2.0 Project Objectives and Progress

- 2.1 Research information, networking and partnership development** – to improve and increase the availability of information about Church and faith-based HIV and AIDS work; strengthen networking and increase strategic partnerships with the faith-based community

Progress and Results

The process and results below contributed to the achievement of the objective;

Research Information

- Constituency actively connected through Listserv (E-forum)

The Regional E-Forum dialogue/ listserv maintained quarterly active interactions in the constituency on critical HIV and AIDS topical issues. Two topics were discussed by the 73 active members on the listserv moderated by PACANet. The topics included; Family planning, and the Quest for funding in the context of dwindling resources and Sustainability of Church's response. Each topic was concluded with recommendations which provided useful information for the partners. As verified from the feedback, the information helped the members, including those who were passive during the discussions but kept in the loop, to apply and improve on their work. Example; ***"I thank God that my organization is going on well with the support from the church and other good Samaritans. We receive funds from Mennonite Central Committee and up to now we are supporting 170 PLWHA in the community of Dodoma, we have other programs and activities that still need funding, but I appreciate the valuable contribution of this dialogue to our program. We are open and transparent and always welcoming people to visit us"***. Esther Amosi, Dodoma - Tanzania

- Thematic Research to inform the church's response

Even before 2012, through various events at regional level and in country, various topics for thematic research were identified. It has always been planned that this is followed by research on the topics. This was not done due to budget limitations. However, through the listserv E-Forum as indicated above and the think tank meeting, the themes were addressed. The discussions generated critical issues and recommendations to inform the church's response. Details are in the sections on the listserv and the think tank under advocacy.

- Information accessed via the Website

The hits on the website increased from 73,852 in 2009 to 331,583 by 2012 as verified by the IT officer. This increased both PACANet's and the CCANets visibility, connection with different partners and was also a channel for HIV and AIDS information in the constituency. The website was upgraded and updated periodically with information and resource materials such as reports (research, partner, and progress), updates about upcoming events, newsletters, news from the CCANets and other publications from the constituency. In 2012 the website was further upgraded with software to a newer version that improved functionality and quality as can be accessed on pacanet.net/newsite/

- "PACANet Chronicles" Newsletter

Three issues of the "*PACANet Chronicles*" newsletter produced and shared with the partners in the constituency on a quarterly basis provided information (updates, resource materials and news from PACANet, CCANets and the constituency). In addition to availing information about PACANet in the constituency, through the letters, connection in the network was maintained. The mailing list was 408 members from both Africa and beyond as of 2012. There was increased interest as verified by the requests for more information and suggestions on what to be included in future issues.

- Translation and information availability to a diverse constituency

As a Pan African organization, information availability and communication are critical aspects to the network, and hence the issue of language. Translation of organizational materials was inevitable to cater for both Francophone and Anglophone constituencies. This justified the investment made in using a resource person for translation. Translated materials and other resources were published on the website for access by the partners. This helped to ensure that the constituency is adequately served and availed with relevant information in both English and French languages.

- Lessons learnt Conference

The Lessons learnt conference held on 21st-23rd May in Gaborone Botswana drew 72 participants from 23 countries in the PACANet constituency. These included representatives from the CCANets, regional Faith based Organizations, development partners and policy makers. Information about the progress and lessons learned from the Church's response to HIV and AIDS was shared through various presentations (posters, plenary and discussions). The event sought to bring improvements in strengthening the Church's response to HIV and AIDS in Africa. It was organized as a show case event where model interventions and Best practices by the Church were shared. The conference provided a forum for reflection, learning, sharing and exchange of experiences.

- Initiative to avail information through the E-Resource Centre

An electronic resource center was established to serve the constituency as another avenue for availing information. Resource materials were uploaded mainly those that could benefit the church, however this was still a new innovation and by the time of this report, it was yet to be popularized to the constituency. Can be accessed via the PACANet website (PACANet E-Library)

- Compendium developed with recommendations for action by the church.

Following the Think Tank meeting under the themes "*Sex and Sexuality in view of HIV and AIDS epidemic in Africa*" held in Uganda, a compendium was produced with actionable recommendations for the church. This is at the stage of final editing and once finalized, it will be shared with the constituency. The secretariat is currently exploring how to get critical information in programming and through the CCANets at the level of the practitioners at the grassroots.

- Evolution of PACANet and HIV and AIDS in Africa documented

PACANet was conceived as a result of a wide expression to have a coordinated Christian response to HIV and AIDS by the church in Africa so as to minimize the fragmented responses. From June 2002 to date, it has evolved and developed from an idea to a regional Pan African organization, and has learnt and recorded gains at national and regional level for the last 10 years. For purposes of **Institutional Memory**, several personalities who had participated in various PACANet events, ranging from the 'Working Together' conference, representatives from regional Faith based Organizations, Country networks, previous and current board members, former and current staff, resource persons and organizations, church leaders, practitioners and development partners were consulted to share their experiences with PACANet and contributed to the development of the evolution of PACANet in form of a story. The final version of the document is pending editorial work and printing once funds are secured.

Whilst the results above contributed to the availability and access to information, and networking in the PACANet constituency, more needs to be done in the area of articulation of a clear communication strategy considering the context of complexity, diversity, challenges of technology and infrastructure in Africa.

Networking

- Cameroun Christian AIDS Network Formed

The main highlight of the year in addition to the progress in the already existing CCANets was the formation of the Cameroon Christian AIDS Network (CAMCANet). This result followed a series of activities as part of the network development process though implemented under different objectives. Some of the activities were also part of capacity building for the churches and Christian organizations that participated as they took the form of trainings. Below is the record of the progress under networking.

- Exploration Visits Cameroon and South Sudan

The first visit was carried out during the month of February in Cameroon, as the first step of network development in the country. The aim was to identify partners to collaborate with during the network development process. A total of 26 partners including mainly Churches and Christian organizations were identified and committed to participate in the process. At the end of the visit, a representative task force was formed composed of members from the partner organizations identified. It is this team that the secretariat worked with to implement the entire network development process which was accomplished in record time. The same visit was carried out in South Sudan during the month of June. A total of 13 partners with wide networks of Churches were identified for participation in the network development process. At the end of the visit, a representative task force was formed composed of members from Churches and Christian organizations. PACANet is currently working with this team to implement the activities in the process. However the process has been rather slow as compared to the one in Cameroon, due to the contextual realities of a stabilizing nation.

- Situation Analysis carried out in Cameroon and South Sudan

PACANet established a working collaboration and signed an MOU with IRNARA (International Research Network on AIDS and Religion in Africa) as a resource organization to PACANet on all matters of research. Based on the terms of reference, IRNARA provided a researcher (resource person) who carried out the two studies. Details are in the reports. These are available. The study in DR Congo had been planned but in agreement with DMCCDD, the process in DR Congo was put on hold till security and stability is restored.

- Call to Action Conference (CAC) Cameroon and South Sudan

The two CAC were held following the successful completion of the situation analysis-studies in both countries. The conference in Cameroon was held on 26th-29th June 2012, and drew 60 participants from churches, Christian organisations and representatives from Government, thus CNLS-National AIDS Council. The study findings were disseminated at the event with the aim to avail information to the leaders in order to support the development of strategies and plans for future interventions. The conference in South Sudan was held in Juba on 24th-27th September, and drew a total of 48 participants. The task force was also reinforced with the co-option of a representative from SSAC-South Sudan AIDS Commission, the officer responsible for civil society on the AIDS commission. The situation analysis findings were disseminated which led to a resolve by the participants to pursue the network development process despite their evolving and challenging environment as a new country.

- Consensus building to form the Cameroon Network

The consensus building conference was held in Cameroon on 30th November 2012. The conference drew 120 participants aimed at the agreement to form the network. These included all those that had participated in previous activities and events in the process. The event was also the pass out with certificates of all those who had been trained. The communiqué/ leaders' commitment statement was presented. Following the discussions, a resolution was reached to form the network. The group then constituted themselves into the first general assembly, the taskforce translated into an interim management committee and they gave the network a name-(CAMCANet) Cameroon Country Christian AIDS network and later would be registered so. Present at the conference were representatives from the National AIDS Secretariat-NAC/ CNLS.

Partnerships

- CCANet linkages with development partners

- i. NECHRAS linked to DMCCDD

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- ii. CCANet Burkina Faso linked to Erikshjalpen

CCANet Burkina Faso the network in Burkina Faso was linked to Erikshjalpen who have contributed annually to the network and recently approved a grant of 152 723 488 CFA the equivalent of about \$305,446 for 3 years, from 2013 to 2015.

- iii. CCANet Uganda linked to the US Embassy in Uganda

CCANet Uganda, the network in Uganda was recently linked to the American Embassy in Uganda. The Ambassador visited PACANet secretariat where the CCANet is also currently hosted. The discussion culminated in a proposal to submit a concept. This was developed and is due for discussion with the technical staff at the Embassy.

- Partnership with DMCCDD

DMCCDD as of now is the only assured partner on the ongoing 4 year project. Now that Sida phased, it is possible to complete the project earlier than planned. Other attempts have been made and yet to materialize considering the pressure on the current funding trend. The plan is to use this phase to review strategy and engage more partners.

- Partnership with Sida

The partnership with Sida which has been on since the renewal of the agreement in a consortium arrangement along with two other regional organizations (INERELA+ and ANHERTHA) in December 2009 was slated to phase in December 2012. It was reported that Sida had restructured and was in transition which had implications on their strategies and priorities. These were clarified at the review meeting held in March 2012 in Durban as; Prevention, the plight and empowerment of women and girls, and LGBTI. However Sida did not commit to renew the agreement with the consortium.

There were attempts to expand the consortium to include three other regional organizations thus; EHAIA, CUAHA and Islamic Relief. This culminated into a new consortium; AFCHA-African Faith based consortium on HIV and AIDS. The MOU was signed between the members with INERELA+ taking the lead. This shall be followed up in 2013. PACANet maintain what she stood for based on her values. It was reaffirmed that PACANet was not interfaith. However withdrawing from the consortium would limit PACANet's influence in the context she worked. The board therefore decided that PACANet should continue with the Consortium but remain strong on what PACANet stood for.

- Other attempts to widen the PACANet resource base

There were several attempts to raise more resources for the work. Meetings were held with USAID, Samaritans purse, proposal to Robert Carr foundation and Sida for the next phase. Concepts were shared with the PACANet US board for follow up. In the next phase, working with CCANets shall mainly focus the congregational approach for reaching the grassroots, including the proposal to be submitted.

2.2 Advocacy – to improve and enhance the advocacy role of the Church, both within itself and as a unified voice on the critical issues of HIV and AIDS

Progress and Results

The recorded progress and results below contributed to the achievement of the objective;

- Think Tank and introduction of a new course at a Christian University in Uganda

The think tank meeting was held November 2012 in Uganda to reflect on theology, public health and scientific facts in relation to the prevalent trend and dialogue on HIV and AIDS in Africa, on the theme; *“Sex and Sexuality in view of HIV and AIDS epidemic in Africa”*. Participants from different domains, including; theologians, anthropologists, public health experts, researchers and practitioners/ voices from the field worked intensively and generated ideas of how the church could engage on the issues. The interactive reflection and discussion sought the harmonization of theological, behavioral and bio-medical interventions to deliver holistic HIV prevention, care and support. At the time of reporting, the compendium of the presentations, discussion points and actionable recommendations is being compiled. Note that the themes discussed were in line with the thematic research topics. It was reported by Prof. Byaruhanga that as a result of the first think tank held in 2011, a course was introduced at UCU-Uganda Christian University combining theology, HIV and AIDS, and public health.

- Follow up on the Vulnerability of out of school youth and the role of the Church project

In collaboration with SUWA (Scripture Union West Africa), following the sub regional conference held in 2011 that drew up to 100 delegates from 8 West African countries (*Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Nigeria the host*), who converged and consulted on the plight of the out of school youths under the theme; *“Vulnerability of out of school youth, what can the church do?”* At the end of the event, a communiqué demonstrating commitments and actions to be taken was developed. A follow up with SUWA to track the offshoots of the conference was done and a proposal

generated as recommended in the communiqué. Funding for the proposed project is currently being sought.

- Donor interactive dialogue

The dialogue was held in Botswana during the month of May 2012 and was linked to the lessons learned conference. The event sought to explore ways that would enhance donor support and partnerships with faith-based organizations, at the same time highlighted the valuable contribution the church is making in the HIV and AIDS field. Issues discussed focused development partners' experiences of grants with FBOs in Africa and FBO's concerns with development partners. Development partners at the dialogue included representatives from; WCC-EHAIA in Switzerland, Bristol-Myers Squibb-South Africa, DMCCDD-Danish Mission Council Development Department, Denmark, Norwegian Church AID (NCA), Malawi, UNAIDS Botswana, and Catholic Media International, USA. The dialogue provided an opportunity to FBOs to directly interact with the development partners on issues of funding and funding trends at Global and national levels. It also addressed motivations for funding partnerships such as; documentation and communication of results, learning from results for replication and scale up, transparency, accountability and compliance to donor agreements. On the side of FBOs, concerns included the issue of exclusion, imposed agendas and overwhelming expectations for results. The development partners affirmed there were still opportunities for partnership with the church considering her role and highlighted what the church needed to look out for in forging future partnerships.

- Training on Stigma and Discrimination

Stigma and discrimination training was conducted in Cameroon on 13th to 17th August 2012, with the aim to provide knowledge and facilitate change of attitudes toward HIV and AIDS. The training empowered and educated church leaders and facilitated change of attitudes towards HIV and AIDS. It drew a total of 30 participants, of whom 20 were females and 10 were males, from 21 churches in 8 out of the 10 regions of Cameroon, with the larger part of the participants being female pastors, or wives of pastors. At the end of the training participants made action plans for engaging their congregations, and communities.

- Change agents training

Change agents training was conducted in Cameroon on 7th-12th October 2012. The training comprised selected persons largely from both HIV and AIDS competence training and Stigma and Discrimination training conducted earlier, with a larger female representation to become change agents/ paradigm shifters in addressing HIV and AIDS. These included pastors, wives of pastors and people who worked closely with the Church, represented by 21 churches from 8 out of the 10 regions of Cameroon. 24 paradigm shifters/ change agents including 16 females and 8 males were trained and empowered for action in influencing positive change in attitude and behavior toward HIV and AIDS.

- Bishop and senior leaders' consultation

The Bishops/Senior church leaders' consultation was held in Cameroon on 28th-29th November 2012. It drew a total of 60 Bishops and senior church leaders including 20 females and 40 males for a 2 day intensive consultation on Church teachings and practices in relation to HIV and AIDS. Participants were drawn from different denominations in different regions of Cameroon. The aim was to seek commitment, dialogue on church policy, teaching and practice to facilitate change on HIV and AIDS matters which affect the church. The outcome was the leader's joint commitment documented in form of a communiqué. This was later presented at the consensus building conference to form then network

that followed immediately. Present at the conference were 2 representatives from the National AIDS Secretariat-NAC/ CNLS. A copy of the communiqué is available.

- National Symposium on Advocacy

The process of enhancing the advocacy role of the church following a sequence of activities as articulated in the DMCCD funded project started in Liberia with a rapid assessment to identify the prevalent critical HIV and AIDS advocacy issues. The issues identified were the basis for the dialogue at the national symposium. The event was held on 24th-25th July 2012 in Liberia. It drew a total of 57 participants, mainly church leaders including both males and females. The lead facilitator/ resource person was Rev. Nicta Lubaale from OAIC-Organization of African Instituted Churches-Nairobi Kenya. Issues prevalent and discussed include; Stigma was still very high, FGM-female genital mutilation still cherished, to some was a source of livelihood i.e. those who administered the process, Misuse of public resources-compromising access to services and the question was; *“Can’t Church leaders have a common voice”?*, War, violence, displacement and migration which culminated in violence against women (GBV) attributed partly to a violent history, Divine healing VS Treatment, thus encouraging people to abandon treatment and avoid testing after being prayed for, TBAs-Traditional Birth Attendants and associated practices during pregnancy and child birth and possibilities to engage relevant institutions and structures for Prevention of mother to child transmission. It was planned that this is immediately followed by research to establish the causes and magnitude of impact they had on the populace. The research findings would then inform the advocacy strategy for CHANOL. Unfortunately this was deferred to 2013 as identifying a local researcher, despite the timely and clear TORs sent dragged on.

In conclusion to this section, considering the magnitude and scope of PACANet, a lot more needs to be done at regional level to ensure that the church’s voice on the critical issues is heard more profoundly for positive action by the different structures and institutions at national level.

2.3 Capacity Building – to strengthen and enhance the capacity of Churches, Christian organizations and Christian networks to comprehensively respond to HIV and AIDS pandemic

Progress and Results

The results below contributed to the achievement of the objective;

- Institutional support

This support was both technical and in form of sub-grants on an annual basis to the CCANets. This contributed to improvements in the institutional stabilization of the CCANets especially in the areas of governance, systems and also enhanced networking efforts in the countries. Annual disbursement details are in the financial reports. As a result, the CCANets were able to mobilize and engaged the church on HIV and AIDS. Below is the membership with HIV and AIDS initiatives in the CCANets as of 2012.

- Status of the participating churches and Christian organizations in the networks as of 2012

Church Forum in Swaziland had up to 1,300 active member churches from the 5 Mothers bodies with a potential to double through the new focus and emphasis on the congregational approach; **CCANet Uganda** had reached 3 regions out of 10. On average, each region had participating member churches to a tune of 200 members, where the congregational approach has been piloted. **MACANet-Malagasy**

Christian AIDS Network in Madagascar had members from 7 Church mother bodies and 7 Christian organizations. For example the reformed church alone, one of the participating church mother bodies has up to 5,000 member churches. With this number, there is potential to have an expanded reach in the country. **CCANet Burkina Faso** had up to 300 representatives from different churches and Christian organizations with HIV and AIDS initiatives; **NECHRAS**-Network of Christian Response to HIV and AIDS in Sierra Leone had up to 191 active member churches from the four regions of Sierra Leone; **CHANOL**-Christian HIV and AIDS Network of Liberia had 79 member churches from 3 counties. They recently added 2 new counties, hence are now operational in 5 out of 15 counties. From the information above, it is evident that with increased grass root involvement through congregations, there is potential for expanded reach and therefore increased positive impact on the communities.

- Institutional support to CCANets

Institutional support thus; a contribution to the networks towards their institutions and programmes was provided to the networks based on proposal and agreed MOU (CHANOL and MACANet) and on request to fill the gap at (NECHRAS). Thus DMCDD supported Networks.

- CHANOL: 23,380 USD
- Madagascar: 21,434 USD
- NECHRAS: 1,765 USD. Note NECHRAS is now directly supported by DMCDD

The Networks below were support from the Sida budget.

- CCANet Uganda: 20,000 USD
- CCANet Burkina Faso: 10,000 USD

Also following the resignation of the previous coordinators, MACANet and CCANet Uganda were supported to recruit new coordinators. NECHRAS was supported and presented a proposal to DMCDD. Based on this, a three project was approved. CCANet Burkina Faso was also linked to Erikshjalpen and also approved a three project. CCANet Uganda was linked to the US embassy in Uganda and a concept not developed. The process is being followed up. To address the pending governance issues, CHANOL in Liberia was supported, held a general assembly and elected a new board. MACANet board was also oriented on their roles and committed to be more available to the network. Details on CCANet linkages are under the objective of resource mobilization and facilitation.

- Resource pool of trainers trained in Madagascar

A 2 week TOT (Training of Trainers) workshop was conducted for MACANet in Madagascar during the month of April 2012. The training drew 17 people including 5 males and 12 females who acquired training skills. These formed a resource pool for MACANet who intern facilitated trainings among participating churches and Christian organisations. The same group shall be called upon to facilitate trainings at the grassroots, depending on task and resources. Individual Churches at their own cost can still use the trainers to conduct the locally organized trainings. The aim is to transfer skills so as to have HIV and AIDS competent congregations at the grassroots.

- Church HIV and AIDS competence training (HR 1 and HR 2)

HIV and AIDS competence training-HR1 was conducted in Cameroon for two weeks from 30th July through 10th August 2012. The training aimed to develop the network human resource base with knowledge and skills on HIV and AIDS to support interventions at the grassroots. There were 36

participants including 25 females and 11 males from 28 churches in 9 out of the 10 regions of Cameroon, with the larger part of the participants being female pastors, or wives of pastors at the first training. After a one month practicum following the HR 1, 28 participants returned and completed the second phase of the training. 7 participants failed to return due to circumstances beyond their control, yet had been very active in the first phase-HR 1. Both trainings contributed to the development of the network human resource base with knowledge and skills on HIV and AIDS to support interventions at the grassroots.

- Support and monitoring visits

Monitoring visits were conducted to all the 6 CCANets. The aim of the visits was to provide technical support and assess performance in compliance to the requirements and commitments as per the MOUs. During the visits training and mentoring on various aspects that required technical support, such as Board orientation, proposal development, monitoring and evaluation, finance, accounts and reporting was done. The visits enabled the CCANets to share concerns, learn from their experiences and were to review their plans to ensure that they are relevant to local contexts. The technical visits yielded results in terms of increased compliance in CCANets and ability to transfer skills of planning, documenting and reporting to churches at congregational level. Although there is still a long way to go with the church in these areas, the process is on and shall continue as churches are increasingly picking the interest in organizational capacity building. Field visits were more revealing of what the church is doing yet so little is documented and / or reported. Reporting tools with indicators were developed for the CCANets to track such results.

- Review meetings to enhance CCANets networking operations

A review meeting was held with the CCANets coordinators in Botswana after the lessons learned conference, in which they participated and presented on the progress in the CCANets. The meeting focused on assessing progress, lessons learned and were also moments for capacity building in various crosscutting areas and in some cases specific ones relevant to individual CCANets. Field exposure to interventions especially by congregations at the grassroots had been planned, but after the lessons learned and the visit by the BOCAIP director, a lot of lessons had been acquired. There was reflection, refinement of plans and projection of the way forward in view of the emerging issues. It was clear that the mobilization and training processes yielded enormous results whose documentation was limited by a weak Monitoring and Evaluation system. Focus was agreed to be on the congregational approach at the grassroots where the impact is greatest.

2.4 Resource Facilitation and Mobilization – to improve and increase the resource base of Church and faith-based work in the field of HIV and AIDS

Progress and Results

The results below contributed to the achievement of the objective;

- Survey of potential partners

To widen partnership and the resource base of PACANet, in collaboration with the PACANet-US board an initiative was taken to seek for partners. On the side of the Secretariat in Kampala, a desk survey was done and the findings compiled and updated periodically for reference to both PACANet and the CCANets as and when required. Some of this information was used to generate proposals.

- CCANet linked to development partners

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- Partnership with DMCDD

Following the partnership meetings between PACANet and DMCDD in Uganda and Denmark in 2010, an MOU was signed and a 4 year project approved to replicate work in Cameroon, DR Congo and South Sudan. In the same project, work in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Madagascar shall be consolidated and strengthened. The project also has a strong focus on advocacy mainly within the CCANets at country level.

- Other attempts to widen the PACANet resource base

There were several attempts to raise more resources for the work. Meetings were held with USAID, Samaritans purse, proposal to Robert Carr foundation and Sida for the next phase. Concepts were shared with the PACANet US board for follow up. CCANets were supported to develop proposals and were submitted to potential partners for funding.

2.5 PACANet Institutional Capacity

Governance

- The Board

Two board meetings were held during the period, thus in Uganda after the board orientation and Botswana during the lesson learned conference. In addition to board meetings, regular committee meetings were held by the board committees including; finance to review organizational financial performance, strategy to review strategy and executive to handle executive decisions.

Delivery structure

- Staffing and Resource bank

PACANet continued to evolve and formalized virtual team operations. Some staff went virtual and a small team remained at the secretariat which mainly plays a coordination role. The virtual teams include the resource bank (Former staff, Think Tank team, individuals and organizations with technical competences) currently composed of 35 individuals and 12 organizations. The resource bank has been invaluable in trainings, research, support to CCANets and support to PACANet. Virtual team operations were found to be more cost effective as long as the relevant technologies are available and accessible.

- CCANets

As one of PACANet's channels to deliver at the grassroots, technical support was offered to consolidate the ongoing work in the six CCANets and the process of replication in the three new countries including Cameroon, South Sudan and DR Congo. For the six existing CCANets, this support was through annual review meetings, monitoring visits, online mentoring as per expressed need and intuitional support (sub-grants).

- Consortium/ Sida review meetings

The review meeting was held during the month of March 2012. The meeting brought together members of staff from ANHERTHA, INERELA+, PACANet and a Sida representative. Progress, challenges and lessons in relation to the commitments made as per the contractual agreement were reviewed. Sida's position on the consortium and the change in strategy and priorities was presented. Focus was in the area of Prevention, the plight of women and girls, and the LGBTI.

At the same meeting, attempts to expand the consortium were made, where three other FBO partners considered potential consortium members were invited. These included EHAIA, CUAHA and Islamic Relief to form AFCHA-African Faith based consortium on HIV and AIDS. An MOU was later signed by all the six organizations to be led by INERELA+.

- End of project evaluation

As per the project contractual agreement with Sida, the process for the end of project evaluation started in December 2012. Based on the TORs, the Evaluator Mr. Ignatius Kayawe was contracted to carry out the exercise. The objective was to carry out a technical, professional assessment of the efficiency, effectiveness and sustainability of the consortium project. To establish this, visits were carried out to the secretariats, country networks and other in country key stakeholders, pending submission of the final report.

- Annual Audit

The annual audit was carried out.

3.0 Main Lessons Learnt

- The Congregational approach at the grassroots where the impact is greatest is the way to go, as Action is through the Congregation-Channel, by the Congregation-Practitioners and for the Congregation-Service users. More investments should therefore be at this level.
- Appreciation of the harmony between theological concepts and scientific facts is critical for a balanced and informed church response.
- Virtual operations are more cost effective as long as the relevant technologies are available and accessible.

4.0 Sustainability

- The Constituency

PACANet is not the secretariat but is a constituency composed of partners that subscribe to the mission and vision of PACANet as a Pan African movement. The partners have individual own visions, missions and strategic partners, but converge to share in the PACANet vision of "An AIDS Free Africa where the Impact is Mitigated" Therefore the sustainability of PACANet is the existence of the partners identifying with the mission and vision of PACANet across Africa.

- Church is the most sustainable structure

Working with and through the church is the most sustainable approach. The Church has been around and shall always be. The challenges have been and still are the existing organizational gaps and failure to harness the capacity within itself.

- The Resource Bank

The resource bank of persons and organizations that share in the vision and mission of PACANet have been invaluable in supporting PACANet. These are spread across the continent and have operated virtually. These have supported PACANet with professional work which PACANet would not have been able to compensate if they worked as consultants.

- Investment in responses at congregational level

This is where the impact of HIV and AIDS is greatest and will guarantee ongoing action towards prevention of new infections and impact mitigation. Massive volunteers from congregations have responded to HIV and AIDS as part of their faith mandate. With technical support much more will be accomplished at very low cost. This has been evident among congregations visited in Uganda, Cameroon, and Burkina Faso. It was also clear from the lesson learned conference and reports of work going on in the countries.

5.0 Conclusion

In pursuance of the PACANet overall Goal, thus; to positively engage and position the Church in Africa as an effective and efficient key partner in the response to HIV and AIDS, and the four areas of focus (information, Advocacy, Capacity building, and Resource mobilization and facilitation), PACANet successfully delivered on her commitments of the year. However the overwhelming partner expectations, complexity and diversity in the constituency posed and still poses a challenge.

6.0 Recommendation

Based on the trend, the practical experience and lessons learned through the CCANets, PACANet considers increased investment both financial and technical that will further mobilize, stimulate and generate responses at congregational level so as to gain the desired scale and reach from HIV and AIDS interventions at the grassroots. In this vein, it is critical to seek for partners to collaborate in service delivery in areas such as; HCT (HIV Counseling and Testing), PMTCT, Treatment, among others. Hence future concepts and proposals shall mainly target action by congregations at the grassroots.