Ending AIDS as a Public Health Threat: Faith-Based Organizations as Key Stakeholders

- Doubts and criticisms related to FBO programs
- Professional? M&E? Proselytizing? Coordination?
- Significant numbers served, excellent rates of retention, adherence and viral load suppression
- Comprehensive service delivery
- Uncertain future





Christian Health Association of Zambia (CHAZ)



- 16 Protestant and Catholic denominations providing 50% of formal health care in rural areas and 35% nationally
- 151 institutions providing both training and clinical services
- 86,789 receiving HAART, including 6,532 children
- 361,111 receiving HCT; 11,796 VMC
- 94,687 OVC and 54,337 in HBC
- 4,600 Adherence Support Workers in local communities
- Advocacy for poor, marginalized and rural communities
- Exemplary ecumenical cooperation and coordination
- Exemplary cooperation and an MOU with MoH





The Eastern Deanery AIDS Relief Program



- Began nurse driven HAART in Nairobi slums in 2001
- 97% testing positive in 2014 receiving HAART, 21,584 on treatment
- Over 126,000 received HCT in 2014, including 11,340 couples
- Using Gene X-pert and LPA for DNA detection of TB, 23,000 individuals screened for TB (858 on TB treatment)
- 99.7% of clients enrolled in PHDP comprehensive service and 96% screened for substance abuse
- Electronic medical record/point-of-care (E-care)
- 205 pregnant HIV+ women enrolled in PMTCT with 1% of infants with positive PCR.





St Philip's Mission, Lubombo Swaziland



- Integration of HIV and TB care into comprehensive primary health provision in a very rural setting
- 880 OVC in holistic care including
- Teen club provides supportive adherence for HIV+ children ages 10-21
- Collaboration with local authorities for child protection services (a UNICEF "best practice")
- 2,071 HIV+ clients on HAART with 96.4 retention rate after on year
- "Missed Appointment" tracking system for defaulters
- "Community Refill Project" reduces time, travel, transport costs
- Collaboration and cooperation with traditional leaders and healers and local pastors and church leaders.





Comparative Advantages offered by FBOs

- Deep reach and trust within local communities
- Linkages and Collaboration within religious sectors as well as government health service provision
- Strong health infrastructure and systems
- Within this study reported ART adherence 70-95%
- Holistic adherence support and counseling through community outreach volunteers



