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Mission: *To improve the health and well being among communities through capacity building and promotion of Innovative leadership*

Vision: *Healthy people, empowered communities*



KANCO joined the world in celebrating the world AIDS day 2016 themed HIV prevention, and the country slogan being; #Engage #Prevent #Celebrate. For the last three decades, KANCO has walked the talk on HIV prevention, access to treatment and rallying all groups so that no one is left behind for an effective response in Kenya, which has since expanded to the greater Eastern Africa region.

Through the support of different Donors KANCO is presently running over 16 different projects with integrated HIV interventions in their design.

Kanco Joins the World in Marking World AIDS Day



KeNPUD director (center) with members of the law enforcement marking the WAD 2016

Kanco joined the world to mark the 35th year of the HIV epidemic, an opportunity to reflect on what the epidemic truly means. Looking back we have had many breakthroughs worth celebrating including; the advent of PrEP, treatment as prevention, and new strategies to link people to care. We have also faced challenges almost in

equal measure such as the epidemic continuing to be fueled by social inequities with key populations/ most at risk populations including; (people who inject drugs, gay people, women and young girls, sex workers and the poor among others

continuing to bear the brunt of the epidemic. As Kanco we continue to reiterate our commitment to ending the epidemic by walking the talk, leaving no one behind! Kanco has continued to champion programs targeting the most at risk and key populations and reaching them with HIV prevention interventions, cognizant that

these populations face disproportionately high risk of HIV infection and ultimately became HIV bridging populations. According to the World Health Organization, more than 36 million people are currently living with HIV/AIDS, 70 percent of them in sub-Saharan Africa. As we move along in the fight we realize that our collective efforts to combat this epidemic must account for the underlying conditions that facilitate its deadly spread and therefore we cannot leave anyone behind!

HIV prevention means: Leaving no one behind!

Members of the County Assembly stand to be counted in Harm Reduction

Kanco hosted a members of the County Assembly (MCAs) consultative policy dialogue meeting in Mombasa on the 30th December 2016. The meeting aimed at advocating for a favorable environment for PWIDs to access comprehensive health care and address policy and legal policy environment favorable for harm reduction.

The one day meeting took the participants through the rational for harm reduction and the returns on investment for the same. This created an opportunity for creation of harm reduction champions among the MCAs present, who will be championing the harm



MCAs attending the Harm Reduction sensitization meeting

reduction agenda in their respective counties

This comes in the wake of the recently signed Arusha Declaration on HIV and Harm reduction, signed on by parliamentarians from across the greater Eastern Africa region, aimed at creating an enabling for delivering of health and social services to people who use drugs as well as creating an enabling environment

for delivery of these services.

The occasion was graced by 30 MCAs, one Member of Parliament and NGOs representatives working in harm reduction. Among the present was Hon. Karume, a representative of people living with disabilities (PWD'S) who shared the plight of PWD

and the plea for them not to be left behind in harm reduction interventions adding that PWDs face a disproportionately high risk of HIV infection and vulnerability, thus should not be left behind.

The meeting culminated to one MCA pledging her commitment to become a harm reduction champion and urging her peers to consider this worthy cause and follow suit.

Kanco hosts the Regional Oversight committee for the Eastern African HIV and Harm reduction Project

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Kanco with support of the Global Fund organized a two day meeting for the East African Legislative Council to review the terms of reference for the Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) as well as hold the first ROC meeting for the project.

The meeting of the ROC was preceded by a meeting of the Expert Working Group (EWG) on HIV and Harm reduction for Eastern Africa on 1st of December 2016.

The meeting was attended by experts from Ministries responsible for Health, Ministries responsible for EAC



The Eastern Africa HIV and Harm Reduction project ROC and EAC delegates during the meeting

Affairs and National AIDS Commissions/Councils, from the Republic of Kenya, United Republic of Tanzania, and the Republic of Uganda. Also present were Civil Society representatives as well as the HIV and Harm Reduction for Eastern Africa Project technical team and EAC Secretariat staff.

These meetings formalized the structures within which the project will be implemented within going forward, with clarity of roles between the project implementers and the EAC for continued collaboration and ownership

The Eastern Africa HIV and Harm Reduction Project Quarterly Review Meeting



KANCO and the Regional HIV and harm reduction project implementing partners during the QRM

The Regional HIV and Harm Reduction project convened the QRM for the regional project implementing partners. The three day meeting provided an opportunity to reflect on the first year of the project implementation, as well as plan for the coming year. It also provided a feedback forum between the grant Principle Recipient (Kanco) and implementing partners from the eight countries, as well as a sharing and learning op-

portunities.

The meeting provided an opportunity to complete and consolidate year 2 work plans for accelerated results in harm reduction and for a common understanding of the project and the plans going forward.. The newly elected board for the Network also had a chance to meet and deliberate steering the project forward.



The Eastern Africa HIV and Harm Reduction Network board having and a representatives of the Kenya CCM having discussion

Championing the fight against Tuberculosis at the ACP-EU joint Parliamentary meeting



Members of Parliament Delegates attending the TB side meeting during the ACP-EU joint parliamentary Assembly

During the 32nd Session of the **ACP-EU** Joint Parliamentary Assembly taking place from 19th to 21st December 2016 in Nairobi (Kenya), KANCO in collaboration with Stop TB partnership and World AIDS Campaign (WACI) held a side event to sensitize the MPs from across the African region on the effects of Tuberculosis (TB) on development with an aim to forge political commitment to ending TB.

This is a buildup on the fight



Kanco TB advocacy manager addressing the meeting during the parliamentarians sensitization

against TB championed by elected leaders that started with the formation

of the Africa TB caucus in March 2015 in Nairobi. In 2014, Hon. Stephen Mule raised the motion to support the Barcelona Declaration in the Kenyan parliament which garnered the support of over 130 members of parliament. This was soon after followed by the formation of the Africa TB caucus launched on 5th of May 2015 in Nairobi on the World TB Day. This has since revolutionised the fight against TB, where there have been formation of TB caucuses in 10 Africa Countries (Kenya, Uganda, Tan-

zania, South Africa, Swaziland, Zanzibar, Algeria, Zimbabwe, Gambia Mozambique and counting in line with formation of the Global Parliamentary caucus.

The rationale for the Global Parliamentary caucus is to press for a more effective response to the TB epidemic. The caucus works closely with other global organizations including WHO, INTAID, The Global Fund, the Stop TB Partnership, the Union and UNAIDS and non-governmental organizations across the world, reaching across geographical and political divides to build commitments to their own countries and beyond to secure an end to the TB epidemic within a generation.

This meeting also provided an opportunity for KANCO to recognize the support and contribution of members of parliament who have greatly supported the health cause and KANCO's work



Hon. Stephen Mule, receiving an appreciation award for his support in Championing health issues in the region

Kanco publications and Media Features in the Month of November and December

DRUG ABUSE & HIV INFECTION - KBC TV

<https://youtu.be/7eVWRMigY6A>

BOOK REVIEW: The quiet activist who revolutionised the fight against HIV in Kenya–

<http://www.nation.co.ke/lifestyle/weekend/-revolutionised-the-fight-against-HIV-in-Kenya/1220-3489124-format-xhtml-wc6mgq/index.html>

To win war against HIV infection, we must tackle drug addiction

<http://www.sde.co.ke/thenairobi/article/2000225719/to-win-war-against-hiv-infection-we-must-tackle-drug-addiction>

East African legislators back bid to provide medical assistance to drug addicts

<http://www.nation.co.ke/East-African-legislators-back-bid-to-provide-medical-assistance/1148-3484456-g1uorm/index.html>

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And a Prosperous
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re open on 3rd January 2017

Our DIC`s will be open throughout the festive season

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Established in 1990, KANCO has a membership of over 1200 partners in Kenya and other countries within the region namely: Burundi, Seychelles, Mauritius, Uganda, Ethiopia, Tanzania and Zanzibar. KANCO is also a partner with different regional and global advocacy networks such ACTION and RESULT. In 2009, KANCO was accredited as the Linking Organization (LO) of the International HIV/AIDS Alliance (The Alliance), a global network that supports communities around the world to reduce the spread of HIV and meet the challenges of HIV and AIDS and related health issues.

Guided by the vision of *healthy people, empowered communities*, KANCO has evolved to become a premier agency for sensitizing, mobilizing and promoting collaboration among civil society organisations (CSOs) working in the region.

Healthy people, empowered communities