

# Weekly Bulletin:

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### **KANCO 2018 Priority Agenda.**

In 2018, KANCO envisages to advance and continue contributing to the universal health coverage, towards the realization of its vision of a healthy people empowered communities. The organization will also advance its implementation of its 2016-2020 strategic plan guided by its four objectives namely:

- ♦ Improving Access to Health
- ♦ Health and Policy Advocacy
- ♦ Institutional Strengthening and Developing a Strong Unified Membership and
- ♦ Research Learning and Innovation

## Global Health Thought Leadership

In the face of decreasing donor funding and competing need for resources, strategic leadership in health as a key tenet for achievement of global development is imperative. There is also need to tap into the wealth of experience from health players and contributors globally.

Global Fund Advocates Network (GFAN) together with the Global Fund Secretariat recently organized a specialist meeting aimed at reviewing and re-conceptualizing the future frame and direction of aid from a global health perspective. KANCO was represented by the Executive Director Mr. Allan Ragi in the 4 day event taking place in West Sussex, England, from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> of January 2018.

The conference featured discussions around health and development, to stimulate a shared understanding and formulation of a Theory of Change to guide future collaborations. The discussion would also inform the context and possibilities for a new aid narrative.

The thought leaders retreat also provided an opportunity for views from the north and south hemispheres to converge issues of shared concern such as the political constraints facing health-related aid, exploring the challenges anticipated in introducing a new way of thinking on international cooperation as well as the opportunities available.

With the understanding that any new direction for aid must be a genuinely global vision, especially with the growth of the South-South Cooperation the leaders sought to understand what this development means for the priorities for low and middle income countries and implications of a new narrative for aid allocation and effectiveness.

There were also discussion on the elements of a new aid narrative, perceived to not shift aid practice so much but rather discuss what is already taking place. The leaders sought to understand the existence of any evidence which may lead to an underway new approach to aid and whether it would be in line with what works best.

As a way forward the experts agreed to build a compelling case for health, defining a theory of change and possible outcomes from it as well as assigning roles towards its realization.



## Rolling out Gavi Health systems strengthening Project

KANCO as the principle recipient of the GAVI Health Systems Strengthening grant is rolling out the GAVI funded Health Systems strengthening project, GAVI HSS. KANCO is in partnership with the Ministry of Health.

The project will be implemented in 17 high burden counties in Kenya and seeks to enhance the capacity of Civil Society Organizations CSOs to advocate for the increased demand for immunization coverage and services. This is towards strengthening the Maternal Newborn and Child Health Services in the 17 counties. The counties were identified through the Kenya country criteria that reviewed immunization coverage, equity issues and other performance indicators.

The 5 year project also seeks to accelerate strong political engagement, improve governance and financial sustainability for immunization outcomes in line with devolution by 2020. It also seeks to enhance achievement of equitable access and utilization of routine immunization services and in the target counties as well as in special populations in Nairobi County

Anchored on the fact that every child has the right to reach the age of 5 by accessing full immunization services, the project will use the community health strategy to increase demand hence uptake of vaccines and immunization services in these counties.

KANCO will build the capacity of local CSOs to increase the demand for maternal newborn and child health services in the target counties. The project is in motion with some of the project activities such as evaluation and selection of implementation partners having taken place to be followed closely by the organizational capacity assessment for partners.





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### **About KANCO**

KANCO is a regional membership network of NGOs, CBOs, FBOs, Private Sector actors, Research and Learning Institutions as well as associate membership that includes individuals and International Non-Governmental Organizations involved in or that have interest in HIV & AIDS, Tuberculosis (TB) and other public health care concerns.

Established in 1990, KANCO has implementing partners locally, regionally and globally with global advocacy networks; [ACTION](#) and [RESULTS](#) and is also an accredited linking organization of the [International HIV/AIDS Alliance](#) since 2009.

Over time KANCO has evolved to become a premier agency for sensitizing, mobilizing and promoting collaboration among civil society organizations (CSOs) working in the region.

**Our Vision:** Healthy People, Empowered Communities

**Our Mission:** To improve the Health and Well Being of Communities through Capacity Building and Promotion of Innovative Leadership