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Mission

The Interagency Coalition on AIDS and Development (ICAD) aims to lessen the impact of HIV/AIDS in resource-poor communities and countries. We are a coalition of Canadian international development organizations, AIDS service organizations, non-governmental organizations, and other interested organizations and individuals.

ICAD's objectives are to:

- advance education and knowledge about policy and programming issues pertaining to HIV/AIDS and international development;
- educate Canadians about the impact of HIV/AIDS in resource-poor communities and countries and of the work of Canadian non-profit organizations in this area;
- enhance the capacity of Canadian non-profit organizations to respond to the challenges of HIV/AIDS internationally by facilitating the exchange of expertise, experiences, skills, and information;
- motivate Canadian non-profit organizations to broaden their participation in health promotion and development activities which respond to the economic and social consequences of HIV infection and AIDS in resource-poor countries and communities;

- create a network at the national and international levels of individuals and non-profit organizations interested in programming and policy issues relating to HIV/AIDS and international development;
- promote communication and interaction between Canadian and international organizations in the global effort against HIV/AIDS.

Vision

ICAD is an organization with an enhanced capacity and structure. We will accomplish this by increasing our staff, strengthening our board, and actively engaging our members.

ICAD is an organization that is recognized as the leading national voice on HIV/AIDS and development issues. We will accomplish this by increasing our profile with: Canadian international development organizations, AIDS service organizations, other interested organizations and individuals, governments, and the media.

ICAD will establish and maintain a sustainable level of core funding, and enhance our revenue base. We will accomplish this through innovative and creative fund development strategies and partnerships.

ICAD will build the capacity within our membership. We will accomplish this by providing leadership in the areas of skills and resource development, dissemination of information and expertise, advocacy, networking, and partnerships.

General

Over the past year, ICAD continued to grow. At the beginning of the year, ICAD had 98 members; by the end of the fiscal year, membership included 137 organizations and individuals. In February, ICAD moved from the space provided by the YMCA of Ottawa-Carleton to an office building in downtown Ottawa. The site is centrally located and has adequate space to provide public access to the resource library.

In addition to support from members, ICAD received funding from Health Canada through the Canadian Strategy on HIV/AIDS (CSHA) and the International Affairs Directorate, and from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

Denise Lind, the program administrative officer, tendered her resignation and was replaced by Tanya Wood. In January, Rosemary Forbes was hired as a full time program officer responsible for capacity building projects. ICAD hosted three interns this year: Linda Kuik and Chi Lin Ng from Communications Management at the University of The Hague, and Cortleigh Teolis who served as a youth intern under the Human Resources Development Youth Employment Programme.

Information Sharing

One of the cornerstones of ICAD's work has been the publication and distribution of topical fact sheets and bibliographies on issues related to HIV/AIDS internationally. Fact sheets were distributed to members and circulated widely through the ICAD web site, which was increasingly accessed by international partners. In addition to updating five regional issues fact sheets with the latest epidemic data, ICAD produced or updated the following materials:

- HIV/AIDS: A Development Issue
- Access to HIV/AIDS Treatment in Developing Countries
- HIV/AIDS and Displaced Persons
- HIV/AIDS and Food Security
- HIV/AIDS and Education
- HIV/AIDS and Microfinance
- HIV/AIDS and Policies Affecting Children
- HIV/AIDS, Injection Drug Use, Harm Reduction and Development
- HIV/AIDS: Mother-to-Child Transmission
- Best Practices for Care of AIDS Orphans

ICAD also produced two annotated bibliographies:

- Our Peers, Our World, Our Future: Resources on HIV/AIDS and Youth in Developing Countries
- Children and Families Affected by HIV/AIDS

A resource guide outlining sources of funding for twinning partnerships was produced for members. Four editions of the ICAD newsletter were published, providing information to members on new resources, upcoming events, and topical articles.

ICAD participated in World AIDS Day (WAD) activities in December 2001 by presenting a national radio commentary and participating in press conferences and interviews. Cooperating with CARE Canada, Partnership Africa Canada (PAC), and Cooperation Canada Mozambique (COCAMO), journalists from Zambia, Mozambique, Canada, and Trinidad were commissioned to write articles about how local communities in their countries are coping with HIV/AIDS. Seven articles (five in English and two in French) were published in local

newspapers and community magazines. A special edition of the ICAD newsletter was produced for World AIDS Day featuring these stories.

In September 2001, ICAD completely redesigned its web site. New features include:

- a job board where individuals who want to work abroad can post their CVs and organizations looking for HIV/AIDS professionals can post openings or contract positions;
- a partnering forum to give groups who are interested in twinning an opportunity to post their priorities and to contact organizations with similar interests and backgrounds;
- a youth site with information about HIV/AIDS issues as they pertain to youth and links to internships and other suggestions on how to get involved.

Consultations and Workshops

Summit of the Americas

ICAD collaborated with Médecins sans Frontières (MSF) to present a paper related to access to treatment in resource-poor countries at the Summit of the Americas held in Quebec in April 2001.

UNGASS Consultation

On behalf of the government of Canada, ICAD hosted a consultation in May 2001 involving Canadian community and government representatives to comment on the draft UN Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS. A web-based discussion forum was launched prior to the meeting to provide an opportunity for input from across the country. With funding from Health Canada, ICAD was represented by Michael O'Connor and Dionne A. Falconer at the UN General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) on HIV/AIDS in New York in June 2001.

Third Canadian HIV/AIDS Skills Building Symposium

ICAD served as a national planning partner on the international perspectives working group for the third Canadian HIV/AIDS Skills Building Symposium, which was held in Montreal in June 2001. ICAD also presented two workshops on twinning and international HIV/AIDS issues and, with the Canadian AIDS Society (CAS), CIDA, and the International Affairs Directorate of Health Canada co-hosted a satellite workshop on how Canadians can be involved in international AIDS issues.

With funding from the scholarships secretariat of CIDA, ICAD was able to bring 24 international participants and some facilitators to the workshop. As many of the twinning partnerships were represented at the symposium, it was possible to conduct a workshop to document lessons learned from the first round of twinning partnerships funded by CIDA.

Mainstreaming Workshop

In July 2001, Peter Busse, past chair of South Africa's National Association of People Living with AIDS, and Musa Njoko, a PHA activist from South Africa, presented a two-day workshop for 25 members on mainstreaming HIV/AIDS into development programming. Co-hosted by CARE Canada, the workshop focussed on what organizations need to do to take HIV/AIDS into consideration in their programming and policies.

Workshop on Best Practices and AIDS Orphans

ICAD held a workshop at its September 2001 Annual General Meeting (AGM) on HIV/AIDS orphans and their families. John Watson,

Executive Director of CARE Canada, gave the keynote address. Five presenters provided information on issues related to HIV/AIDS orphans in the context of Uganda, Kenya, Malawi, and Canada. Participants developed a set of best practices for working with HIV/AIDS orphans and their families. This best practices document was subsequently published as a fact sheet.

Youth and HIV/AIDS

ICAD collaborated with the Canadian Society for International Health (CSIH) to host a youth intern to gather information on HIV/AIDS and youth issues internationally. During her placement with ICAD, Cortleigh Teolis collected reports on youth issues from seven interns from around the world and developed an educational workshop on youth and HIV/AIDS issues. The workshop included a Jeopardy-style quiz game, overheads, and other training materials. Cortleigh presented her training workshop to CIDA staff on World AIDS Day. Cortleigh also developed an annotated bibliography on youth and HIV/AIDS issues, and presented a workshop at the CSIH international health conference.

Consultation on Global Fund for HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM)

In November 2001, ICAD set up a web-based discussion forum to gather views from Canadian organizations on the scope, priorities, and mandate that should govern the new fund that was being set up under the auspices of the Secretary General of the UN to address HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria. ICAD Executive Director Michael O'Connor participated in the NGO forum on the Global Fund in November in Brussels and presented the NGO recommendations at a consultation hosted by CIDA to obtain input on the government's position on this initiative.

After consulting with NGOs working on tuberculosis and malaria, ICAD was selected to represent the interests of the three NGO communities as a delegate on the Canadian team participating in the final planning meeting for the transitional working group of the Fund.

Promoting Twinning in the Americas

In December 2001, ICAD, with members of the North American Council of AIDS Service Organizations (NACASO), sponsored a two-day workshop, which brought together 25 ASOs from Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba, Guatemala, Mexico, Haiti, Venezuela, and the US. The workshop explored ways to support twinning partnerships between organizations in the Americas.

Visit of Executive Director of UNAIDS

On behalf of AIDS and development organizations in Canada, ICAD was invited to host a reception for Peter Piot, Executive Director of UNAIDS, during his visit to Ottawa in March 2002. Dr. Piot came to Canada to meet government officials to urge them to continue to provide support for HIV/AIDS in Canada and around the world. The reception at the Ottawa Press Club was attended by 65 NGOs, ASOs, and government officials.

Networking

In April 2001, following an invitation from the Federal Ministerial Council on HIV/AIDS, ICAD made a short presentation on what Canada and Canadians gain from involvement in HIV/AIDS internationally. The presentation included examples of successful twinning projects.

In an effort to promote continuing support for HIV/AIDS programming domestically and internationally, ICAD prepared a briefing documentation for Members of Parliament and participated in a meet-the-MPs luncheon held on Parliament Hill in May 2001.

ICAD was an active participant in the following networks: North American Council of AIDS Service Organizations (NACASO); the Health Canada International Affairs Directorate Working Group on International HIV/AIDS; the AIDS Coordination Group, The Netherlands; HIDNA, Australia; UK NGO Alliance, London.

ICAD participated in the task group charged with planning the follow-up meeting to the October 2000 CSHA directions-setting consultation held at Grey Rocks.

In March, ICAD and several other NGOs, including Médecins sans Frontières, the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, and CARE Canada, participated in the formation of a working group established to coordinate advocacy work related to access to treatment in resource-poor countries. Activities included updating the Access to

Twinning

Treatment fact sheet providing members with materials on access to treatment and World Trade Organization (WTO) policies.

In October 2001, ICAD participated in the sixth International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (ICAAP) in Melbourne, Australia.

A second round of funding for the HIV/AIDS small grants project was announced by the Minister of International Cooperation, Maria Minna, in November 2001 which allowed Canadian organizations to develop partnerships with organizations with similar interests in developing and emerging countries. The Canadian Society for International Health and ICAD jointly managed the grant project. ICAD provided technical assistance to grant recipients in areas such as cross-cultural training and orientation, as well as support for partners to build sustainable partnerships.

ICAD is cooperating with The Communications Initiative to investigate ways which information and communications technology can be used to promote twinning partnerships. The project will involve a survey of needs and result in a business plan which might include a multi stakeholder web site promoting communications between organizations in the fight against AIDS globally.

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We extend thanks to the staff and Board of Directors for their hard work and commitment over the past year and to our members for their continued support.

Board of Directors 2001-2002

- Dionne A. Falconer, President (Canadian AIDS Society), Toronto, ON
- Tish Murphy, Vice-President (individual member), St John's, NF
- Paul MacPhee, Secretary (PHA, individual member), Toronto, ON
- Andrew Johnson, Treasurer (Canadian Association of Nurses in AIDS Care), Vancouver, BC
- Sian FitzGerald, (PATH Canada), Ottawa, ON
- Gail Steckley, (PHA, CARE Canada), Ottawa, ON
- David Patterson, (Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network), Montreal, QC
- Jim MacKinnon, (Oxfam Canada), Ottawa, ON
- Randy Fleming, (Coalition on AIDS and International Development), Saskatoon, SK

Staff 2001-2002

- Michael O'Connor, Executive Director
- Rosemary Forbes, Program Officer (as of January 2002)
- Francisca Sousa, Financial Analyst
- Denise Lind, Administrative Program Officer (until March 2002)
- Tanya Wood, Administrative Program Officer (as of March 2002)
- Cortleigh Teolis, Intern (until December 2001)
- Linda Kuik, Intern (September 2001 to January 2002)
- Chi Lin Ng, Intern (as of March 2002)

Statement of Financial Position

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and short-term deposits	58,572	14,948
Accounts receivable	51,041	84,250
Prepaid expenses	<u>15,415</u>	<u>1,105</u>
	<u>125,028</u>	<u>100,303</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	21,103	50,878
Deferred revenue	<u>70,222</u>	<u>6,210</u>
	<u>\$91,325</u>	<u>\$57,088</u>
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	<u>33,703</u>	<u>43,215</u>
	<u>\$125,028</u>	<u>\$100,303</u>

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Revenues		
Health Canada	287,679	210,000
International Development Research Centre	-	101,005
Canadian International Development Agency	108,844	11,000
Membership	7,927	5,100
Miscellaneous revenues	<u>9,563</u>	<u>35,294</u>
	<u>\$414,013</u>	<u>\$362,399</u>
Expenses		
Operations	61,604	2,147
Salaries and benefits	127,029	37,763
Professional Fees	-	196,290
Projects	<u>234,892</u>	<u>93,325</u>
	<u>\$423,525</u>	<u>\$349,525</u>
(DEFICIENCY) EXCESS OF REVENUES		
OVER EXPENSES	(9,512)	12,874
Net assets as beginning of year	<u>43,215</u>	<u>30,341</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u>\$ 33,703</u>	<u>\$43,215</u>



Dionne A. Falconer - President



Michael O'Connor - Executive Director