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## Annual Report

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### Mission and Objectives

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

### Intended Outcomes

In order to fulfill our stated mission, 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 with resource-poor communities, are improved by knowledge and experience from other parts of the world.

## PUBLICATIONS

One of ICAD's primary concentrations is on providing education, programs and services that raise awareness about, and engagement in, HIV/AIDS and development. Part of this process involves the compilation and interpretation of research findings related to HIV/AIDS and development, in order to facilitate access and use by policy makers, organizational leaders and practitioners. Publications developed in 2007-2008 were distributed to all of our members, and were made public via the ICAD website. These included:

### Civil Society Perspectives on Canada's Global Engagement on HIV and AIDS

In conjunction with the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network and the Canadian Working Group on HIV and Rehabilitation (CWGHR) ICAD led a public consultation process, the goal of which was to increase our understanding of key voluntary sector and other stakeholder perspectives on how Canada should engage in global HIV and AIDS efforts. A full report on the consultations as well as a shorter summary of key recommendations has been published.

### Taking Action on HIV and AIDS in Black Communities in Canada: A Resource For Moving Ahead

As part of ICAD's support for the development of a national HIV and AIDS strategy for Black Canadian, African and Caribbean communities in Canada, this resource identifies a series of suggested actions specifically for Black community members, and can be used at the municipal, provincial and national levels to enable better planning and delivery of HIV/AIDS programs and services to Black communities. It was developed through a series of cross-country interviews and focus groups with Black community members including people living with HIV/AIDS, researchers, service providers and other key stakeholders.

### Potential Funding Sources for ICAD Members

This resource provides an updated comprehensive list and description of potential funding sources for HIV/AIDS projects or organizations in Canada and overseas. The entries are not set up as comprehensive descriptions of particular funding bodies, but of funding prospects (both likely and not so likely) for ICAD and its members.

### Tools, Trends and New Technologies in HIV Prevention

Produced by ICAD, this fact sheet outlines progress in research and development in new HIV prevention technologies including: diaphragms and cervical barriers; treatment of HSV-2; male circumcision; vaginal and rectal microbicides; vaccines; and pre-exposure prophylaxis. The fact sheet discusses the steps involved in the research process for these prevention tools and outlines Canada's activities in developing New Prevention Technologies (NPT).

### Innovative Financing Mechanisms

To meet the goal of universal access to HIV and AIDS prevention, treatment, care and support by 2010, available financial resources must more than quadruple by 2010 compared to 2007 – up to US\$ 41.2 billion – and continue to rise to US\$ 52 billion by 2015. This fact sheet explores some of the proposals for innovative financing mechanisms being considered by countries as a way to generate additional resources to address the funding gap to address HIV and other development priorities.

### Gender Analysis for Project Planners

The fact sheet provides an overview of gender analysis in the context of AIDS and development projects – and provides a methodology for integrating gender issues at different stages of the project cycle.

### Gender-Based Violence and HIV & AIDS

were revised to mirror the lessons learned. Gender-based violence (GBV) is one of the driving forces of the HIV/AIDS epidemic worldwide. Although violence against women (VAW) is by far the most common form of GBV, it is not the only way that GBV manifests itself. Understanding that males are also systemically vulnerable to GBV is an important step in breaking down gender barriers and improving the effectiveness of HIV & AIDS programming. Without diminishing the magnitude of VAW, this factsheet provides the reader with an understanding of how GBV, in many forms, increases the risk of HIV infection.

### Disability and HIV and AIDS

This factsheet looks at current global programming initiatives. It also examines the links between HIV and disability and the current move towards growing awareness as demonstrated through increased studies on the topic, media coverage, and emerging legislation. The fact sheet highlights some of the emerging guidelines for integrating people with disabilities into existing HIV and AIDS programming.

### Annotated Bibliography: Globalization and HIV/AIDS

This fact sheet offers a comprehensive list of important Canadian and international sources on globalization and HIV and AIDS. It is divided into two subsections. The first section contains informative articles and books examining the concept of globalization itself. The second section explores globalization and HIV/AIDS and globalization and global health.

## Networking and Policy Initiatives

### INTERNATIONAL

As the North American delegate to the UN UNAIDS Program Coordinating Board (UNPCB), Michael O'Connor, ICAD Executive Director, attended the following events:

#### 20th UNPCB Meeting

**Geneva, Switzerland, June 25-27, 2007**

- The PCB serves as the governing body of UNAIDS; Following the meeting, Michael O'Connor was asked to sit on the Global Implementation Support Team (GIST) which provides technical support to both government and NGOs facing challenges in implementing HIV and AIDS projects.

#### 21st UNAIDS Program Coordinating Board Meeting

**Geneva, Switzerland, December 17-18, 2007**

Michael O'Connor attended the following events in the capacity of Executive Director for ICAD:

#### World AIDS Campaign Planning Meeting

**Nairobi, Kenya, July 2-4, 2007**

- The theme for World AIDS Day for the next two years was decided upon as "Leadership", with the campaigning slogan, "Stop AIDS. Keep the Promise."
- The UN will host a meeting in June 2008 to review progress in meeting targets set out in the June 2006 High level UNGASS meeting on AIDS. ICAD will work with its members to provide civil society input into this review.

#### Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) 16th Board Meeting

**Kunming, China, November 12-13, 2007**

- The Board approved 73 new grants worth more than US\$1.1 billion over two years marking the first time in the organization's history to approve a funding round beyond the one billion dollar mark.

#### Biannual International Conference on Microbicides 2008

**New Delhi, India, February 24-27, 2007**

- Provided participants with updated information on recent microbicides research and developments.

### DOMESTIC

#### House of Science and Technology hearings concerning Canada's Access to Medicines Regime (CAMR)

**April 18, 2007**

- ICAD testified at the hearings, urging government to address flaws in the legislation which have prohibited any drugs from being exported to-date.

#### Support to national-level work aimed at addressing HIV/AIDS in the Black Canadian, African and Caribbean communities

- Interviews with community leaders and service providers took place across the country and ICAD is drafting a resource on the results of the findings.

#### Launch of North-South Institute's Report on Canada's Response to the Global HIV/AIDS Pandemic

**December 11, 2007**

- Michael O'Connor participated as a respondent during the North-South Institute's (NSI) formal launch of their report *AIDS, Development and Canadian Policy: Achieving universal access by 2010*.

#### 4th Canadian Microbicides Symposium

**January 28, 2008**

- The Roundtable Discussion, attended by NGOs, pharmaceutical companies and the Canadian government, analyzed the current state of research on Microbicides.

## An Intern's Experience



What is at the centre of sub-Saharan Africa's painful HIV/AIDS epidemic? Does it result from a lack of proper education, or the dissemination of false and misleading information? Could it be due to the social gender imbalance that leaves many women unable to demand protection from sexually-transmitted infections? What about a lack of access to medication, contraceptives and health facilities? How much of it is a result of sexual behaviour or polygamy?

My experience as the Resource Mobilization Manager for the community-based organization, the Kabompo AIDS Programme (KAP), gave me some insight into the symbiotic relationship between the many factors contributing to the epidemic. I witnessed the roles that extreme poverty, lack of access to education, medication or health services, stigma and gender inequities can all play in worsening the impact of HIV.

Located in the north-western province of Zambia, KAP is a local, grassroots organization, dedicated to providing information on sexual health, nutrition, STIs and positive living to residents of the Kabompo district. This is an extremely remote, resource-deprived area of Zambia, where many rely on subsistence farming for survival.

My role with KAP focused on the development of project proposals, training and workshop facilitation in areas of strategic organizational planning, as well as continued support of youth and HIV outreach programmes, and fundraising for local community schools.

I am now motivated to share my experience with other Canadians. As mentioned, the causes of this epidemic are numerous, and actions need to be taken on both a domestic and international level. As individual Canadians, we have the power to make a tremendous difference in the world. By staying informed and being involved with wider development initiatives, we can use our faculties to bring about tangible, positive change.

## Workshops

ICAD held the following workshops during 2007-2008:

#### Second National Consultation on the Global Engagement Component of Canada's Response to HIV and AIDS September 28, 2007

- The consultation was part of a wider process to increase understanding of civil society perspectives on how Canada should engage in global HIV and AIDS efforts, as well as lead to a greater understanding of civil society contributions to the Canadian global response.
- ICAD is leading this consultation with funding from the Public Health Agency of Canada and the International Affairs Directorate of Health Canada and in partnership with the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network and Canadian Working Group on HIV and Rehabilitation (CWGHR).

#### Strategic Planning and Public Engagement Workshop

**February 20, 2008**

- ICAD Staff and Board members joined representatives from four of our member agencies in a day-long strategic planning and public engagement workshop to ensure the needs of our members were properly integrated into our plans.
- ICAD staff will be completing a comprehensive strategy to strengthen its public engagement profile

## Profile of a Small Grant Programme

One successful project that has resulted from the small grants funding disbursed through ICAD, is that of the "Body Mapping" project.

This initiative is a result of the collaboration between two NGOs: - The Canadian AIDS Treatment Information Exchange (CATIE), and the Regional Psychosocial Support Initiative (REPSSI). The project involves the treatment of HIV+ women in Zambia, Tanzania and Canada, using an integrated approach between psychosocial support and biomedical information on their condition. Treatment is undertaken through an exercise called "body mapping", in which HIV+ women create life-sized paintings illustrating both the

impacts of HIV on their bodies, as well as other symbols of support and hope. The resulting "body maps" can then be extended to complete "tracing books", which can track wellness and illness on an ongoing basis, and offer health care providers a complete picture of the patient's condition. It is an easily accessible form of treatment, and is therefore easily replicated in other regions and organizations. The aim is to empower women in their diagnosis by providing them with a better understanding of HIV and its impacts on health, overcoming social isolation and developing improved personal coping strategies.



## Other Programming — International Twinning

Twinning Programmes play a major role in achieving the objectives set by ICAD and our overseas partners. It is thanks to the internship and small grants programmes that ICAD is able to provide our members with vital information from grassroots HIV/AIDS organizations all over the world. These mutually-beneficial partnerships sow the seeds for sustainable, successful collaboration between AIDS service organizations in the Global North and South.

### ICAD/CIDA Youth International Internship Programme

The Youth Internship Programme provides Canadian youth with a rare opportunity to work internationally with community-based HIV/AIDS programmes. This year, we offered 8 internships through our Canadian host organizations (and 12 in 2007-8). The 2007-8 positions, along with the host organizations, were as follows:

- Resource Mobilization Manager, Zambia (Host Organization: ICAD)
- Junior Project Officer, Uganda (Host Organization: AMREF)
- Orphans and Vulnerable Children Program Coordinator, Tanzania (Host Organization: CACHA)
- Dispensary and Outreach Project Coordinator, Gabon (Host Organization: CACHA)
- Community Safety and Violence Prevention Assistant, Malawi (Host Organization: CAPAIDS)
- HIV/AIDS Health Programmer, Ethiopia (Host Organization: Canadian Nurses Association)

- Community Micro-credit Program Coordinator, Ghana (Host Organization: Daughters of Africa)
- Out-of-School Youth Support Officer, Lesotho (Host Organization: Help Lesotho)

### Small Grants Funding

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). Twenty partnerships are receiving \$100,000 each. The specific objectives of the third phase are:

- To encourage and strengthen partnerships/twinning 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/twinning 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,

## Public Engagement

During 2007-2008, ICAD sent letters to Prime Minister Harper in preparation for the following events:

### G8 Summit Meeting

*Heiligendamm, Germany, June 6-8, 2007*

- The letter urged Canada to increase foreign aid commitment to the internationally-agreed level of 0.7% of gross national income (GNI), and to commit to a payment of 5% of the resource needs of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM) over each of the next five years.

### The Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) Replenishment Conference

*Berlin, Germany, September 26-28, 2007*

- ICAD wrote Prime Minister Harper encouraging him to demonstrate Canada's commitment to the GFATM. Developed by the Global Treatment Access Group (GTAG), this letter called on Canada to provide 5% of the funds needed by the GFATM.

### World AIDS Day

*December 1, 2007*

- GTAG, in a letter endorsed by 52 Canadian NGOs and ASOs, encouraged the Prime Minister to announce renewed funding for the GFATM.



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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.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

	March 31	
	2008	2007
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 135,808	\$ 135,267
Accounts receivable	109,021	51,469
Prepaid expenses	2,414	6,410
	247,243	193,146
<b>CAPITAL ASSETS</b>	7,588	9,740
	\$ 254,831	\$ 202,886
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 33,100	\$ 44,748
Deferred Revenue	58,014	22,809
	91,114	67,557
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Invested in capital assets	7,588	9,740
Unrestricted	156,129	125,589
	163,717	135,329
	\$ 254,831	\$ 202,886

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES**

	Year Ended March 31	
	2008	2007
<b>Revenues</b>		
Public Health Agency of Canada	\$ 353,463	\$ 458,350
Health Canada	32,244	-
Canadian International Development Agency	143,728	228,103
Human Resources and Skills Development Agency	15,496	-
Canadian Society for International Health	120,117	60,081
International Partnership for Microbicides	46,871	33,698
Canadian Working Group on HIV and Rehabilitation	-	29,500
International Development Research Centre (IDRC)	-	20,000
Memberships	14,814	18,150
Donations and special contributions	27,023	10,430
Other	14,200	5,929
	767,956	864,241
<b>Project Expenses (Schedule)</b>		
Public Health Agency of Canada	354,497	458,349
Health Canada	32,244	-
Canadian International Development Agency	143,853	228,103
Other	208,974	158,352
	739,568	844,804
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	\$ 28,388	\$ 19,437