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Mission and Objectives

Established in 1989, ICAD is a coalition of 160 AIDS service organizations (ASOs), international development organizations (NGOs), faith based organizations, and unions interested in HIV/AIDS and development issues.

Our mission is to lessen the spread and impact of HIV/AIDS in resource-poor communities and countries by providing leadership and actively contributing to the Canadian and international response. Our objectives are to:

- educate members and the public on HIV/AIDS and its impact on international development;
- support research, education, and knowledge about policy and programming pertaining to HIV/AIDS and international development; and
- promote communication and collaboration between Canadian and other organizations in the global effort against HIV/AIDS.

ICAD's Intended Outcomes

ICAD is working towards a number of mid- and long-term outcomes to ensure that:

- Canada contributes more effectively to preventing and mitigating the impact of HIV/AIDS on vulnerable groups and peoples around the world, particularly women and children;
- Countries that are most acutely struggling with HIV/AIDS look first to Canada for community-based expertise, assistance, and support or resources;
- Canada's international HIV/AIDS development effort becomes recognized as a global model of best practice, which is rights-based, gender-sensitive, and effective;
- Canada's HIV prevention, diagnosis, care, treatment, and support strategies, particularly within resource-poor communities, are improved by knowledge and experience from other parts of the world.

ICAD in 2006-2007:

Throughout the year, ICAD has continued to meet the evolving needs and interests of its diverse membership. We have produced a number of new publications on HIV and AIDS and have offered a variety of consultative services, workshops, and presentations. In addition, we have contributed to conferences, sponsored internships, and collaborated on campaigns aimed at increasing funding for international programming on HIV/AIDS. We coordinated several activities at the XVI International AIDS conference held in Toronto in August 2006, including a satellite session on gender, HIV, and food security. ICAD provided valuable input into the CIDA International Cooperation Days by hosting a workshop on how to improve Canada's AIDS response. ICAD participates in Health Canada's consultative group on HIV/AIDS issues and sits as the North American delegate to the UNAIDS Program Coordinating Board. ICAD is collaborating with the African and Caribbean Council on HIV/AIDS in Ontario (ACCHO) to develop a strategy for addressing HIV and AIDS issues for Canadians from countries where AIDS is endemic.

PUBLICATIONS

Publications developed by ICAD during 2006-2007 include:

Annotated Bibliography - HIV/AIDS among Persons from Countries Where HIV/AIDS is Endemic

ICAD produced this annotated bibliography to support and promote further research and work on the topic of HIV and AIDS among persons from countries where HIV is endemic. The bibliography highlights epidemiological data, challenges and barriers faced by groups within the African and Caribbean communities and the communities as a whole, and identifies program and policy recommendations.

HIV/AIDS and African Diaspora Communities Living in Canada

This fact sheet is an update of the 2002 fact sheet on HIV/AIDS and African and Caribbean Communities in Canada. It provides updates of epidemiological information and reports on research, training, and advocacy efforts underway to address HIV/AIDS within this community.

The Emigration of Healthcare Professionals to High-Income Countries

This fact sheet discusses emigration of healthcare workers from developing countries to high income countries and the impact of this trend on HIV/AIDS. The factors that drive this phenomenon, as well as possible solutions, are discussed.

The Jean Chrétien Pledge to Africa ACT (JCPA) and its Impact on Improving Access to HIV/AIDS Treatment in Developing Countries

Produced jointly by ICAD and the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, this background document provides an update on the JCPA Act, which allows Canadian manufacturers of generic drugs to produce and export drugs still under patent in Canada. The background document provides detailed analysis of World Trade Organization (WTO) regulations and the positive aspects and shortcomings of the Canadian response.

Report on Conference Sessions Interlinking HIV/AIDS, Food Security, and Gender Equality

With support from Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and the International Development Research Council (IDRC), ICAD produced a report on the satellites and panel discussions that took place at the XVI International AIDS conference in Toronto which focused on AIDS gender and food security. The report synthesizes the key issues raised as well as the common themes arising out of the sessions.

HIV/AIDS, Gender and Household Food Security: The Rural Dimension

This fact sheet describes how agricultural policies and programmes can mitigate the impact of HIV and demonstrates the importance of ensuring a gender dimension is taken into consideration in food security and livelihood programming.

Updated Factsheets

A number of ICAD's factsheets were reviewed and revised during the year. These included our **Regional HIV/AIDS** fact sheets for Eastern Europe and Central

Asia, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, and Sub-Saharan Africa. An effective response to the epidemic needs to be built on an understanding of how gender influences the HIV/AIDS epidemic. ICAD's **HIV/AIDS and Gender** factsheet was revised to focus specifically on issues of vulnerability and risk for both men and women. Two other factsheets, **HIV/AIDS and Young People** and **Best Practises for the Care of Children with HIV/AIDS**, were revised to mirror the lessons learned from our work in the field.

HIV/AIDS as an Episodic Disability in the Workplace

In partnership with the Coalition des organismes communautaires Québécois de lutte contre le sida (COCQ-SIDA), ICAD developed two resource kits. The first, for organizations wishing to integrate a rights-based approach to HIV/AIDS in

their workplace, consists of 14 information sheets on topics such as discrimination, privacy protection, and the duty to accommodate. It also provides a useful sample policy template with explanations and practical instructions on how organizations can implement a rights-based approach. The second kit targets people living with HIV and AIDS and consists of seven information sheets focusing on employment information, human rights in the workplace and discriminatory business practices. It includes examples of successful job accommodations as well as responses to frequently asked questions. These information sheets are the end product of 20 ICAD workshops, held across the country during the period 2005-07, for the ICAD member organizations, government departments, private sector companies, and people living with HIV.

Consultations

ICAD activities at the Toronto 2006 International AIDS conference included:

- A satellite session focusing on gender, AIDS, and food security which was moderated by Stephen Lewis and involved CARE Canada, CHF Partners in Rural Development, World Vision and PATH Canada.
- A collaboration with the African & Caribbean Coalition on HIV/AIDS in Ontario (ACCHO) and five organizations from the United Kingdom, France, Belgium, the European Union and the United States to host a satellite to highlight the hidden HIV/AIDS epidemic in populations from HIV - endemic regions of Africa and the Caribbean living in western industrialized countries.
- A satellite on Twinning: Sharing Lessons Learned which focused on three different models of twinning from Canada, the USA, and France. The strengths and weaknesses of each were described and compared.

Promoting Aid Effectiveness through Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration to Foster a Comprehensive Response to HIV/AIDS

ICAD organized a presentation during the CIDA International Cooperation Days (ICD), from October 30 to November 1, 2006, to highlight the activities Canada should undertake to have an effective and comprehensive response to HIV and AIDS. The recommendations were based on the Global Treatment Access Group (GTAG) platform which calls for various government departments to take action in addressing HIV and AIDS.

Workshops

Bridging the Gap, Integrating the Determinants of Health Framework into Core Development Approaches

From September 28 to 30, 2006, the ICAD and the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network held their annual general meetings and skills building workshops in Gatineau, Québec. The theme of the event was, “AIDS and the Third World Inside and Outside Canada”. More than 130 people attended. The skills building workshop at the AGM focused on Determinants of Health: Domestic and International Approaches to HIV/AIDS. The purpose of the workshop was to develop a common understanding of the determinants of health (DOH) framework as it is applied in domestic and international HIV/AIDS work.

Behind the Pandemic: Uncovering the Links between Social Inequity and HIV/AIDS

With funding from the CIDA Public Engagement Fund, ICAD sponsored 11 workshops across Canada in 2006-7. Our Behind the Pandemic resource kit, upon which the workshops are based, uses experiential education to help Canadians explore the social dynamics behind the HIV/AIDS pandemic, the underlying reasons why some population groups and regions of the world are more vulnerable, the impact of the pandemic at a local and global level, and a framework that can be used to make a difference. The workshops were co-hosted with the AIDS Committee of Newfoundland and Labrador, Oxfam Canada, AIDS PEI, the Atlantic Centre of Excellence for Women’s Health (Dalhousie University), Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation (SCIC), Daughters of Africa (DOA), Victoria International Development Education Association (VIDEA), Salt Spring Organization for Life Improvement and Development (SOLID), World University Services of Canada (WUSC), the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC), AIDS committee of Toronto, AIDS Committee of Ottawa, the BC Council for International

Networking

UNGASS High Level Review

The United Nations General Assembly convened a high-level meeting to review the progress achieved in realizing the targets set out in the 2001 Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS. Michael O’Connor represented ICAD at this meeting, which was held from May 31 to June 2, 2006 in New York.

GFATM Partnership Forum

Every two years, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS TB and Malaria holds a stakeholder meeting to seek input from the broader community on the operations of the fund throughout the world. The meeting took place in Durban from June 20 to July 2 and was attended by 400 people from 90 countries. As a member of the Partnership Forum Steering Committee, the ICAD executive director co-facilitated some of the working group sessions and presented the actions taken on the recommendation put forward at the first Partnership Forum.

World AIDS Day

In recognition of World AIDS Day, representatives of ICAD took part in a panel discussion hosted by the Canadian Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development. The event was entitled “The Global AIDS Crisis: What Can Canada Do?”

Cooperation, and HIV Edmonton. 500 hard copies and CDs of the resource kit were distributed during the year.

HIV/AIDS Small Grants Fund

A workshop for Small Grants Fund recipients was held December 11-13, 2006 in Ottawa. The workshop strengthened the capacity of the small grants recipients in the following areas: results based management, gender, and evaluation.

HIV/AIDS as an Episodic Disability in the Workplace

As part of a series of 20 workshops for ASOs and NGOs on HIV/AIDS as an episodic disability in the workplace, held in 2005-7, ICAD facilitated the final two in Peterborough and Edmonton during the 2006/7 financial year. An additional

four workshops were held in Vancouver, Toronto, St. John’s, and Goose Bay in April and May 2007. These last four were facilitated by the three organizations trained to conduct the workshops in their respective regions: AIDS Vancouver, AIDS Committee of Toronto, and AIDS Newfoundland and Labrador.

Other programming

CIDA's International Youth Internship Program

The purpose of the CIDA Youth Internship Program is to provide opportunities for Canadian youth to get involved in international HIV/AIDS work by linking organizations in Canada with AIDS organizations overseas. ICAD received approval for six interns for the fiscal year 2006/2007. The interns were placed as follows:

- Project Capacity Development Coordinator, Zambia
(Canadian Host Organization: ICAD)
- HIV/AIDS Project Manager, Tanzania
(Canadian Host Organization: CACHA)
- Youth Counseling Coordinator, Lesotho
(Canadian Host Organization: Help Lesotho)
- Orphans and Vulnerable Children Project Liaison, Tanzania
(Host Organization: CACHA)
- Project Coordinator, Gabon
(Host Organization: CACHA)
- HIV/AIDS Program Officer, Malawi
(Host Organization: Healthbridge)

Small Grants Program

ICAD and the Canadian Society for International Health (CSIH) are jointly managing the third phase of the CIDA funded HIV/AIDS Small Grants Fund (SGF). The specific objectives of the third phase are:

- To encourage and strengthen partnerships/twinings between Canadian non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and community-based organizations (CBOs) involved in international HIV/AIDS work and counterparts in developing countries and/or countries in transition;
- To build the capacity of smaller Canadian NGOs and CBOs to play a substantive role in international partnerships/twinings for HIV/AIDS;
- To address the gendered aspects of the HIV/AIDS epidemic; and
- To encourage cost-effective, innovative, inter-sectoral knowledge-based approaches to HIV/AIDS, particularly as they address the socio-economic determinants of health among vulnerable populations.

This phase, which runs from 2006-8 is supporting 20 partnerships between Canadian NGOs/ASOs and HIV/AIDS organizations in Bolivia, Pakistan, Vietnam, Thailand, China, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia, Uganda, Zimbabwe, and Lesotho.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	March 31	
	2007	2006
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 135,267	\$ 84,660
Accounts receivable	51,469	98,828
Prepaid expenses	6,410	14,600
	193,146	198,088
CAPITAL ASSETS	9,740	12,175
	\$ 202,886	\$ 210,263
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 44,748	\$ 35,517
Deferred Revenue	22,809	58,854
	67,557	94,371
NET ASSETS		
Invested in capital assets	9,740	12,175
Unrestricted	125,589	103,717
	135,329	115,892
	\$ 202,886	\$ 210,263

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

	Year Ended March 31	
	2007	2006
Revenues		
Public Health Agency of Canada	\$ 458,350	\$ 450,780
Canadian International Development Agency	228,103	228,653
Canadian Society for International Health	60,081	-
International Partnership for Microbicides	33,698	25,833
Canadian Working Group on HIV and Rehabilitation	29,500	-
International Development Research Centre (IDRC)	20,000	-
Memberships	18,150	9,050
Donations and special contributions	10,430	28,078
Health Canada	-	31,029
Other	5,929	6,593
	864,241	780,016
Project Expenses (Schedule)		
Public Health Agency of Canada	458,349	450,980
Canadian International Development Agency	228,103	218,990
Other	158,352	93,513
	844,804	763,483
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	\$ 19,437	\$ 16,533



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