

CSO Representatives Selection Meeting to Attend PEPFAR Regional Review Meeting in Johannesburg.

Venue: UNAIDS Offices **Date:** 4th February 2019.



Introduction

On 4TH February 2019 Non-State Actors in collaboration with DSDUT have coordinated a CSO meeting to elect two representatives to attend COP19 regional planning meeting in Johannesburg, which will be held March 4-9, 2019. Different CSO representing PLHIV and KVP organizations participated in the meeting. List of participants is attached in annex 1.

This report describes the events of electing two CSO representatives to COP19 regional planning meeting.

Summary of Sessions and Discussion

The introduction of participants was facilitated by Ms. Joan Chamungu, NSA Vice Chairperson. The participants introduced themselves by their names and organizations they were representing across. Ms. Joan shared with participants the expectations of the meeting as the selection of two CSO representatives to attend the COP19 regional meeting.

Presentation: How can CSO Influence PEPFAR Plans Tanzania and Selection Guidelines.

The session was presented by Ms. Joan Chamungu, NSA Vice Chairperson. She started by informing that programs funded by PEPFAR are a dominant source of funding for HIV treatment, prevention, care and health systems strengthening. This process has been far from perfect, but continues to provide an important opportunity for activism.

She added that, every year, PEPFAR engages in a planning process to create a Country Operational Plan (COP) for each major country that receives funding. The resulting plan sets out the budget, targets, geographic focus, and expected impact of PEPFAR funding for the following fiscal year.

Ms. Joan cautioned the audience that, it is critical that affected communities and civil society advocates are authentically and meaningfully involved in the process in order to ensure that PEPFAR funding is used in accordance with community needs.

The presenter continued as we use the COP process to advocate for changes to PEPFAR programming that reflect community needs. For instance, increased investment in treatment, an initiative to improve treatment program outcomes through community-based outreach and patient follow-up, increased investments in key populations, and a commitment to expand access to viral load monitoring.



Although PEPFAR has committed to including civil society in the COP process, this engagement has not been happening in effective ways. As explained by Ms. Joan, challenges faced by PEPFAR to hold PEPFAR into account are: accessing PEPFAR data in a timely fashion, funding to hold meetings, communication with decision makers, and reasonable timelines for engagement that allow for deep civil society engagement.

Selection Guidelines.

Ms. Joan Chamungu presented the selection guidelines received from PEPFAR as Tanzania is allotted two slots for CSO representation in Johannesburg at the in-person COP19 meeting. One of these representatives must be from an organization representing PLHIV. It was added that since this is the key moment where civil society can influence PEPFAR investments, the selected representatives should be strongest and boldest advocates who are well prepared to push CSO priorities, capability to explain changes from COP18.

The presenter clearly highlighted that the selected representatives will have a huge task ahead on making sure that they push CSO priorities to PEPFAR, holding dissemination and review the draft Strategic Direction Summary when shared, and ensuring COP reflects needs in the AIDS response.

Plenary Discussion

Participants were given the chance to ask questions and make concerning the presentation, as following:

- i. It was clearly commented that the individual to be selected should belong to a certain recognized organization.
- ii. Representative from the community and the selection process should stick on the PEPFAR guidance.
- iii. It was asked it is possible to select a representative who is even absent in the meeting. Carrying forward the entire representative tasks require commitment and therefore if not attending the meeting we doubt his/her commitment toward CSO representation.

The Election Process Session.

a. Selection of Election Committee



The meeting participants appointed Mr. Moses Lyimo to be part of the election committee and Dr. Macca Mbalwa as a returning person. The overall responsibilities of the committee being to coordinate and supervise the representative election process.

b. Division of voting Constituencies and Contestants registration.

The election committee reminded the participants on the selection criteria and guidelines before starting the election process. In order to avoid personal interest, the election committee divided the voting Constituencies as PWIUD with 5 voting representatives, Faith based with 2 voting representatives, AGYW with 4 voting representatives, MSM with 3 voting representatives, Sex Workers with 5 voting representatives, Transgender with 1 voting representative and PLHIV with 4 voting representatives. Based on the Constituencies, the total number of voting representatives plus election committee member reached 26 voters. The Constituencies were divided based on the number of each category present in the meeting. Other participants remained as election observers.

c. Contestants Interview Process

Before the interview all contestants were asked to leave the interview room. One contestant was interviewed per time. The interview process was guided by initial key three questions being asked to each participant by election meeting chairman and the contestant required to effectively use three minutes to answer those questions. Thereafter, other participants were given chance to ask three questions to each participant. The initial guiding questions were:

- i. Could you introduce yourself?
- ii. What Agenda will you to carry to the Regional planning meeting while representing CSOs?
- iii. How will you manage personal interest and organizational interest in representing large group of Tanzania CSO community?

Contestant Responses .

a) Lulu Nyenzi.

- Could you introduce yourself?

Response: Lulu Nyenzi works with Women with Dignity (WWD), an AGYW organization implementing HIV/AIDS programs across the country.

- What Agenda will you carry to the Regional planning meeting while representing CSO?

Response: Lulu indicated that she will be carrying CSO priorities that has been highlighted so far including PrEP and HIVST, TLD Transition, CSO meaningful engagement and Service Delivery.

- How will you manage Personal interest and organizational interest in representing large group of Tanzania CSO community?

Response: The contestant explained that she is not attending the regional planning meeting as a sex worker or a AGYW, she will be there for the benefits of all CSO needs at large.

Voters questions towards Lulu Nyenzi

Question: We would like to know if the network you are working with is registered.

Response: Yes.

b) Edna Edson

- Could you introduce yourself?

Response: Introduced as Edna Edson working with NACOPHA as Social Worker for more than ten years and PLHIV by status.

- What Agenda will you to carry to the Regional planning meeting while representing CSOs?

Response: Making sure that the last year CSO agenda is taken into considerations by PEPFAR. Also, she will foster CSO meaningful engagement, data management for CSOs as to help us in harmonizing our needs.

- How will you manage Personal interest and organizational interest in representing large group of Tanzania CSO community?

Response: Working for national interests not for her organization.

Voters Questions .

Question: We would like to know if initially you had a similar experience on advocacy activities.

Response: Though I have little experience on advocacy, I will use my ten years experiences on engaging with community to responsibly carry out this task, making sure that we achieve the expected results.

Question: How are you going to make sure that all agenda will be accepted.

Response: If selected, she will sit with CSO community and come up with strategies to be used.

c) Kennedy Godwin

- Could you introduce yourself?

Response: Kennedy Godwin working with TNW+ and doing program activities.

- What Agenda will you to carry to the Regional planning meeting while representing CSO?

Response: Will not develop any other agenda rather that raised by CSOs and presented during PEPFAR retreat at Double Tree Hotel. This will include Policy engagement, PrEP and HIVST, manage to develop CSO engagement mechanisms, and TLD transitions. Also, the expertise gained through participation of different Technical Working Groups will help him to achieve the task.

- How will you manage Personal interest and organizational interest in representing a large group of Tanzania CSO community?

Response: Will present all CSOs and no other group.

Voters Questions .

Question: SOGIE knowledge agenda not introduced in SRHR manual, how are you going to help on the inclusion?

Response: Sit and work together with other CSO to formulate the best message that will be used to advocate for SOGIE inclusion.

d) Marineus Mwombeki

- Could you introduce yourself?

Response: Marineus Mutongore, former drug user for 15 years. Also experienced on working with others CSOs.

- What Agenda will you carry to the Regional planning meeting while representing CSOs?

Response: Presenting the CSO's priorities that includes index testing coverage, legal environment for KVP in our country, community ART, PrEP and HIVST, engagement and funding, CSO empowerment by PEPFAR.

- How will you manage Personal interest and organizational interest in representing large group of Tanzania CSO community?

Response: Acknowledging that he will be representing the CSO and their issues not a person or organization.

Voters questions towards Marineus Mutongore.

Question: SOGIE knowledge agenda is not introduced in SRHR manual, how are you going to help on the inclusion?

Response: Since I am working closely with MoHCDGEC, the manual will soon be available.

e) Samson Karume

- Could you introduce yourself?

Response: Samson Karume, Director of Morogoro Recovery Community organization owning Kigamboni Sober House and a social protection graduate from IFM.

- What Agenda will you to carry to the Regional planning meeting while representing CSO?

Response: Gather CSO data and information on pros and cons on implementing community-based activities. Also address the issue of HIV response in Tanzania as indicated by THIS 2016/17. Making sure to retrieve useful data and information from PEPFAR for CSO programming and presenting Tanzania policy structure to PEPFAR.

- How will you manage Personal interest and organizational interest in representing the large group of Tanzania CSO community?

Response: Work with all CSOs for better.

Voters Questions

Question: SOGIE knowledge agenda not introduced in SRHR manual, how are you going to help on the inclusion?

Response: Request PEPFAR to approach the government and discuss the issue.

d. Voting Process

The total numbers of voters including the contestants were 26, all contestants were present

Female Representative Contestants category.

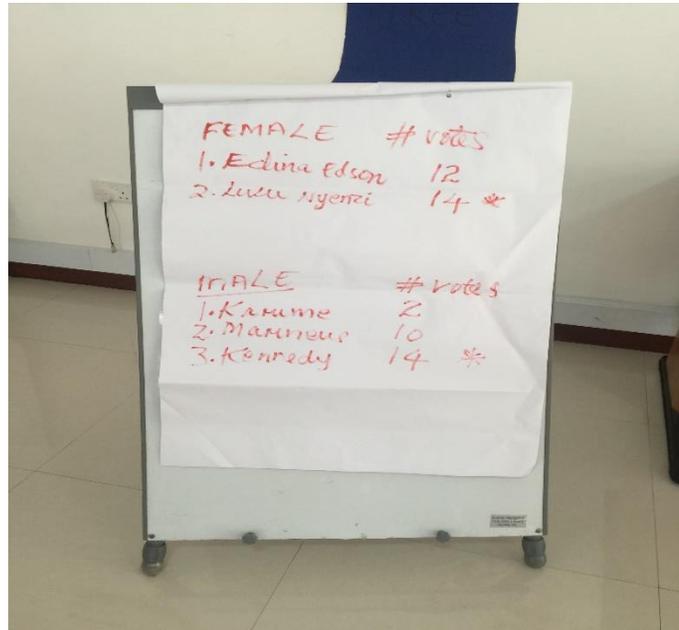
The female contestants were two; Edna Edson from NACOPHA and Lulu Nyenzi from Women with Dignity (WWD). Edna Edson got 12 votes and Lulu Nyenzi got 14 votes out of 26 votes.

Male Representative Contestants category.

The male contestants were three; Kennedy Godwin from TNW+,

Marineus Mwombeki from TaNPUD and Samson Karume from Morogoro Recovery Community. Kennedy Godwin got 14 votes, Marineus Mwombeki 10 votes and Samson Karume 2 votes out of 26 votes.

After voting process was completed, it was followed by vote counting carried out by the returning person and two appointed election observers (Male and Female).



The whiteboard displays the following handwritten data:

FEMALE # votes	
1. Edna Edson	12
2. Lulu Nyenzi	14 *

MALE # votes	
1. Karume	2
2. Marineus	10
3. Kennedy	14 *

e. Result Announcement

After the voting process the authorized person to announce the winners was election chairman and the returning person. From the above results the winner announced by the chairman were Lulu Nyenzi from Women with Dignity and Kennedy Godwin Kakulu from



Tanzania Network of Women Living with HIV and AIDS (TNW+), who is from an organization representing PLHIV.

The winners were given chance for a thanks giving to the participants. They thanked the participants for their vote on them and they promised cooperation and information sharing in order to assure meaningful representation during the process.

Next Steps

Meeting participants all together agreed that, each CSO has the responsibilities for supporting the selected representatives by providing key data and information during this PEPFAR engagement. Also, it was agreed that the former representative who were present in the meeting will help mentoring the selected representatives.

Also, it was highlighted that any complain regarding election process should be directed to the chair till 16:00 on 4th February, before names are submitted to PEPFAR.

Meeting Wrap-up and Closing Remarks

The NSA Vice chairperson, Ms. Joan Chamungu, thanked participants for attending the meeting and wished them all the best in implementing what have been discussed. Thereafter, the vice chairperson closed the meeting at 14:50.

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