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The Ambassador of the United States of America

Mr. Johnnie Carson

requests the pleasure of the company of

Ms. Sandra Thurman

at Lunch

on Thursday, January 20, 2000

at 12:30

o'clock

537800 Ext. 3205

R.S.V.P.

Number 93

Muthaiga Road

Muthaiga

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MUTHAIGA RISE

MUTHAIGA LANE

AMBASSADOR'S
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Protocol Office
Am. Embassy
P. O. Box 30137
Nairobi

Ms. Sandra Thurman

Schedule of Visit to Nyumbani and Lea Toto Program Saturday January 22

- 08:45 Departure from the Grand Regency Hotel and drive through Kangemi slums
- 09:15 Arrival at the Lea Toto program offices
- 09:15 Brief discussion with Lea Toto staff to present the program and with caregivers on their experiences
- 09:55 Official launching -
- 10:00 Official welcome of guests – Protus Lumiti, (Program Manager Nyumbani)
- 10:05 Presentation of poem by children participating in the program
- 10:15 Welcome and speech by local chief
- 10:20 Brief overview of Children of God Relief Institute (COGRI) by Fr. D'Agostino
- 10:30 Speech by Jean Marie Adrian, Country Representative, Catholic Relief Services
- 10:40 U.S. Ambassador introduces Sandra Thurman, Director, Office of White House National AIDS Policy
- 10:45 Remarks by Ms. Sandra Thurman
- 11:00 Vote of thanks by Dennis Afande, Chairman of Board of Directors, Nyumbani
- 11:15 Refreshments
- 11:30 Departure for Nyumbani Children's Home
- 11:50 Arrival at Nyumbani
- 11:50 Introductions and tour of the home
- 12:30 Departure from Nyumbani

PARTICIPANTS TO BE MET AT LEA TOTO PROJECT

LEA TOTO

Caroline Matsalia – Asst. Program Manager

Susan Ngugi – Social Worker

Caroline Mutuida – Social Worker

Mumbi Gacheche – Social Worker

Ruth Ongaro - Nurse

NYUMBANI

Protus Lumiti – Project Manager

Sr. Teresa – Matron

Joseph Njoroge - Accountant

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Fr. D'Agostino – Founder and Director

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Dr. Maringo

Fr. Philip Edward

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Jean Marie Adrian –
Country Representative

Janis Lindsteadt – Programming
Division Director

Wamuyu Nyoike – AIDS Asst. Program
Officer

Debra Brosnihan – Community Health
Manager

LEA TOTO PROJECT SUMMARY

The impact of HIV/AIDS is most significantly manifested in the loss of young adults aged between 20 and 40 years, and the consequent increase in the numbers of orphans. A significant number of these orphans are themselves born with HIV and develop many opportunistic infections as a result of their status. These children have special physical, medical, and psychosocial needs, which may not be adequately met by the communities in which they live. Inhibiting factors include but are not limited to: little or no understanding on the part of the orphan of his/her status, lack of appropriate knowledge by the caretakers on HIV/AIDS, and limited resources within the family to provide the necessary care.

The overall goal of the program is to improve the capacity of the Kangemi community to provide holistic care within the family setting for HIV+ orphans living in this community.

The Lea Toto Program of the Children of God Relief Institute (Nyumbani), an organization based in Nairobi and offering services to children living with HIV/AIDS, with the support of CRS/Kenya, will provide services to families with these children in Kangemi. The program will also strive to facilitate processes aimed at creating and designing coping mechanisms by the Kangemi community for the care of the increasing number of orphans in the community.

The goal and strategy will be achieved through the following objectives:

By the end of the project, 200 families with HIV+ orphans will have received physical care and essential medical supplies to alleviate their suffering.

By the end of the project, psychological and moral support will have been provided to 200 HIV+ orphans and their families.

By the end of the project the Kangemi community will have identified or established six sustainable community strategies to enable the community to cope with the needs of AIDS orphans.

By the end of the project, the organizational capacity of the Lea Toto Program to manage community-based support to orphans will be improved.

As a partnership organization, CRS will strengthen the capacity of the Lea Toto Program to carry out community based project activities through the provision of technical, managerial and financial assistance.

The project will be implemented for two years starting September 1, 1999 and ending August 30, 2001.

Site and Project Participation Selection

Nairobi Province is one of the eight provinces in Kenya and is located in the central highlands of the country. The estimated population of the province (city and environs) is 3 million people with an estimated annual population growth rate of 3.8%. 70% of the city's population live in the slum areas of the city with the majority of adult residents being casual laborers, small traders and low wage persons struggling to make ends meet. As in other parts of the city, the residents are from different ethnic groupings and very often will not have a relative living in the same area. These areas are also characterized by poor living conditions including:

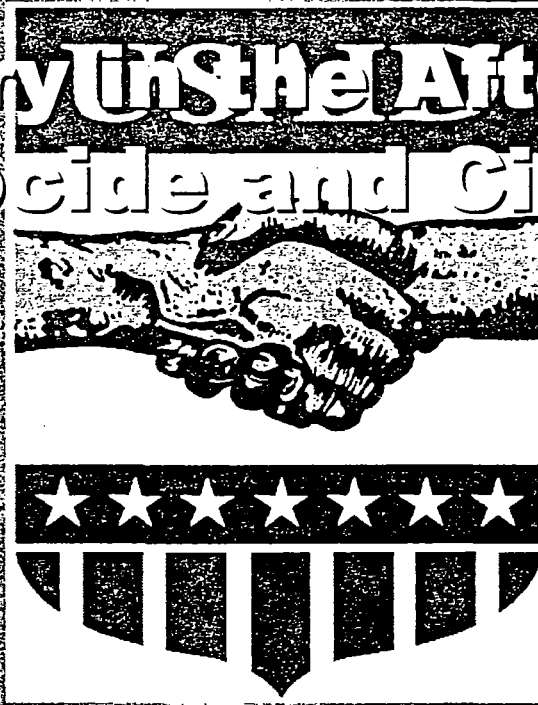
- small semi-permanent structures, often no more than a room of nine square meters
- ten or more households sharing one bathroom and toilet
- one source of water available for purchase to more than twenty households

Characteristic of all the slum areas, HIV prevalence is expected to be high. Many of the residents being single women relying on the small commerce of selling fruit or market goods for income. Very often, these ventures do not provide enough income to support their families and some women are forced to supplement their income through commercial sex.

The proposed project site of Kangemi is a slum area situated in the western parts of the city with estimated population of 60,000. Unlike many of the slum areas in the city, no development agencies dealing with the care of people living with HIV/AIDS are working in Kangemi.

The direct participants of the program will be orphans living with HIV/AIDS within the community, their siblings, and the families in which they are currently a part of or living with. Relatives and friends willing to take up the care of the children will also be encouraged to do so.

Recovery in the Aftermath of Genocide and Civil War



Rwanda

Genocide and War: The immediate impact

- 800,000 killed
- 2,000,000 refugees
- Agricultural production reduced 43%
- Widespread destruction of infrastructure
- Civil service decimated
- Health services in disarray

The Development Problems

Widespread chronic malnutrition

➡ 70% below poverty line

Most densely populated African country

➡ 3.6% annual population growth

Overwhelmingly agrarian

➡ 90% of population working marginal land

Life expectancy low and falling

➡ 13% HIV prevalence

Donor dependent

➡ 93% of capital budget and 30% of recurrent budget

Post genocide issues

✓ reintegration of diaspora

✓ reconciliation

✓ justice and compensation

U.S. Mission Kigali

Mission Statement

America's purpose in Rwanda is to help create the political economic and social conditions that will lead to the development of a prosperous civil society that embraces the principles of democratic governance and respect for human rights. To achieve these goals we will design and implement a variety of political, economic, and military assistance programs that support U.S. interests in aiding Rwanda's transition to development while securing regional peace and stability in Africa's Great Lakes Region.

USAID/Rwanda at a glance

Goal: Increased stability and strengthened development capacity

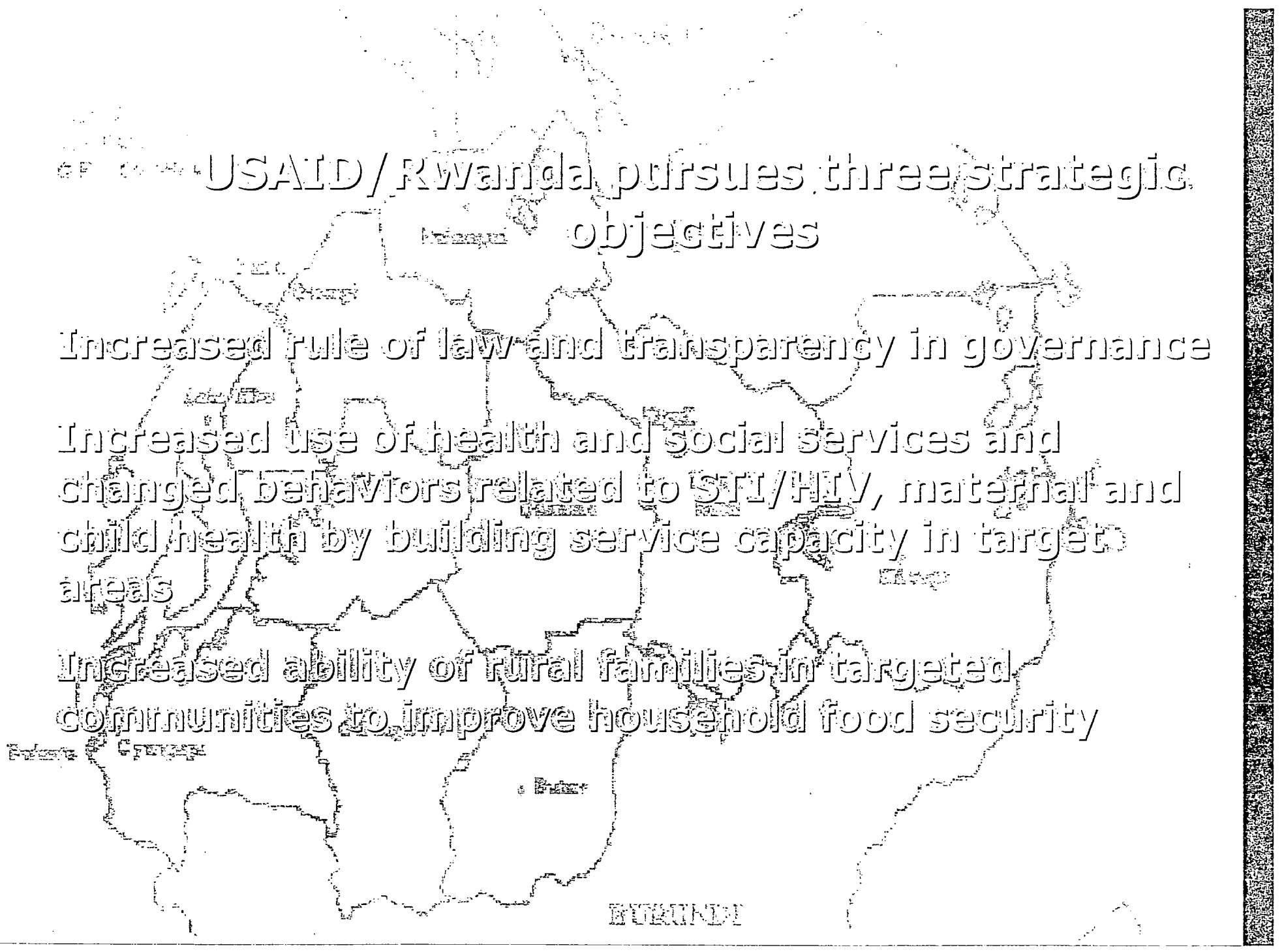
Budget: FY 1999

- Development Assistance: \$16.3 million
- Economic Support Funds: \$15 million
- Bureau for Humanitarian Response: \$3 million

Total: \$34.3 million

Staff:

6 USDHs
7 USPSCs
1 TCNPSC
45 FSNs



USAID/Rwanda pursues three strategic objectives

Increased rule of law and transparency in governance

Increased use of health and social services and changed behaviors related to STI/HIV, maternal and child health by building service capacity in targeted areas

Increased ability of rural families in targeted communities to improve household food security

Justice, Governance and Democracy

What have we achieved?

- ✦ Ethnicity-free identity cards
- ✦ Tripled number of Anglophone lawyers
- ✦ 375 police officers trained
- ✦ Genocide law
- ✦ Demined 75% of known compromised land
- ✦ 15,000 elected local gov't. officials trained

What are we doing now?

~ *Gacaca*.

- 130,000 detainees
- 10,000 courts!
- 5,000 capital cases (with DOJ)

~ Local Government:

- small projects
- decentralization assistance
- elections -- by 2000

~ Conflict:

- information technology
- conflict management research

Health and Social Services

What have we achieved?

- ✦ 250,000 returnees provided health services
- ✦ Rehabilitation and training for Kigali Health Institute
- ✦ Health Communications Center established
- ✦ Prepayment scheme for health services

What are we doing now?

- ~ Development Model for PHC & STI/HIV Services in 4 Regions:
 - ✦ decentralized & integrated
 - ✦ quality assurance
- ~ STI/HIV Prevention & Control:
 - ✦ peer education
 - ✦ IEC
- ~ Cost Recovery & Sustainable Care:
 - ✦ pilot health care financing
 - ✦ financial & admin. mgmt. -- MOH
- ~ Social Service Capacity:
 - ✦ public health manpower training
 - ✦ vulnerable children

Food Security and Agriculture

What have we achieved?

- ✦ Food distribution to more than 2.8 million people
- ✦ Seeds and tools to allow resumption of farming in 32 communes
- ✦ Grants, micro-credit, and training for women benefiting 200,000 widows, orphans and handicapped

What are we doing now?

~ Policy:

- ✦ database restoration
- ✦ studies and surveys
- ✦ policy advice

~ Markets:

- ✦ agribusiness development
- ✦ women in transition

~ Technology:

- ✦ land conservation & cultural practices
- ✦ technology transfer

~ Training:

- ✦ participatory research & farmer outreach

Health and Social Services: A Closer Look

Key Problem: HIV/AIDS is a growing epidemic exacerbated by the prevalence of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs).

USAID's Response: Increased availability of quality decentralized, primary health care (PHC) and STI/HIV services in target areas.

Partners: Rwanda Ministry of Health, National AIDS Prevention Program, Family Health International, USAID's Center for Human Services, Macro-International.

Adult HIV prevalence over 12%

180,000 AIDS cases

**Decreased life expectancy from 54 to 42 years as a result of AIDS
40% increase in crude death rate due to AIDS between 1990 and 2005**

**During the next 16 years, AIDS is expected to increase the infant
mortality rate (130 per 1,000 live births) by 10%
4% of children ages 12 to 14 are already HIV positive**

**By the year 2000, nearly 60% of all Rwandan orphans will
have lost their parents to AIDS, by 2010 over 80%**

AIDS in Rwanda

**In 1997, 21% of all pediatric patients, and 60% of those with
malnutrition in the Kigali Central Hospital were HIV positive**

**95% of commercial sex workers know the risks of HIV transmission
50% use condoms**

76% of commercial sex workers are HIV positive

Health and Social Services: A Closer Look

Key Problem: Lack of institutional ability to produce and disseminate quality mass media messages.

USAID's Response: Improved knowledge and perceptions related to reproductive health, emphasizing STI/HIV, in target areas.

Partners: Rwanda Ministry of Health, National AIDS Prevention Program, CARE International, Population Services International, Family Health International.

Health and Social Services: A Closer Look

Key Problem: The health system lacks capability in accounting, health financing and health economics.

USAID's Response: Enhanced sustainability of PHC services through improved financial accountability and improved health care financing.

Partners: Rwanda Ministry of Health, Abt Associates.

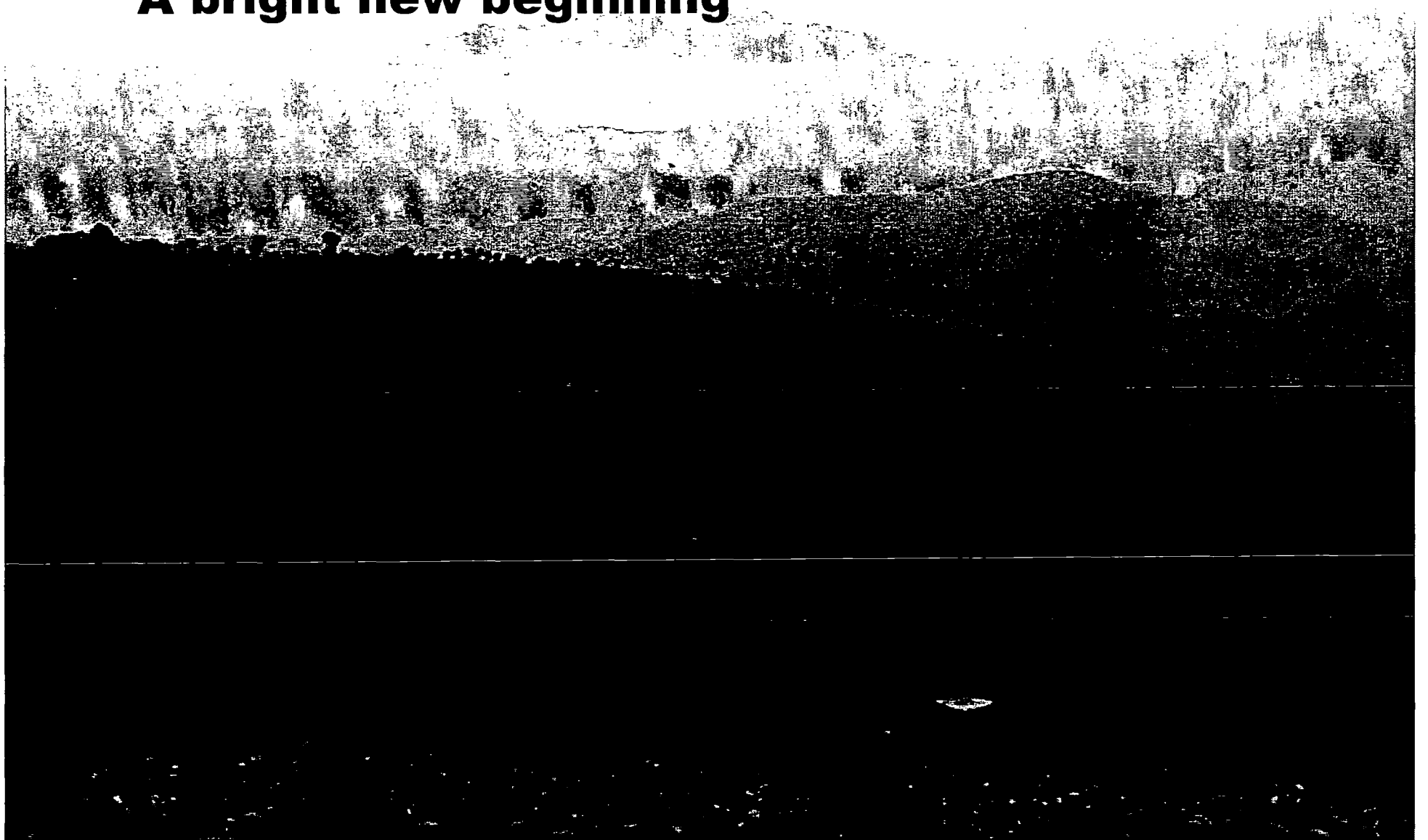
Health and Social Services: A Closer Look

Key Problem: A severe shortage of well-trained manpower impedes the effective management and delivery of all health services in Rwanda.

USAID's Response: Increased Government of Rwanda capacity to provide basic social support.

Partners: Rwandan health training institutions, Ministry of Health.

A bright new beginning



Site Officer: Jeffrey A. Nedoroscik

9:05 AM Depart USAID for Kigali Central Hospital
(Dick's Car, Two Landcruisers)

9:15 AM [Nedoroscik and Linganwa take baggage to airport, conduct pre-check-in]
(Landcruiser)

9:15 AM **Tour of AIDS Ward** Participants: Entire Delegation
Site: Kigali Central Hospital
Site Officer: Patricia Mwanuyera

10:05 AM Depart C.H.K. for Airport
(Dick's car, Two Landcruisers)

10:20 AM Arrive Kigali International Airport

Greet and Goodbye: Ambassador Staples, Dick Goldman
Expedite: Nedoroscik and Linganwa

11:20 AM Depart Kigali
Kenya Airways Flight #471

1:40 PM Arrive Nairobi

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 15TH**Governor's Camp****SUNDAY, JANUARY 16TH**

3:30 PM Depart Nairobi
Kenya Air Flight #484

4:45 PM Arrive Dar es Salaam

Proceed to Hotel/Check-In

Hotel Sheraton Hotel
Ohio Street 25
P.O. Box 791
Dar es Salaam Tanzania
Phone: 255-51-112-416
Fax: 255-51-113-981

Evening Reception

Hosted by Ambassador Stith

MONDAY, JANUARY 17TH

Meeting with Prime Minister

Chair of the National AIDS Advisory Board, and
other senior GOT leaders

Press Conference

Briefing on HIV/AIDS

By MOH

Visit to SHEDEPHA

Run by and supports people living with AIDS

LUNCH**Visit to Amref Youth Program****Round Table with AIDS Advocates**

Evening

TV Interview**TUESDAY, JANUARY 18TH**

Visit to HIV/AIDS Activities in Iringa led by PS Prime Minister's Office who is the Chair of the National AIDS Committee. Participants could include selected members of the National AIDS Advisory Board, Other permanent secretaries from concerned ministries, MOH representative, Chair of the Tz Private Sector Foundation and other leaders from the private and voluntary sectors

- Women's Group
- Social Marketing
- Orphan's living with foster parents
- Public/Private Partnerships

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19TH**Meeting**

First Lady Mrs. Mkapa

Press Conference

(Rest of Delegation to visit Muhumbili Voluntary Counseling and Testing Center and the Harvard Research on Mother to Child Transmission)

Lunch Meeting

Hosted by Ms L Taylor, Mission Director USAID/Tanzania for Heads of Diplomatic Missions, permanent secretaries and others

5:45 PM

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 20TH

NOTE: *USAID is working on having the entire delegation stay together for these few days (though this is particularly tricky with the Moi meeting). We will update you soon as to their success.*

NOTE: *Flights to Mombasa are being scheduled for Friday. You will each need to pay for these flights with credit or cash TODAY. Details to follow.*

Morning	Meeting with Moi, Minister of Health	Group 1
	Appointments at Embassy	
	Kenyatta National Hospital	Group 2 To observe the mother-to-child transmission study. The program is recruiting pregnant women to the program, giving health education, counseling and testing and delivering a "minimum package" of services to those testing HIV positive.
	Lunch with Ambassador	Both groups, invited guests (list to be determined)
Afternoon	Society for Woman & AIDS in Kenya	Group 1 SWAK has a nationwide membership of individuals and organizations interested and engaged in empowering women and girls to protect themselves against HIV/AIDS.
	Kenya Voluntary Women's Rehabilitation Center	SWAK collaborator in Nairobi Provides services for sex workers through empowerment initiatives (USAID resources)
	Kenya Network of Women with AIDS (KENWA)	Group 2 In the urban slum of Soweto, a grassroots org for and by women with HIV/AIDS – advocacy and empowerment. Trip will include drama, singing and dancing presentations from youth and women's groups; a condom demonstration; and "testimony" from orphans and a person living with AIDS.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21ST

Note: *Flights to Mombasa are being scheduled. You will each have to pay for your flights with credit or cash on the ground on THURSDAY.*

Group 1

7:00 AM	Depart for Mombasa	One-hour flight
Day	Meet with FHI/IMPACT and COPHIA	Community-based care projects
	Meet with a group of single mothers in the urban slum of Kisauni	

Artnet Waves

Youth group demonstration of their AIDS education program

Meet women's group & Bamako Group Initiative

Formed as a result of USAID's new community-based program

5:00 PM Return flight to hotel

Group 2

7:00 AM All day trip to Karatina

Two hour drive each way

Visit homebased care program

Run by MOH and supported by CRS and a Horizons MTCT activity

Additional meetings

5:00 PM Return drive to hotel

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22NDMorning **Nyumbani***Group 1*
Launch of "Leo Toto" Program, opening of their community-based office in Kangemi slums. (Press coverage)Morning **TBA***Group 2*Afternoon **TBA***Both groups*11:05 PM Depart Nairobi en route Amsterdam
Northwest Flight #8566**SUNDAY, JANUARY 23RD**

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**Revised Schedule
Wednesday 19th January
Thurman Delegation**

- 8:15 Depart Sheraton to visit Muhimbili College of Health Sciences Programs
- 8:30 Meeting with Director General and Principal and brief presentations on programs to be visited below:
- Muhimbili/Harvard Vitamin A Trials on Mother to Child Transmission
 - Voluntary Counseling and Testing Site
- Note: After presentations we will split into two separate groups for the site visits, with one group for each site. Please think about which site visit you would like to participate on.
- 9:30 Muhimbili program site visits
- 9:45 Sandy Thurman departs for 10:00 Am visit with Honorable Mohammed Saif Khatib, Minister of State at Prime Minister's Office
- 10:00 Thurman visit to Minister of State
- 10:45
- Thurman departs for former President Mwenyi visit at Karimjee Hall
 - Large group departs for AMREF Youth Center
- 11:00
- Thurman meeting with former President Mwenyi
 - Large group visit to Kinondoni Youth Center
- 11:30 Thurman Press Conference
- 1:00 Lunch Meeting hosted by Ms Lucretia Taylor, USAID/Tanzania Mission Director for Diplomatic Missions and Permanent Secretaries
- 3:00 Possible meeting with First Lady, Mrs. Anna Mkapa
- 4:00 Departure for Airport from Sheraton
- 5:45 Departure on Kenya Air Flight 732

AIDE MEMOIR

HIV/AIDS EPIDEMIC IN TANZANIA

1. Background:

- First AIDS cases in Tanzania were reported in 1983 and since then the numbers increased disproportionately across the Country. The most affected being the youth. Over 80% of the AIDS cases are aged 20 - 44 years.
- While available statistics on the HIV/AIDS indicate that there are 109,863 officially reported cases of AIDS in the Country, it is estimated that the number could be about 1.63 million.
- HIV/AIDS epidemic has affected all parts of the Country but is severe in the urban areas and is the leading cause of mortality among adults of 15 - 59 years in some parts of the Country.

2. Socio-Economic Impact of HIV/AIDS

Lower life expectancy, higher dependency ratio, slower growth in GDP, absenteeism at workplaces, decline in productivity, growing number of orphans, social stress, long period of illness and accompanied costs of treatment and funeral costs etc.

3. Previous National Responses on the Epidemic

Following the reporting of the first three cases in 1983 and their confirmation in 1985, various measures were taken by the Government to address the problem.

- (i) A National AIDS Task Force was established in 1985 to develop strategies to respond to the epidemic.
- (ii) In 1987, the Government launched the first Medium Term Plan (MTPI-1987-1991) which was followed by the 2nd Medium Term Plan (MTP II - 1992 1996). These plans articulated the efforts of several initiatives and programmes which focused on the following.
 - Public awareness through Information, Education and Communication programme
 - Blood safety
 - Monitoring of the epidemic, research, surveillance and forecasting.
 - Care of the AIDS patients

4. Political and Top leadership Commitment.

- Political leadership has always been part of the national response. For example, during the Phase 1 Government, the ruling party campaign against AIDS was made a permanent agenda in all party meetings from national level to the village level.
- The National AIDS Committee was also formed in 1989 to provide policy guidance to the response. It is now being strengthened to meet the ever increasing challenges of the dreadful epidemic.
- Currently, both the Ruling Party (CCM) and the Government has lifted the campaign against HIV/AIDS high on the agenda requires serious attention. Resource both local and in partnerships with external agencies have to be mobilized to combat the epidemic. To this effect, the Year 2000 has been declared by the President of the United Republic of Tanzania to be a year to combat HIV/AIDS. Earlier in September 1999 the Prime Minister, visited Uganda to learn on the best/successful approaches to combat the epidemic. All these efforts reflect the national commitment to fight HIV/AIDS.

5. Achievements and Constraints.

Despite the modest achievements realized in the areas of public awareness individual protection (through change of sex behaviour and use of condoms) increased blood safety and

HIV screening facilities etc. the spread of HIV/AIDS is still alarming.

Constraints

The major constraints inhibiting the national response efforts include:

- Inadequate resources to effectively implement all planned interventions
- Weak institutional capacity for effective policy formulation, monitoring and coordination of programmes implementation.
- The approach does not involve all stakeholders e.g. some sectors are yet to participate such as the private sector business community
- Lack of legal and regulatory environment in which to conduct AIDS activities
- Communities resistance to change their culture and values regarding sex behaviour.

6. Future Plans

- Recognizing the continued upsurge of HIV/AIDS and its negative socio-economic impact, the Government launched in March 1999 a third Medium Term Plan (MTP III 1998 -

2002). The MTP III was officially launched by the Prime Minister. Unlike the previous MTPs, MTP II is more comprehensive and focused on 11 priority areas. Its preparation and implementation is built on the capacity and resources of all Tanzanians working together as partners. The process involves Government departments at national and local level, the private and commercial sector, NGO's and religious groups.

- The principal objectives of the MTP II are to:
 - Prevent transmission of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases
 - Protect and support vulnerable groups
 - Mitigate the socio-economic impact of HIV/AIDS
 - Strengthen the Capacity of institutions, communities and individuals to arrest the spread of the epidemic and mitigate its impact.

7.0 Private Sector Response/Involvement in HIV/AIDS.

- Effective national response to HIV/AIDS must involve all of us i.e. the public sector, civil society, the private sector and indeed the people living with HIV/AIDS. So far, in Tanzania the National response to the epidemic has been dominated by the public sector with little involvement of the civil society particularly those living with the disease. However, there a number of NGO's established but they are weak and are dependent on external support.

- Under the current Midterm Plan III, deliberate efforts are being made to bring the private sector on boards.
- The Tanzania business community are in the process of establishment a National Business Council on HIV/AIDS will act as a business advocate on AIDS and spearhead prevention activities in the private sector in Tanzania. Formation of the Council will also facilitate the linkage and networking with Global Business Council on HIV/AIDS.

8. **Challenges.**

- Fighting HIV/AIDS in societies which are faced with widespread abject poverty is complex thus requires innovative timely intervention.
- Financing of the MPT II is still constrained by limited local government financial and technical resources. Hence, the Government's request for continued external support against HIV/AIDS.
- Although MTP III is focused on prevention efforts the demand for medical services (curative and care of the effected persons) is progressively on the increase. Hence the need for a balanced approach.



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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19TH

7:45 AM	Depart Sheraton	
	Muhumbili Voluntary Counseling & Testing Center	
	The Harvard Research Center on Mother-to-Child Transmission	
11:00 AM	Lunch Meeting	Hosted by Ms. L. Taylor, USAID Mission Director/Tanzania for Diplomatic Missions and permanent secretaries
3:00 PM	Press Conference	
4:00 PM	Depart Sheraton for Airport	
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 20TH

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8:40 AM	Delegation depart hotel	Accompanied by Neen Alrutz
9:00 AM	Thurman depart hotel	Accompanied by Dana Vogel, Lee Mac Taggart, and possibly Dr. Kevin DeCock
9:00 AM (delegation)	Kenyatta National Hospital Department of Pediatrics	Mother-to-child transmission clinical trial
9:30 - 10:15 (thurman)	Meeting with the Minister of Health Dr. Sam Ongeru and staff, AFYA House	

10:30 AM **Meeting with media executives from major Kenyan newspapers**
(thurman) Barclay's Plaza, 4th floor conference room

(attended by Ms. Thurman and Ambassador Carson)

Delegation & Thurman reunite

11:30 AM **Press conference**
Barclay's Plaza, 4th floor conference room

12:30 PM **Lunch at Ambassador and Mrs. Carson's residence**

2:15 PM Depart Ambassador's residence

2:30 PM **Society for Woman and AIDS in Kenya**

Kenya Voluntary Women's Rehabilitation Centre

4:15 PM **Population Services International** Visit condom social marketing outlets in Eastleigh, an urban slum

Evening Free

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21ST

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Day trip to Mombasa: The purpose of the trip will be to meet with key project staff, from both Family Health International/IMPACT and Pathfinder's community-based care and support project, COPHIA, and their highly involved government partners and visit several of the target groups in Kisauni, an urban slum.

5:45 AM Leave hotel for airport

5:00 PM Depart Mombasa

6:00 PM Arrive Nairobi

Evening Departs Mombasa

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22ND

Note: The Embassy has requested a meeting with President Moi or Vice President Saitoti on Saturday. Ms. Thurman and the Ambassador would attend.

8:45 AM Depart hotel for Lea Toto program

9:15 – 12:30 **Launch of Lea Toto Outreach Program of Nyumbani (Kangemi and Karen)**

Afternoon Shadow Minister of Health, Mr. Norman Nyaga (phone 221291), has requested a meeting with Ms. Thurman. This will be scheduled after her arrival.

No other activities are planned for the group; however, a USAID vehicle will be available for transportation as needed.

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THE HIV/AIDS SITUATION IN TANZANIA

In Tanzania, transmission of HIV occurs mainly through heterosexual contact beginning in the early teen years and peaking before the age of 30. Since 1983, when the first three AIDS cases in Tanzania were reported, the HIV epidemic has progressed differently in various population groups. Early in the epidemic, urban populations and communities located along the highways were most affected. According to the NACP/HIV/AIDS/STD Surveillance Report No. 12, 1997, the epidemic has rapidly spread to rural communities and in 1997, more than 10% of women attending antenatal clinics situated in some rural areas have been found to be HIV infected.

Commulative AIDS cases as reported from surveillance reports collected by the National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) in Tanzania mainland, rose from 25,503 at the end of 1990 to 101,188 in 1997. Over 80% of the reported AIDS cases were in the age group 20-44 years.

Mortality data from Kagera, Dar es Salaam, Hai and Morogoro districts indicate that less than 40% of all adult deaths occur in hospitals while some AIDS patients are not reported because they die before diagnosis is made. Consequently, NACP estimates the true number of AIDS cases in Tanzania to be 4 to 6 times of that reported. Therefore, the cumulative number of AIDS cases by the end of 1997 could have been well over 500,000 and the estimated number of HIV infected persons is over 1.5 million.

Young people between the ages of 15 and 24 years, while comprising only 20 percent of the population, account for 60 percent of new HIV epidemic on these population groups is not yet obvious. Most adolescents are not familiar with the basic facts of human sexuality and reproduction and lack the psychosocial skills that would help them to

avoid high-risk sexual activities. They also have insufficient skills that would help them to avoid high-risk activities. They also have insufficient access to “youth-friendly” health care and counselling services, which would help to reduce their vulnerability to HIV infection. While there is enormous diversity among adolescents of the same age, one common feature is that mid-adolescence is a prime time for experimentation and risk-taking, often with little regard for possible consequences. It is also the time in life when most people have their first sexual experiences- within or outside marriage.

Transmission of HIV from infected mothers to their babies-in the intrapartum period or postnatally-has added a challenging dimension to the fight against HIV/AIDS. It is estimated that between 40,000 and 60,000 new HIV-infected babies will be added to the population each year. Given the high mortality rate among HIV-positive children, the under-five mortality rate will be expected to be reversed rapidly, undoing the gains accumulated over the past 45 years. The significance of this mode of transmission is particularly crucial as it touches on issues of child protection-from a child rights context-and impinges on the momentum of breast feeding promotion in families and communities.

On the basis of key determinants that fuel the HIV epidemic in Tanzania, the following priority areas were identified as the areas of focus:-

- 1. Provide appropriate STD case management services**
- 2. Reduce unsafe sexual behavior among highly mobile population groups**
- 3. Reduce HIV transmission among commercial sex workers**
- 4. Prevent unprotected sexual activity among the Military**
- 5. Reduce vulnerability of youth to HIV/AIDS/STD**
- 6. Maintain safe blood transfusion services**
- 7. Reduce poverty leading to sexual survival strategies**
- 8. Promote acceptance of Persons Living with HIV/AID**

9. Reduce widespread unprotected sexual intercourse among men with multiple sex partners

10. Improve educational opportunities especially for girls

11. Reduce vulnerability of women in adverse cultural environments

According to the data available, Africa now has over 9 million orphans due to HIV/AIDs , and almost 10% of whom are in Tanzania. It is also expected that by the end of next year, we shall have almost 2 million HIV - positive people in Tanzania, and about 600,000 AIDS cases.

President Benjamin William Mkapa in his New year address, reiterated that the Government will intensify efforts to contain the spread of HIV/AIDS though the National Aids Control Programme (NACP) with special focus on prevention of infection. And that the Government will put more effort on health education for self-protection against injection and for behavioural and attitudinal change. Success in the war on HIV/AIDs depends critically on the participation and cooperation of everyone e.g. the Central Government, the Local Government, religions and other social leaders, civic Organisations, the donor community and even the private sector.

It is good news, therefore, that the U.S. government, through USAID has dedicated over US. 1.2 billion dollars for the prevention and mitigation of this epidemic in the developing world. Mostly important, is the 12 African nations that have been targeted to receive additional fiscal year 2000 funding under President Clinton's LIFE (Leadership and Investment Fighting and Epidemic) initiative.

The war on HIV/AIDs must begin by not being ashamed to discuss it, and by being open and frank.

Female Genital Mutilation

The Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) is a cultural problem in Tanzania which leads to serious health problems. The circumcision involves the mutilation of a whole clitoris and some other parts of female sexual organs. The problem is currently causing much concern among the elite. Girls are compelled to undertake rituals, which entails much danger, health hazards and psychological trauma. Damages are inclusive of heavy bleeding, severe infection, pelvic inflammatory disease, painful and difficulty during labour, difficulty in passing urine, risk of catching blood transmitted diseases e.g. (HIV, Hepatitis "B"), loss of normal sexual function and infertility.

The entire population has turned into condemning FGM wholesale. At the National level, efforts have been launched to stop this bad tradition which is still being practiced by some tribes. HIV/AIDS is another threat in Tanzania currently it is estimated that AIDS cases in Tanzania stands at 450,000¹³.

Mr. Secretary General, Members of the Security Council, Distinguished Guests, and, in particular, Honored Delegates from the Nations of Africa:

"HIV/AIDS is not someone else's problem. It is my problem. It is your problem. By allowing it to spread, we face the danger that our youth will not reach adulthood. Their education will be wasted. The economy will shrink. There will be a large number of sick people whom the health will not be able to maintain."

Mr. Secretary and Members of the Council: These are not my word. They were not uttered in the United States or the United Nations. They were spoken by my friend, President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa, as he declared South Africa's Partnership Against AIDS more than a year ago. The same words should be spoken out not only in South Africa, not only in Africa, but all across the earth. In Africa, the scale of the crisis may be greater, the infrastructure weaker, and the people poorer than in countries like my own, but the threat is real for all of us. AIDS cuts across the lines that divide us, and we owe each other the commitment to intensify our battle all around the world – especially where the scourge is greatest.

At the dawn of the new millennium, Africa is in the midst of momentous progress -- rivaling any region on earth. Over the last decade, a rising number of nations have moved from dictatorship to democracy, embraced economic reform, opened markets, privatized enterprises, and stabilized currencies. More than half the nations of Africa now elect their own leaders -- nearly four times the number of ten years ago --and economic growth in sub-Saharan Africa has tripled, creating prospects for higher quality of life all across the continent.

Tragically, this progress is imperiled by the spread of AIDS. Fourteen million Africans have already died – one quarter of them children. Twenty million more men, women, and children are now infected. Each day, 11,000 more mothers, fathers, and children become HIV positive – more than half of them under the age of 25.

For the nations of sub-Saharan Africa, AIDS has crossed beyond the borders of a humanitarian crisis to become a security crisis – because it threatens not just the citizens of those nations, it threatens the very institutions that define and defend those nations.

This disease strikes at the workforce, sapping the economic strength nations need to fight the crisis. It strikes at parents – undercutting the unifying force of family. It strikes at teachers, undercutting efforts to educate the younger generation. It strikes at the military, undercutting the means of maintaining order and keeping peace.

The United States is profoundly concerned by the threat AIDS poses to Africa. Of course, I must painfully admit that America has not progressed as much as we would like in our own battle against AIDS. Our most recent Surgeon General's report tells us we have not overcome the ignorance and indifference that lead to infection. So we continue to study the success of others, just as we seek to share our success with others.

As Vice President, I have traveled four times to sub-Saharan Africa. I have taken with me top U.S. Health officials, AIDS specialists, corporate leaders, physicians. We have met with African leaders and heard their ideas and their difficulties in facing the raging crisis of AIDS.

It is inspiring to see so many leaders, health care workers, mothers and fathers fighting for the lives of people they love. Ten years ago, Uganda was suffering what was believed to be the world's highest infection rates. Today – because the whole nation has mobilized to end the stigma, urge prevention, and change behavior -- they are now recording dramatic drops in infection rates. That is all the proof we need to know we can make a difference.

We know that the most powerful line of defense against this disease is prevention, and that demands that we break down the barriers against discussing this disease. That is why this historic Security Council meeting is so important; because today we are putting the AIDS crisis at the very top of the world's agenda. Addressing the disease here, before the eyes and ears of the world, sends an unmistakable message that we must end the stigma of AIDS. We must discuss AIDS not in whispers, in private meetings, in tones of secrecy and shame, but right here, in one of the great forums of the world, loudly and boldly, with a sense of urgency and concern and compassion. Until we end the stigma, we will never end the disease.

We also need to do much more to provide basic care and treatment to the growing number of people living with HIV and AIDS. This means more than just medicine; it means training doctors, nurses, and home-care workers and developing clinics and community-based organizations to deliver the care necessary for those in need. Right now, fewer than 5% of people living with AIDS in Africa have access to even this basic care. We know that we can prolong life, reduce suffering, and allow mothers with AIDS to live longer with their children, if we offer treatment for opportunistic infections like TB and malaria.

Our ultimate hope, of course, is to prevent AIDS and others diseases by vaccination, and we continue to invest billions in research. But we need to do more to harness the power of the private sector. Last September, in his speech to the UN General Assembly, President Clinton noted that only two percent of all biomedical research is devoted to the major killers in the developing world. He committed America to an effort to accelerate the development and delivery of vaccines for malaria, TB, AIDS and other diseases disproportionately affecting the developing world.

We believe this three-part strategy of prevention, treatment, and research is the right fight against this disease, and we have contributed more than a billion dollars to fund these initiatives worldwide – more than half earmarked for sub-Saharan Africa. But the crisis is growing, and so must our commitment.

Last year, I was privileged to announce a broad new initiative to increase the U.S. commitment to international AIDS programs by \$100 million. This largest-ever increase in U.S. resources doubled our commitment to fight AIDS in Africa and India.

Today, I am honored to announce an American effort to take the fight further. The budget we will send to Congress next month will include an additional increase of \$100 million for a total of \$342 million to fund our worldwide fight against AIDS.

This new funding will finance efforts:

- to reduce the stigma and prevent the spread of AIDS;
- to reduce mother-to-child transmission;
- to support home and community based care for people with AIDS;
- to provide care for children orphaned by AIDS;
- and to strengthen infrastructure for the prevention and treatment of AIDS.

At the same time, I would also like to announce that the budget we will send to Congress next month will include \$50 million as a U.S. contribution to the Vaccine Fund of the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunizations. This contribution – part of the promise President Clinton made here last September – will help fund the research, purchase, and distribution of lifesaving vaccines in the developing world.

I would also like to announce today an initiative to promote an expanded public private partnership in the battle against AIDS. In the next few months, I will convene a meeting of US business leaders active in Africa to develop a set of voluntary principles for corporate conduct in the age of AIDS. This effort has the potential to establish the workplace as a venue for promoting the education and prevention of AIDS. My special hope is that through public and private efforts taken in partnership with host nations, we will succeed in breaking the cycle of infection at one critical point – perhaps its most heartbreaking point -- at the moment of mother-to-child transmission.

I would also like to announce that our budget request for next year will – for the first time ever – earmark specific funding to permit the U.S. military to work with the armed forces of other nations in the worldwide fight against AIDS. In response to the AIDS crisis in our country, the U.S. Armed Forces established effective programs to prevent the spread of AIDS within the military. Secretary of Defense Cohen is eager to share our experience with our military counterparts in Africa.

We are also working to help poor countries gain access to affordable medicines, including those for HIV/AIDS. Last month, the President announced a new approach that will ensure that we take public health crises into account when applying U.S. trade policy. We look forward to working with our trading partners to assure that U.S. trade policies do not hinder their efforts to respond to health crises.

These initiatives are part of America's ongoing effort to intensify our global battle against AIDS, but any serious effort to fight AIDS must help fight the poverty that speeds the spread of AIDS. Last June, in Cologne, we joined our G-7 partners in endorsing the Cologne Debt Initiative, a landmark decision dedicating faster and deeper debt relief for heavily indebted poor countries.

The United States will continue to work with our G-7 partners to bring greater resources to bear in this fight, and I would like to take this opportunity to challenge the world's wealthier, healthier nations to match America's increasing commitment to fighting AIDS worldwide.

As we work to increase the funds available to fight AIDS, we also have to work to increase the impact of those funds. In July of this year, the global community will gather in Durban, South Africa to participate in the 13th International AIDS Conference. We know of hundreds of examples of inspiring efforts to fight AIDS all around the world. But right now, they amount to isolated efforts, not a focused assault. We need every separate initiative by local, national, regional, and global organizations, to be knitted together to take maximum advantage of their synergy and success. We will work with the organizers of the Durban Conference to advance this crucial objective. It is every bit as vital as increasing funding, because it will decide how many lives we can save with our funding.

The AIDS crisis is one of the most devastating challenges ever to confront the world community. Many have called it a holy war. For all our friends here and around the world willing to wage and to win this war -- let us take heart from the words of African poet, Mongane Wally Serote:

"remember
the passion of our hearts
the blinding ache and pain
when we heard the hysterical sobs
of our little children crying against fate

we heard these, we knew them, we absorbed them
but we surged forward
knowing that life is a promise, and that that promise is us"

That promise is us. We here in this room -- representing billions around the world -- we are the promise of hope and of change. We have the knowledge, the compassion, the means, and the moral duty to make a difference.

We must make the promise and keep the promise to wage a wider war against this disease -- so that when the story of the AIDS crisis is told to future generations, the moral of that story will be the power of the human spirit to unite behind a common cause, defeat a common foe, and advance the health, the happiness, and the harmony of all humankind.

May God bless all the families who have suffered from this disease. May God bless our united effort to end it forever.

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January 31, 2000

Ms. Sandra L. Thurman
Director
The White House Office of National AIDS Policy
736 Jackson Place, NW
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Sandy,

Thanks so much for your delegation's uplifting visit to Tanzania. The trip was very effective in propelling the HIV and AIDS agenda to the forefront in national leaders and the public's mind. The additional funds, through the Life Initiative, will be an excellent catalyst to build on the momentum of your visit and expand the national and local response to HIV/AIDS.

I have enclosed some photographs of your visit with the First Lady of Tanzania, Hon. Mama Anna Mkapa. I also enclosed copies of newspaper articles. Thanks so much for bringing such a knowledgeable, concerned and warm delegation to Tanzania. We really enjoyed hosting you and the ONAP team.

We greatly appreciate the efforts of your office to increase the political commitment both in the U.S. and abroad against this deadly disease.

Sincerely,

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Robert F. Cunnane
Health & Population Officer

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US delegation tours AIDS projects in Iringa

By Correspondent
Kenneth Simbaya, Iringa

A SIX-MAN delegation from the government of United States of America visits Iringa Rural District today to see the work being done by one non-governmental organisation (NGO) that deals with HIV/AIDS prevention in the region.

The NGO which is being supported by USAID run two orphanages at Mlangali and Ifunda in Iringa.

According to Ms Vick Chuwa, USA projects Management Specialist, the delegation which, arrived in the country on Sunday, is led by Ms Sandra Thurman who is the Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy at the White House. She is also Chief Advisor to the USA president on AIDS matters.

Others in the delegation, according to Ms Chuwa, are Mr Michael Iskowitz, a clinical psychologist, attorney and policy consultant specialising in issues of HIV AIDS, poverty, children, families and civil rights and Mr Thomas Clinton Niblock who is currently serving as the Deputy Director of the Economic Policy Staff for the Bureau of African Affairs.

Others in the delegation are Ms Mary Fisher who is the founder and board chairperson of the family AIDS network, Ms Kate Carr, the Chief Executive Director, Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation and Ms Ronald Johnson who is Associate Executive Director, Gay Men's Health Crisis.

Michael Mushi, the USAID Projects Management Specialist said the delegation, after arriving at Nduli airstrip, will meet with Iringa regional government officials at the Regional Commissioner's Office. He said the US officials will then proceed to Mlangali where they will meet about 200 orphans at Mlangali primary school before going to Ifunda where they are scheduled to meet orphans and people living with HIV/AIDS.

The delegation will fly back to Dar es Salaam in the afternoon.

Tanzania government officials who will accompany the US delegation are permanent secretaries from the ministries of Education and Culture, Regional Administration and Local Governments, Community Development, Women Affairs and Children, Defence and National Service and a senior official from the Tanzania AIDS Project (TAP).

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US grants 2bn/- for AIDS war

By ASSAH MWAMBENE

THE United States will this year give Tanzania a total of 2.5 million US dollars (about 2bn/-) to supplement the country's fight against HIV/AIDS.



THE Chairman of the National AIDS Advisory Board, Mr Ali Hassan Mwinyi, receives a cheque for 2.5 million US dollars (about 2bn/-) from the Director of the United States White House Office of National AIDS Policy, Ms Sandra Thurman, at the Karimjee Hall in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The 2bn/- is part of the package of more than 4.8bn/- the US has dedicated for Tanzania's battle against HIV/AIDS for 2000. Helping to hold the cheque, signed by President William Jefferson Clinton, is the US Ambassador to Tanzania, Reverend Charles Stith. (Picture by Alex Mnyeti)

The commitment was announced in Dar es Salaam yesterday by the Director of the United States Office of the White House National Aids Policy, Ms Sandra Thurman, at the joint press conference with former President and chairman of the National Advisory Board on AIDS, Mr Ali Hassan Mwinyi.

"Among the horrible and challenging issues to the young generation today is to live and operate in the world with AIDS," said the US official shortly before presenting the cheque for the funds to Mr Mwinyi.

She said the money, from the leadership and investment in fighting an epidemic (LIFE) initiative, will be used in primary prevention services including mother to child transmission.

Ms Thurman said the funds will also be spent on the home and community-based care treatment, care for children affected with AIDS, capacity and infrastructure development.

The official who leads a six-person US delegation, said her country was committed to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS in countries where the scourge continues to increase at high rate.

"The US is optimistic that Tanzania can stop the spread of the deadly disease... there are islands of excellence in which a number of local initiatives have been effective," she said.

She cited some success stories directed at reducing the spread of the disease as the treatment of the sexually transmitted diseases programmes in Mwanza Region.

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The Chairman of the National Advisory Board on AIDS, former President Ali Hassan Mwinyi, escorted into the Karimjee Hall in Dar es Salaam yesterday by Sandra Thurman, Director of the US White House Office in Nairobi on AIDS policy. (Picture by staff photographer).

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US gives Tanzania 2bn/- to fight AIDS

THE United States of America has donated to Tanzania an additional 2bn/- (US \$ 2.5m) to help the country combat the spread of HIV/AIDS.

The Director of the White House Office of AIDS Policy, Sandra Thurman, said the funds were part of an additional US \$ 100m the US has donated for the fight to world nations this year.

She presented the donation to the chairman of the national advisory board of AIDS, former president Ali Hassan Mwinyi.

Thurman said the effort to combat AIDS globally by the US follows recognition that AIDS pandemic had become a major threat to humanity than war and other known epidemics.

She said to check the scourge from wiping out society, the country's leadership needed to educate the public about the disease by drawing

By ONGERI JOHN

examples from devastated communities in Asia and other parts of the world.

Despite the high rate of AIDS spread in the country, the director said the US was optimistic that Tanzania was capable of stopping it from spreading further if a number of local initiatives to combat it were made.

There are success stories to that direction in Tanzania, including programmes of treating sexually transmitted diseases in Mwanza and Mbeya regions, condom social marketing and a number of NGOs activities geared at motivating behavioural change.

The money from the Leadership and Investment in Fighting an Epidemic (LIFE) initiative according to Thurman would be spent on primary prevention, home and community based care and treatment, care of children

affected by AIDS and capacity and infrastructure development.

Receiving the money, the former president thanked the US government for the assistance, assuring that Tanzania would spend the money for the intended purpose.

The former president also underscored the need for change of behaviour among the people, warning that AIDS was at the verge of wiping the entire community if the trend continued.

"The danger imposed by AIDS to the Tanzanian community has become a national concern than ever before," Mwinyi said, noting the disease was first diagnosed in the western part of the country in 1983.

"By that time AIDS did not seem to be a major threat to the nation but soon the disease started wiping out villages in Kagera region," the former president recounted.

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US donates 2bn/- for war against AIDS

By Simon Kivamwo

US government yesterday donated 2.5 million dollars (2bn/-) to the Government of Tanzania in support of the HIV/AIDS programmes in the country.

Handing the cheque to the former Tanzanian President Ali Hassan Mwinyi, Ms Sandra Thurman of the White House Office on AIDS policy said the money had been donated by the Leadership and Investment in Fighting and Epidemic (LIFE) initiative. Mwinyi is the chairman of the National Advisory Board on AIDS.

Ms Thurman told reporters in a short ceremony held at the Diamond Jubilee Hall in the city that the money would be used in primary prevention, including mother to child transmission and community based care.

The other areas where the money will go include care for children affected by AIDS and capacity and infrastructure development.

According to Thurman, the US government was optimistic that Tanzania could stop the spread of the deadly disease.

"There are 'islands of excellence' in which a number of local initiatives have been effective in reducing the spread of the disease," she said.

She commended the demonstrated high level political commitment to fight the disease in Tanzania along with the launch of new five-year multi-sector strategy to address HIV/AIDS (Medium Term Plan III).

"This may garner the necessary national leadership to turn these 'islands of excellence' into a co-ordinated national response to AIDS," she said.

The handing over ceremony was also attended by the US ambassador to Tanzania Rev Charles Stith.

Others present during the event were the Chief Medical Officer in the Ministry of Health, Dr Gabriel Upunda, the Co-ordinator of National Aids Control Programme (NACP) Dr Rawland Swai and several other officials.

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US donates 2.4bn/- for HIV/AIDS programmes in Tanzania

By Beatrice Sabas,
TSJ

THE United States of America yesterday donated 3 million US dollars to Tanzania for specially targeted HIV/AIDS programmes.

The money was presented to the Chairman of the National Advisory Board on AIDS, former President Ali Hassan Mwinyi, by the US Director of the White House Office of National AIDS Policy, Ms Sandra Thurman.

In a joint press conference with Mr Mwinyi at the Karimjee Hall in the city, Ms Sandra said that the money, from the Leadership and Investment in Fighting an Epidemic (LIFE) initiative, would be used in primary prevention and mother-to-child transmission.

The money would also be used in the care for children affected by AIDS and capacity and infrastructure development. Ms Thurman heads a six-person delegation to Tanzania to discuss the details of

President Clinton's new life initiative programme, designed to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS in countries where the disease spreads at a high rate.

According to Ms Thurman, the US is optimistic that Tanzania can stop the spread of the deadly disease.

Success stories cited include programmes to treat sexually transmitted diseases in Mwanza and Mbeya regions, marketing of condoms and a number of NGO activities to

motivate behaviour change.

Mr Mwinyi said that it was very difficult for Tanzanians alone to deal with the AIDS scourge without the help of the donors. "Now we have been given the tool, we shall do the job," he said.

The presentation was attended by the US Ambassador to Tanzania, Rev. Charles Stith, the Deputy Minister for Health, Mrs Tatu Ntimizi, and the Chairman of the National AIDS Control Programme, Dr Lyimo.

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Retired President, Ali Hassan Mwinyi (right), and the US Director of the White House Office of National AIDS Policy, Ms Sandra Thurman, walk out of Karimjee Hall yesterday, moments after she presented Mr Mwinyi with a cheque for 2.4bn/- for HIV/AIDS programmes in the country. (Photo: Athumani Hamisi)

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Sandra Thurman
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The White House Office of National AIDS Policy
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Dear Sandy,

I hope you are well rested and back in the swing of things in the U.S. It was a pleasure to host you and your delegation to Tanzania. The trip and additional resources were really a boost to both USAID staff and our colleagues working so hard to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS.

Thanks so much for all you have done to lead the battle at the highest levels.

Enclosed is a check for the 300,000 T. Shillings that you gave me before departing Tanzania. All the best and come back to Tanzania again any time!

Sincerely,

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Robert Cunnane
Health & Population Officer

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Hon. Dr. A. Chiduo
Minister of Health
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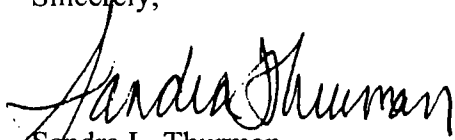
Dear Dr. Chiduo,

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As we seek to enhance the global response in fighting the AIDS pandemic, your continued efforts to inspire hope and to make a positive difference in the lives of so many serves as a shining example of leadership and commitment.

I am confident that by continuing to work together, we can all look forward to a day when our world's children can look to their futures without fear of AIDS. Again, many thanks for all that you did to ensure that this mission was a success.

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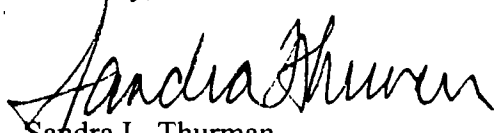
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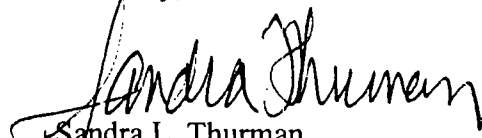
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Office of National AIDS Policy

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Hon. Major General James Luhanga
Regional Commissioner
Iringa Region
P.O. Box 858
Iringa
Tanzania

Dear Major General Luhanga:

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Director

Office of National AIDS Policy

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A. Rajabu
Permanent Secretary for the Ministry
of Education and Culture
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Mr. Rajabu:

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Honorable Muhammed Seif Khatib
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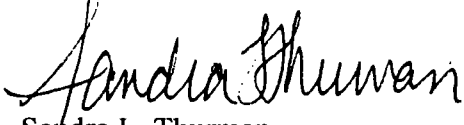
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Ambassador Charles Stith
American Embassy
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

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Dr. G. Upunda
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Ministry of Health
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Dar es Salaam
Tanzania

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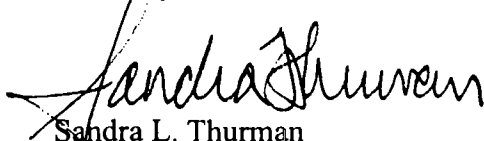
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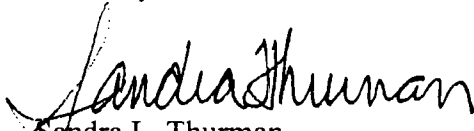
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Joseph Katto
Chairperson
SHDEPHA
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Dear Mr. Katto:

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Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Ms. T. Kaijage
WAMATA
Regent Estate 50
P.O. Box 33279
Dar es Salaam

Dear Ms. Kaijage:

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Dr. Adeline Kimambo
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Tanzania

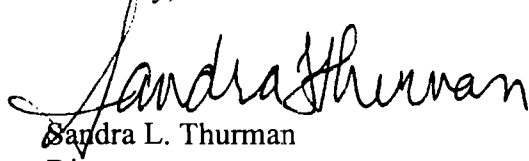
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Mr. A. Mwalongo
BAKWATA
P.O. Box 21422
Dar es Salaam

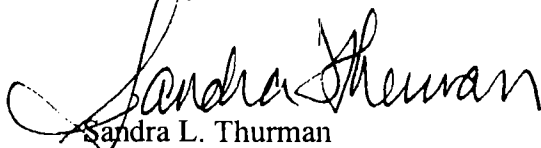
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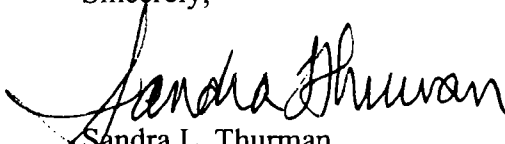
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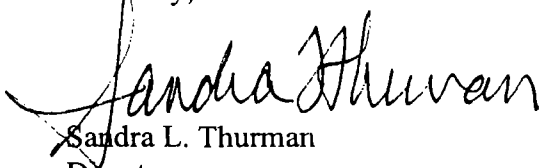
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Cecilia Shirima
Regional Administrative Secretary
Iringa Region
P.O. Box 858
Iringa
Tanzania

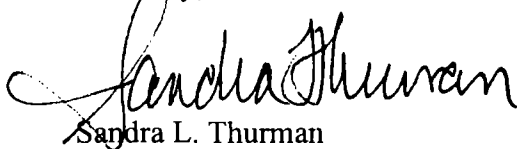
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Dr. Mpuya Ezekiel
Regional Medical Officer
Iringa Region
P.O. Box 260
Inringa, Tanzania

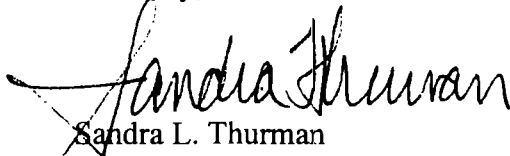
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M. Malale
Permanent Secretary for the Ministry
of Community Development
Women's and Children's Affairs
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Dear Mrs. Malale:

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Lediana Mafuru
Inringa Cluster
Box 686
Iringa, Tanzania

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Hamza Kassongo
DTV
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

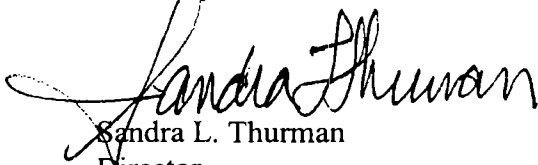
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Dr. Mutabaji
Principal
Muhimbili College of Health Sciences
P.O. Box 65000
Dar es Salaam

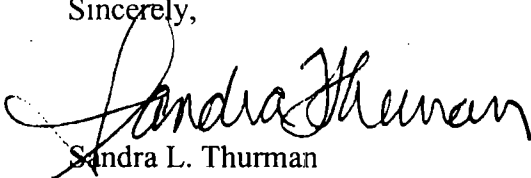
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Professor Msamanga
Principal Investigator
Muhimbili College of Health Sciences
P.O. Box 65000
Dar es Salaam

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Jesse Mwambo
Professor of Psychiatry
Muhimbili College of Health Sciences
• P.O. Box 65000
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

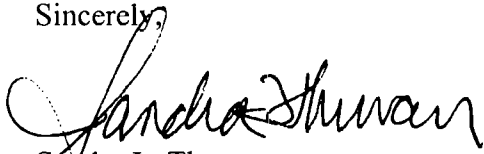
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Dr. Vera Pieroth
AMREF
P.O. Box 2773
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

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Dr. Darius Bukenya
AMREF
P.O. Box 2773
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

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Andrew Nyumayo
Director
Department of Co-ordination of Government Business
P.O. Box 3021
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

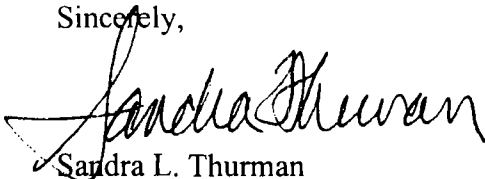
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Lucretia Taylor
USAID Mission Director
USAID/Tanzania
Department of State
Washington D.C. 20521-2140

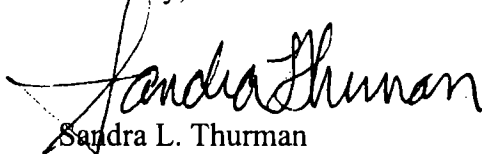
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Ambassador Gertrude Mongella
President
Advocacy for Women in Africa
P.O. Box 31293
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

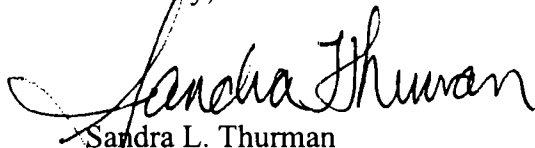
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Honorable Mama Anna Mkapa
First Lady of Tanzania
Equal Opportunity Trust Fund
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

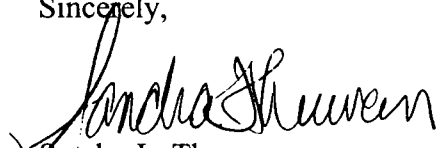
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Director
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February 4, 2000

Ambassador John Carson
U.S. Ambassador
American Embassy
P.O. Box 30137
Nairobi, Kenya

Dear Ambassador Carson:

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Mr. Johnathan Conly, Mission Director
USAID/Kenya
P.O. Box 30261
Nairobi, Kenya

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Professor Sam Ogeri
Minister of Public Health
Ministry of Health
P.O. Box 30016
Nairobi, Kenya

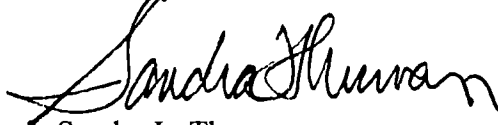
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Dr. Augustine Muita
Director
Kenyatta National Hospital
P.O. Box 20723
Nairobi, Kenya

Dear Dr. Muita:

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Dr. Dorothy Mbori-Ngacha
Kenyatta National Hospital
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology
P.O. Box 19676

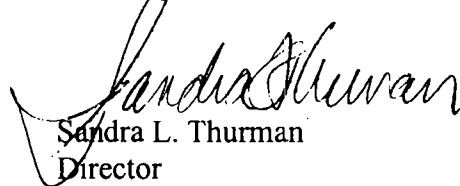
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Dr. Desire Ndushabandi
Secretary General
Ministry of Health
Rwanda

Dear Dr. Ndushabandi:

Thank you for your generous hospitality during our delegation's recent visit to Rwanda. We were able to accomplish much in a short period of time, and could not have done it without your kind support.

As we continue to work together to enhance the global response in the fight against AIDS, I am confident that your many efforts to confront AIDS where it lives, in the communities and families devastated by its impact, will serve as a shining example of leadership and commitment.

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Ministry of Health
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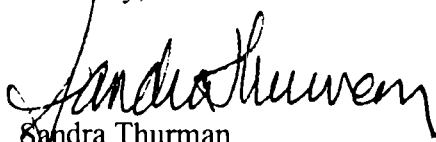
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Mme. Laetitia Umulisa
Counseling
Counselor Training
Rwanda

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Mme. Cecil Ndoli
Director
CRIS Counseling Center
Rwanda

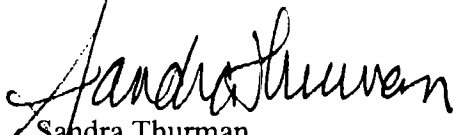
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Dr. Etienne Karita
National AIDS Laboratory
Director
Rwanda

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Dr. Innocent Ntaganira
Director
National AIDS Program Director
Rwanda

Dear Dr. Ntaganira:

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Mr. Juvenal Karimba
Health Communication Center
Executive Director
Rwanda

Dear Mr. Karimba:

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Mr. Emmanuel Gakwaya
Persons Living With AIDS
Contact
AIDS Roundtable Discussion
Rwanda

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February 7, 2000

Dr. Joseph Ntarindwa
Director Medical Services
Rwanda

Dear Dr. Ntarindwa:

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Mme. Waldina Martinez
Bilyogo Health Center
Center Director
Health Center Visit
Rwanda

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Mr. Paul Kagame
Vice-President
GOR
Rwanda

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Mr. Anders Ostmann
Resident Representative
UNICEF
Rwanda

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Dr. Innocent Nyaruhilira
Medical Director
Kigali Dentrall Hospital (CHK)
Rwanda

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Dr. Sam Abennyi
Health Program Director
CARE
Rwanda

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Brig. General Nwamwasa Kayumba
Chief of Staff
Rwandan Patriotic Army
Rwanda

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Mngr. Emmanuel Kolini
Rwanda Episcopal Church
Archbishop
Rwnada

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Dr. Laurent Nyabenda
Director
ARBEF (IPPF Affiliate)
Rwanda

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Mr. Jean Nkurunziza
Director
Central Blood Bank
Rwanda

Dear Dr. Nkurunziza:

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Mme. Ancille Mukarugomwa
President
AVEGA
Rwanda

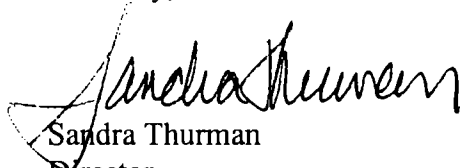
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Ms. Jessica Price
Resident Advisor
FHI/IMPACT
P.O. Box 38835
Nairobi, Kenya

Dear Ms. Price:

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Grace Lusiola
Project Director
Pathfinder International, COPHIA Project
P.O. Box 48147
Nairobi, Kenya

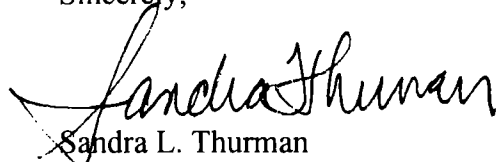
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Mr. John Berman
Resident Advisor
Population Services International
P.O. Box 22591
Nairobi, Kenya

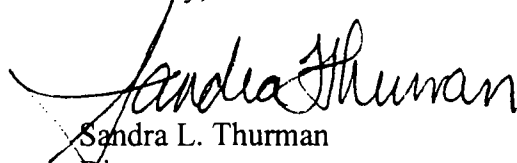
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Jean Marie Adrian
Country Director
Catholic Relief Services
P.O. Box 49675
Nairobi, Kenya

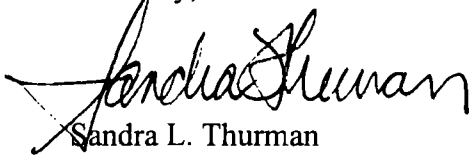
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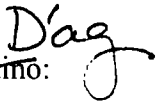
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Father Angelo D. Agostino
Nyumbani Orphanage
P.O. Box 24970
Nairobi, Kenya

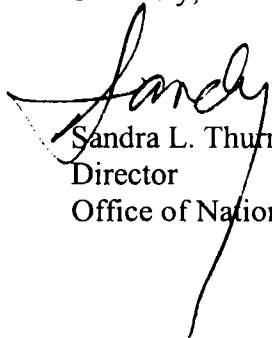
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Please do let me know when you will again be in the States. I hope to see you soon!

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