



UNAIDS Collaborating Centre Terms of Collaboration

1. Background

The **International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)** and the **Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)** renew their collaboration in scaling up worldwide efforts on Universal Access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support services for all those in need.

2. Mission and Key Functions of UNAIDS and the IFRC

UNAIDS, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, is the main advocate for global action to respond to the epidemic. It brings together the efforts and resources of ten UN system organizations in the AIDS response: UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, UNDP, UNFPA, UNODC, ILO, UNESCO, WHO and the World Bank. It leads, strengthens and supports an expanded global response aimed at preventing transmission of HIV, providing treatment, care and support, reducing the vulnerability of individuals and communities to HIV, and alleviating the impact of the epidemic.

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies is the world's largest humanitarian organization providing assistance without discrimination as to nationality, race, religious beliefs, class or political opinions. Founded in 1919, the International Federation comprises member National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and a Secretariat working from Geneva and strategic locations around the world. The Federation strives, through voluntary action based on the Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, for a world of empowered communities, better able to prevent and alleviate human suffering and advance human development.

3. Objectives of collaboration

UNAIDS Collaborating Centres support the goals and objectives of the joint UNAIDS Programme in specific mutually agreed areas of cooperation, based on their respective mandates.

The objective of this collaboration with the **International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies** is:

- A. To contribute to the scaling up of international efforts to reduce stigma and discrimination related to HIV. The IFRC, in collaboration with GNP+, has contributed to addressing HIV related stigma and discrimination at global level through the national Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in the context of the preceding UNAIDS agreement of 2004 -2006. To implement this part of the collaboration the IFRC will again work in partnership with the Global Network of People living with HIV and AIDS (GNP+). The Global Network of People living with HIV and AIDS advocates to improve the quality of life of all people living with HIV.

and

- B. To maximise HIV prevention, treatment, care and support efforts in the context of humanitarian crisis situations.

The following standards will guide the implementation of this collaboration:

- Promoting direct involvement and leadership of civil society – including people living with HIV and key vulnerable populations - in responses to HIV
- Promoting strategies for reducing stigma and discrimination related to HIV and promotion of positive living of PLHIV
- Mobilising country-level public, private and civil society partnerships around the single agreed national framework
- Facilitating increased access to prevention, treatment, care and support services
- Facilitating access to technical and financial resources at country level
- Facilitating and supporting the involvement of civil society and people living with HIV in planning, implementation and evaluation of national HIV strategies
- Promoting the notion of AIDS as humanitarian issue and facilitating the integration of HIV into humanitarian action

4. Principles governing collaboration

The collaborating partners will work under the following guiding principles:

- Promotion and protection of human rights, including the meaningful and greater involvement of people living with HIV (the GIPA principle) and other key vulnerable populations
- Strengthening mechanisms that facilitate GIPA within the respective organisations, especially UN+ and RCRC+
- Engaging broad partnership around the UNAIDS ‘Three Ones’ principles by promoting and supporting the involvement of civil society organisations, including the member Red Cross Red Crescent National Societies in national coordinating and decision making
- Gender equality
- Transparency and accountability

Both collaborating partners will ensure the co-ownership of processes and will aim at building on synergies between their respective comparative advantages. The Agreement aims to guide the collaboration between the two partners at all institutional levels, covering their respective Secretariats and their representation at regional and national levels.

The IFRC’s partnership with GNP+ will be guided by the principles outlined in the Code of Good Practice for NGOs (and RCRC) Responding to HIV, which has been endorsed by both organisations.

5. Elements of collaboration

Both Parties agree to

- Establish processes – for both ongoing and upcoming initiatives - that ensure formal, consistent and timely involvement and consultation in technical areas of HIV programming for prevention, treatment, care and support, human rights and civil society engagement;
- Designate a representative within their organisations who will ensure implementation of the Terms of Collaboration and will act as a focal point for all activities and issues concerning this collaboration;
- Obtain mutual consent prior to public announcements, media releases, publication and use of logos resulting from the implementation of this Agreement.

Activities under this Collaboration

In fulfilling the objectives, and within their respective mandate and expertise, and as appropriate, both parties agree to collaborate in the following areas of mutual interest:

Part A: Reducing stigma and discrimination and promoting the positive living of PLHIV

Collaboration of both parties in this area of work will focus on:

- i) Supporting the meaningful and greater involvement of PLHIV networks in Universal Access processes. In particular, specific annual targets on reducing stigma and discrimination will be developed for this collaboration.
- ii) Stimulating research and innovation with the aim of increasing the collective voice and influence of PLHIV. Attention will also be given to research and development of strategies that address the root drivers of stigma and discrimination, including gender issues.
- iii) Mapping out and dissemination of tools that enable the quantification of progress towards positive living and that promote the prevention, reporting and early alleviation of stigma and discrimination.
- iv) Facilitating collaboration, knowledge exchange and joint activities between IFRC+ and UN+.

Part B: Maximising HIV prevention, treatment, care and support efforts in the context of humanitarian crisis situations.

The collaboration of both parties in this area of work will focus on:

- i) Global and Regional level coordination and collaboration in inter-agency coordination efforts with regards to HIV in humanitarian situations
- ii) Country level promotion and implementation of the key actions arising from the IASC Guidelines for addressing HIV in humanitarian situations as well as the full integration of HIV into all humanitarian emergency preparedness, planning, needs assessment and resource mobilization processes.
- iii) Greater inclusion of migrant and mobile populations into HIV-related prevention, care and treatment services in humanitarian situations
- iv) Greater attention to preventing and mitigating sexual and gender based violence Stronger inclusion of non-UN partners at country regional and global levels in the field of HIV and humanitarian response.

6. Resources

UNAIDS and the IFRC will cover the cost of their own participation in these activities unless otherwise agreed and covered by separate funding agreements in specific areas.

7. Duration and amendment

- This Agreement covers a three-year period effective from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2011, unless otherwise agreed between the Parties and subject to annual reviews and updates as necessary.
- This Agreement may be modified and/or updated upon mutual consent of the Parties, to be reflected in writing.
- The Parties, through the focal points, will use their best efforts to settle amicably by direct negotiations any differences that may arise out of this Agreement. Any differences that may not be so settled shall be brought to the attention of the respective Executive Directors for final resolution.
- Implementation of this Agreement will be detailed through annual results-oriented workplans. These will be updated at the end of each calendar year to outline the activities for the following calendar year. The joint workplans will be agreed through a review meeting between both parties within the two months prior to the start of each year of the Agreement.
- The IFRC will take the lead in producing a brief annual progress report on the collaboration to allow this information to be shared with the respective Boards of the two Parties.

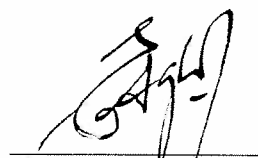
8. Monitoring and follow-up

- The Parties shall undertake annual reviews as described above.
- The focal points shall facilitate the effective implementation of this Agreement, including staff interactions and sharing all relevant information and documentation.

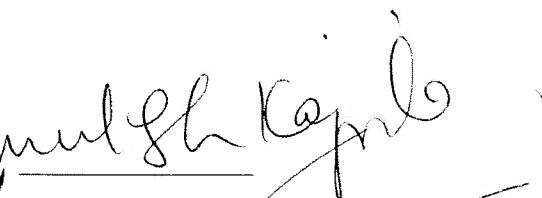
The undersigned representatives of UNAIDS and the IFRC, respectively, have signed two (2) copies of this Agreement in Geneva, on 11 December 2008.

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