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ICAD is a coalition of 120 AIDS service organizations (ASOs), international development organizations (NGOs), faith based organizations and unions interested in HIV/AIDS and development issues

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Mission

The mission of the Interagency Coalition on AIDS and Development (ICAD) is to lessen the spread and impact of HIV and AIDS in resource-poor communities and countries by providing leadership and actively contributing to the Canadian and international response.



Friends of AIDS Support Trust in Malawi, Nsanje district

Established in 1989, ICAD is a Canadian membership-based coalition consisting of over 100 AIDS service organizations, development NGOs, educational institutions, faith based organizations, labour unions, and individuals interested in and concerned about the global HIV pandemic. ICAD responds to the global HIV pandemic by leveraging the coalition’s strengths in order to best contribute to the Canadian response. It publishes a wide range of resources each year, including booklets, fact sheets, and educational tools on HIV/AIDS and development. ICAD is also the central repository for information about models of best practice from around the world.

Strategic 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.

Message from ICAD's Board of Directors



This past year has been one of change with Michael O'Connor leaving the organization and Nicci Stein joining the team. We all look forward to working with Nicci and wish Michael all the best. The members of the Board and staff bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to ICAD and are to be commended. It has been a privilege for me to serve on this Board. The organization continues to broaden its mandate. Our membership is growing and we are recruiting new volunteers for the Board of Directors. I have once again enjoyed my term as President and look forward to working with the organization for next year.

Sincerely,

Al McNutt/President

Message from ICAD's Executive Director



It gives me great pleasure to introduce ICAD's 2008 Annual Report. I began working at the organization as the Executive Director in May 2009 and I am very proud to be associated with the excellent quality of work that ICAD conducts. The Board of Directors is a knowledgeable and committed group, expertly led by Al McNutt. The staff, under the long-term leadership of Michael O'Connor, has worked hard to achieve the organizational goals again this year. In 2008 ICAD continued to produce fact sheets and other resources that present an analysis of research on cutting edge topics in the field of HIV and Development. The Youth Internship Program was again a success. ICAD also continued to be a leader in global policy issues related to HIV and AIDS in international development particularly through Michael's position as North American Delegate on the UNAIDS Program Coordinating Board (PCB) and as a member of the Developed Country NGO Delegation to the Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Malaria and TB. Staff also participated in civil society organizing around the G8 Leaders Summit and the Global Treatment Action Group (GTAG). ICAD and CAS continued their close partnership working together on issues relating to new prevention technologies. I trust you will find the 2008 Annual Report as interesting and inspiring as I have and will join me in thanking Michael and the staff for all their excellent work in 2008. I look forward to a long and fruitful time with ICAD.

Sincerely,

Nicci Stein/Executive Director

INTERNATIONAL TWINNING

Twinning Programs continue to play an important role in linking the HIV and AIDS domestic response to what is happening globally. One of our key programs is the CIDA-funded International Youth Internship Program (IYIP) which provides an opportunity for Canadian youth to get involved in international HIV/AIDS work by working with ICAD members and their partners overseas. The interns spend 1-2 months in Canada and 5-6 months overseas. In 2008/9, we offered 12 exciting positions in Mozambique, Zambia, Gabon, Bénin, Tanzania, South Africa, Malawi, Ethiopia, Lesotho and Uganda. The Canadian co-hosts were the Caia Connection based in Victoria, the Canada Africa Partnership in AIDS (CAP AIDS) in Toronto, AMREF Canada in Toronto, Help Lesotho Canada in Ottawa, the Canadian Support of Rural African Initiatives (CSRAI) in Toronto and Daughters of Africa (DOA) in Regina. ICAD would like to thank all of the Canadian hosts for their enormous contributions to the success of this program.

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 2008-2009 were distributed to all of our members, and were made public via the ICAD website. These included:

HIV/AIDS and the Broader Determinants of Health in an Aboriginal Context

This fact sheet introduces the reader to the broader determinants of health in an Aboriginal context. The broader determinants are intended to complement the social determinants of health and are reflective of the historical features that shape the contemporary health profile of Aboriginal Canadians.

Health Systems and HIV Priorities for Civil Society Advocacy

In 2007 and 2008, GTAG reviewed and validated its commitment to the right to health, to equity and to a 'do no harm' approach to HIV advocacy. This fact sheet builds on that initiative by providing a brief overview of current health system discourse and by exploring the debate and advocacy themes as they relate to GTAG's core advocacy on HIV. It will contribute to the development of a shared civil society platform for the 2010 G8 meeting to be held in Huntsville, Ontario, Canada

Hepatitis C and HIV: A Growing Threat to Universal Access

As people with HIV live longer, opportunistic and related illnesses that threaten their health are exposed. Whilst Hepatitis C is an adjunctive rather than opportunistic disease, there is growing awareness that co-infection with the Hepatitis C

virus (HCV) is an important issue in HIV prevention, treatment, care and support. This fact sheet writes from the perspective that for universal access to be fully realized, HIV/HCV co-infection must be addressed.

Prevention Programs in Developed Countries:

Lessons Learned: A Report on Prevention Initiatives used to address HIV and AIDS prevention for African, Caribbean and Black Populations in developed countries

This publication examines initiatives that have been used to address HIV and AIDS prevention programs targeting African, Caribbean and Black Populations in developed countries. Drawing on the experience of such programs in Canada, the United States, and the United Kingdom, this document highlights challenges to and leading practices for successful implementation of prevention work in African and Caribbean Diaspora communities.

The Impact of AIDS Vaccine Research on Health Systems Strengthening

According to the Canadian HIV Vaccine Initiative, "A safe, effective, affordable and globally accessible preventive HIV vaccine offers the greatest promise for reducing global rates of HIV infection and reversing the devastating social and economic costs and development inequalities that have been exacerbated by HIV/AIDS." It may take a long time for a safe and effective vaccine to be discovered and there has been some discouragement related to recent setbacks in AIDS vaccine research. In the meantime, it is important to recognize the positive impacts that AIDS vaccine research is having on health systems in the countries where trials are taking place.

2008 Regional Fact Sheets

Regional fact sheets for 2008 offer a brief overview of the HIV and AIDS epidemic in several regions and include information regarding main causes of transmission, status of the epidemic and highlights from specific countries. These one page resources draw on information compiled from the *AIDS Epidemic Update: December 2007* and the *2008 Report on the Global AIDS Epidemic*.

Public Engagement

During 2008-2009 ICAD participated in the following public engagement activities:

- **World AIDS Day**

In the lead up to World AIDS Day on December 1, 2008, the Global Treatment Access Group (GTAG) sent a letter to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, urging him to honour Canada's international commitment to help achieve universal access to HIV prevention, care and treatment by 2010, and highlighting some important steps for Canada to follow. The letter was endorsed by 45 NGOs and ASOs from across the country.

- **Letter to the Government of Canada urging them to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (ICRPD)**

The Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, the Canadian Working Group on HIV and Rehabilitation (CWGHR), and ICAD submitted a letter to the Government of Canada urging them to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (ICRPD). Forty-one AIDS Organizations across Canada signed onto the letter which was submitted on March 4th, 2009 to the Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development, the Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of Health and the Honourable Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Foreign Affairs. To read the letter please visit: http://icad-cisd.com/content/pub_details.cfm?ID=280&CAT=4&lang=e

- **Learning Circle on the Evaluation of Public Engagement**

Shayna Buhler, program officer for ICAD, participated in a Learning Circle on the Evaluation of Public Engagement, a capacity building initiative led by the Canadian Council for International Cooperation (CCIC). A group of public engagement practitioners from across the country met virtually and in person once a month for 6 months. The Learning Circle has been an excellent opportunity for ICAD to develop its evaluation capacity and reflect on its public engagement activities.

- **UNAIDS and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria**

ICAD continues to represent its membership and co-ordinate members' input and feedback on a wide variety of international HIV issues and fora, including UNAIDS and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM). Additionally, during 2008, the ICAD Executive Director, Michael O'Connor served as the North American delegate to the UNAIDS Program Co-ordinating Board (PCB), the governing body of UNAIDS, and participated as a member of the developed country NGO delegation for the GFATM.

ICAD AGM and Workshop

ICAD held its Annual General Meeting in Ottawa on June 17, 2008. Prior to the AGM, ICAD, the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network and the Canadian Working Group on HIV and Rehabilitation (CWGHR) hosted a joint one day workshop on "HIV/AIDS, Disability and Human Rights: International and National Dimensions" which was attended by over 100 NGO and ASO representatives from across the country.

An Intern's Experience

The following excerpt highlights the experience of one of ICAD's interns, Jaclyn Chang, involved in the CIDA funded International Youth Internship Program.

'We all hear about the endless explanations as to why there is such high HIV/AIDS prevalence in Sub-Saharan Africa. It is another to experience and witness first-hand, how this plays out. It is an intricate web of social, cultural, traditional, and economic factors. These factors were made apparent to me when I lived abroad in rural Zambia where socio-economic challenges and institutional barriers are faced every day. Seeing such stark poverty, poor education, gender inequality, and a poor healthcare system work congruously against the pandemic can be daunting and disillusioning. It's easy to forget sometimes, when we live our sheltered lives that seem so far from where the issue is most transparent.

In the brief time I had with the Kabompo AIDS Programme, a grassroots organization in North-Western Province of Zambia, I was exposed to very real challenges that a small, resource-poor area suffers from, but also the great potential that such a small community holds.

The experience pushes your limits and tests your ability to deal with hardships. You often walk away a little stronger, a little more mature, a little more informed, and a little more patient.'



VIRTUAL CONFERENCES

In 2008 and 2009 ICAD sought to increase its collaboration abilities by conducting 'virtual seminars' which complimented the information produced in three new ICAD fact sheets. Each seminar included a presentation followed by a facilitated discussion. To date there have been three successful 'webinars' on the following topics.

Globalization and HIV/AIDS

This webinar was facilitated by Marie –Hélène Bonin and explored how globalization affects the ability of countries to mount effective and sustainable responses to HIV and investigated how various dimensions of economic globalization (such as migrant labour, free trade, intellectual property rights, debt and global financing) act as drivers of social determinants of health in general and of HIV in particular. It also examined how globalization as a new political framework for governance and funding, influences the ability and will of governments and communities to reduce prevalence rates and mitigate the impact of the epidemic.

The Impact of AIDS Vaccine Research on Health Systems Strengthening

Once developed, a safe and effective AIDS vaccine will have a remarkable impact on reducing the spread of HIV. However, it may be a long time before this goal is achieved. In the meantime, it is important to recognize the positive impacts that AIDS vaccine research is having on health systems in the countries where trials are taking place. This webinar was facilitated by Shayna Buhler and provided an overview of the status of AIDS vaccine research and examined the key ways that AIDS vaccine research is contributing to health systems strengthening in developing countries.

Networking and Policy Initiatives

International

- **Travel Subsidies for the XVII International AIDS Conference**

ICAD awarded 33 full and partial travel subsidies to individuals across Canada to participate in the XVII International AIDS Conference in Mexico City in August. Over 100 applications for travel subsidies were received and all were scored by a 4-person independent review committee. The travel subsidy program, funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada, aimed to build capacity for HIV/AIDS community-based programming by increasing Canadian exposure to innovative global HIV/AIDS strategies, approaches, programs and activities. Feedback from the participants has been excellent and their participation has clearly strengthened HIV/AIDS programs in Canada

- **Letter urging G7 Finance Ministers to fill the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria funding gap**

ICAD signed onto a letter urging G7 Finance Ministers to address the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria funding gap. Over three hundred signatures from over thirty countries were gathered. You can find more information about the Global Fund and the funding gap at www.action.org.

- **IPM Visit to Canada**

On January 27th, 2009, Dr. Zeda Rosenberg, Chief Executive Officer, and Esther Benjamin, Executive Director for Resource Development, of the International Partnership for Microbicides (IPM) visited Canada. As IPM's Canadian civil society partner, ICAD hosted a briefing with civil society. Dr. Rosenberg gave a presentation and answered questions on IPM's work and the current state of microbicides research. In addition, ICAD's former Executive Director, Michael O'Connor, accompanied Dr. Rosenberg and Ms. Benjamin to government meetings and briefings during their visit.

- **G8 2009-Civil society dialogue**

In October 2008, ICAD participated in an international civil society meeting held in Rome, "From Japan to Italy: G8 HIV/AIDS and Global Health Activist Meeting – A Plan for Action". At this meeting

the G8 Global Health and HIV/AIDS steering committee was formed and ICAD has since represented the Global Treatment Access Group (GTAG) on the committee. ICAD will continue to work with the G8 Global Health and HIV/AIDS steering committee and with the 2010 Canadian G8 Civil Society Coordinating Committee in lead up to the 2010 G8 Summit, which will take place in Huntsville, Ontario from June 25 to 27.

Domestic

■ ***New and Evolving Health and Development Architecture***

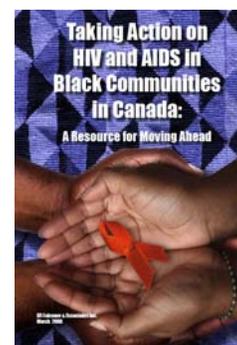
ICAD, in partnership with RESULTS Canada and CCIC, hosted a brown bag lunch with the GAVI Alliance on February 6, 2008. Guest speaker, Dr. Julian Lob-Levyt, GAVI Alliance Executive Secretary, provided an update on the recent work of GAVI to improve access to immunization for children in resource poor countries.

■ ***Strategic Planning and Public Engagement Workshop***

ICAD Staff and Board members joined representatives from four of our member agencies on February 20, 2008, in a day-long strategic planning and public engagement workshop. The workshop was delivered by Amanda Sussman, author of the recently published handbook on public engagement in Canada entitled: *The Art of the Possible*.

■ ***Launch of Taking Action Document at the Ontario HIV Treatment Network Conference***

In continuing support of national-level work aimed at addressing HIV/AIDS in the Black Canadian, African and Caribbean communities ICAD co-hosted two events with the African and Caribbean Council on HIV/AIDS in Ontario (ACHHO) as a part of the Ontario HIV Treatment Network (OHTN) Research Conference which took place from November 13-15, 2008 in Toronto. The first event was an invitation-only meeting to develop a preliminary action plan to advance the suggestions in *Taking Action on HIV and AIDS in Black Communities in Canada: A Resource for Moving Ahead*. The second event was a public launch on the Taking Action document and *the East African Health Study in Toronto (EAST): Results from a Survey of HIV and Health-Related Behaviour, Beliefs, Attitudes, and Knowledge* from the Dalla Lana School of Public Health HIV Social, Behavioural and Epidemiological Studies Unit, University of Toronto.



■ ***Global Treatment Access Group (GTAG)***

On January 21st, 2009 ICAD participated in the Global Treatment Access Group (GTAG)'s annual face to face planning meeting in Ottawa, Ontario. The group heard presentations about health systems strengthening, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria funding gap, comprehensive HIV prevention, and an update on Canada's Access to Medicines Regime. ICAD is now working with GTAG to revise its platform. Following the planning meeting, ICAD and other members of GTAG met with CIDA representatives to discuss GTAG's platform and its World AIDS Day letter to the Prime Minister.

■ ***18th Annual Canadian Conference on HIV/AIDS Research***

ICAD, along with the Canadian AIDS Society (CAS), the Global Campaign for Microbicides (GCM) and the Microbicides Advocacy Group Network (MAG-Net) hosted a breakfast symposium on Comprehensive HIV Prevention, Microbicides and the Canadian Microbicides Action Plan (CMAP) on Sunday April 26, 2009 as part of the 18th Annual CAHR conference in Vancouver. The event was attended by about 75 people, and offered a stimulating discussion on microbicides research and the CMAP with HIV researchers, community, front-line workers, government and prevention advocates.



Breakfast Symposium at the 18th Annual CAHR Conference

Audited Financial Statement

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	31-Mar	
	2009	2008
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and short-term investments	\$256,457	\$135,808
Accounts receivable	13,354	109,021
Prepaid expenses	16,042	2,414
	285,853	247,243
CAPITAL ASSETS	9,606	7,588
	295,459	254,831
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	47,732	33,100
Deferred Revenue	72,064	58,014
	119,796	91,114
NET ASSETS		
Invested in capital assets	9,606	7,588
Unrestricted	166,057	156,129
	175,663	163,717
	\$295,459	\$254,831
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES		
	Year Ended March 31	
	2009	2008
Revenues		
Public Health Agency of Canada	\$583,262	\$353,463
Health Canada	-	32,244
Canadian International Development Agency	163,643	143,728
Human Resources and Skills Development Canada	-	15,496
Canadian Society for International Health	52,915	120,117
International Partnership for Microbicides	29,747	46,871
International AIDS Vaccine Initiative	16,405	-
Memberships	15,080	14,814
Donations and Special Contributions	1,926	27,023
Miscellaneous	10,256	14,200
	873,234	767,956
Project Expenses (Schedule)		
Public Health Agency of Canada	583,262	354,497
Health Canada	-	32,244
Canadian International Development Agency	167,393	143,853
Other	110,633	208,974
	861,288	739,568
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	\$11,946	\$28,388

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Finally, ICAD would like to thank the staff and Board of Directors for their hard work and commitment over the past year and our members for their continued support.

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