



PEPFAR EXPERIENCE AND TRAJECTORY 2005 - 2023

From Home-Based Care
To
Case Management Resilience

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General Information

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2. LEGAL STATUS: Non-Governmental Organization, registered under NGO coordination board of Kenya

3. FOCUS: Community-based health care provision with a focus in primary health care, HIV prevention care & treatment, tuberculosis, Maternal & Neonatal Child Health, OVC Care & Support, Youth Programming, Curative health services, Palliative care for people living with HIV/AIDS, Gender empowerment and Emergency humanitarian relief

4. REGISTRATION DATE: 25 /06/1993

5. REGISTRATION NUMBER: OP 218/051/93101/154

6. TAX PAYER EXCEMPTION/ PIN: PO51114888G

7. DUNS: 850507850

8. DONORS: PEPFAR/USAID, Global fund, DFID, European Union, FHI, Pathfinder, ALS Mantova Italy, Pfizer Austria, Embassy of Japan, Ministry of Health, KANCO, CFBT

9. COLLABORATION AND NET WORKING: GOK and related ministries, NGOs, CBOs, FBOs, companies and individuals

10. STAFFING LEVEL: 120 (In all levels of Management; Finance, Programs, HR, Admin, M&E, Procurement, Grants, Legal, IT, PR and Marketing)

11. VOLUNTEERS: 1,800 community - based

12. MANAGEMENT SYSTEM: ERP: sage pastel evolution, payroll, HR management software, M&E software, hospital management software

13. BENEFICIARIES: Over 150,000 directly reached and more than 500,000 indirectly reached per year

14. GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: Nairobi, Kiambu, Mombasa, Kwale, Kilifi, Lamu, Samburu, Marsabit, Homabay, Siaya counties.

Mission, Goal and Vision

WHO WE ARE

Ananda Marga Universal Relief Team (AMURT) is a Local non-governmental organization registered in Kenya in 1993. AMURT works in close collaboration with National and county governments in Kenya under the Ministries of Health, Ministry of Education, Agriculture and Livestock, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection and Ministry of gender and Youth.

AMURT core programming is community-based health care provision with a focus in primary health care, HIV prevention care & treatment, tuberculosis, Maternal & Neonatal Child Health, OVC Care & Support, Youth Programming, Curative health services, Palliative care for people living with HIV/AIDS, Gender empowerment and Emergency humanitarian relief. AMURT is currently working in 10 counties spread within the coastal region of Kenya, Western region, Rift region, Central region and Nairobi. These includes Kiambu, Nairobi, Samburu, Marsabit, Siaya, Homa-Bay, Mombasa, Kwale and Kilifi counties.

AMURT has developed a series of policies and manuals to control and manage its projects. It has clearly stated policies and manual which include; HR policies, Risk management policies, Operational policies, Finance manual, Volunteers manual, Assets, Travel and Vehicle management policy and Procurement policy.

MISSION

AMURT Kenya's mission is to help improve the quality of life of poor and marginalized people by promoting health care, values and economic status of communities we serve.

GOAL

AMURT aims at realizing short-term emergency relief and long-term sustainable development programs through participatory community initiatives while respecting local culture and values.

VISION

To see a liberated, harmonious resourceful society, framed with fraternity, love and mutual respect.

Core Values That Informs Organisational Culture

AMURT's mission defines the purpose of the organization and intentions to contribute and improve standards of living in community. This is done by ensuring the needy and vulnerable people in the rural and informal settlements receive basic needs which include food, clothing, medicine, proper health facilities, and ensure the community can actively participate in normal social development activities.

AMURT's fundamental values offering guidance in implementation of the mission include:

- **CARING ATTITUDE:** AMURT demonstrates compassionate support and concern for the underprivileged community. Through this, AMURT educates PLHIV on Income Generating Activities (IGAs) for economic empowerment and livelihood sustenance
- **Donor Friendly:** AMURT has over 10 donors and maintains close relations through providing quarterly, semiannual and annual reports and feedback on project progress.
- **Financial Sustainability:** AMURT believes in meeting future needs of rural and urban informal settlements for years to come. AMURT therefore strives to carry out its mission strategically to ensure sufficient financial resources are available.
- **Integrity and Accountability:** AMURT has the highest level of integrity and accountability in its administration, service, and outreach activities in line with the mission and objectives. AMURT maintains accurate reports and records for activities carried out.
- **Partnerships:** AMURT works with various partners to meet project objectives through partner support in offering quality services and advocacy. AMURT strives to educate the public in the interest of rural and urban informal settlements.
- **Respect:** While AMURT provides support to the rural community and informal settlements, it recognizes the community's culture and religion and does so without interference or coercion. AMURT practices are non-religious, non-political and nonprofit.
- **Responsiveness:** AMURT finds solutions that meet the needs of the communities through disaster relief and support

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AMURT Experience & Trajectory In HIV Response With PEPFAR Funding

Phase 1: Home – Based Care and Training of PLHIV and CHVs

1. COMMUNITY BASED POPULATION & HEALTH INTEGRATED ACTION (COPHIA) MOMBASA)-2005

In collaboration with Pathfinder International in Mombasa through this project 20 AMURT staff received training as Home-Based Care providers. Also trained 72 groups of PLHIV and over 200 Bed ridden patients were put on ART and served through home-based care services.



Phase 2: Acquisition of HIV Testing Machine and Enhanced HIV Awareness

2. IMPACT PROJECT (LOCAL IMPLEMENTING PARTNER)-2006-2007

Through support from FHI, AMURT conducted a massive HIV prevention and awareness campaign targeting different religious groups reaching religious leaders and groups perceived not to be at risk of HIV in Nairobi. Over 500,000 people received IEC materials on HIV prevention. 20,000 PLHIV newly enrolled and followed up with ART Further reducing HIV transmission within their communities

Phase 3: Establishment of Comprehensive Care Centre (CCC)

3. PATHFINDER-APHIA II NAIROBI (CCC)-2006-TODATE

Through APHIA II Program, this Pathfinder/USAID project took over the support of AMURT Comprehensive Care Center from 2006 to 2010.

This partnership was renewed in 2011 through USAID APHA-Plus program. The program supported the care center with ART commodities for 1800 PLHIV.

Other services included support supervision, training of 8 clinical staff, laboratory supplies, and basic medical equipment. 869 PLHIV are virally suppressed and still being served at the clinic while 931 transitioned to other ART centres within Nairobi.



Phase 4: 360° Organizational Capacity Building through Direct Grants (NPI)

4. KENYA INTEGRATED HIV/AIDS PROJECT (KIHAP)-2008-2011

KIHAP was AMURT's first USAID directly funded project through AMURT USA chapter based in Washington DC. The Goal of the project was to prevent the transmission of HIV, and bring sustainable services to those infected and affected by HIV in 9 locations within Nyanza, Central and Coast regions. The Project's key achievements included:

3,000 OVC reached with care and support services enabling them lead productive lives as accepted members of the society; 20 Community Based Organizations strengthened to create sustainable support structure to oversee the development of the 3,000 OVC; 1,000 PLWHA provided with Home Based Care and referral services; Mass HIV Prevention conducted reaching 1,000,000 people that included 100,000 out-of-school youth. 2,000 youth affected or infected by HIV provided with resource center services and computer vocational training. Through the support from NuPITA (New Partners Initiative Technical Advisors), the technical assistance agency attached to the project, AMURT was able to develop most of its organizational policies, procedures and structures including Governance structure and financial management systems. These developments catapulted the organization to a whole new level of attracting new funding opportunities which followed immediately after project closure.



Phase 5: Sub – grantee to renowned INGOs implementing PEPFAR projects

5. APHIA PLUS KAMILI (LOCAL IMPLEMENTING PARTNER)-2012-date

In 2012, AMURT entered into partnership with JHPIEGO as local implementing partner, to implement this USAID Funded OVC project in Central region. The project targeted need-based services to 6,000 Orphans and Vulnerable Children within Kiambu county (Thika West & East, Kikuyu, Kiambu, and Gatundu). The with basic package of care and support services, (in the areas of education, health, shelter, food and nutrition, psychosocial support, protection). For sustainability, the project also provided 314 households with economic strengthening support. Most of the children supported transitioned successfully across primary education to secondary level. Total of 12 AMURT staff were trained in OVC PEPFAR programming, helping the organization sustain OVC care and support to date.

6. APHIA PLUS WESTERN (LOCAL IMPLEMENTING PARTNER)-2012-2015

In partnership with Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH), this project was part of the larger USAID APHIAPlus Western project. The project objective was to support 1,100 OVC within Siaya & Homa Bay Counties with basic package of care and support services, with a focus of education, health, shelter, food and nutrition, psychosocial support, and protection. It also provided Household Economic Strengthening for targeted OVC households

7. INUKA COMMUNITY BASED OVC PROJECT (ICOP)-2013-2018

The goal of this five-year USAID Funded project was to expand service coverage and improve the overall well-being of Orphans and Vulnerable Children and their households in Bondo and Rarieda Districts. Its key objectives included: To enhance Access to age-appropriate essential services for the betterment of the health of 11,000 OVC and 3,000 OVC caregivers through direct, home-based and referral services; Develop Capacity of local communities to deliver sustainable, quality, high impact range of critical services to OVC strengthen economic capabilities of 3,000. AMURT successfully Linked 45 OVC for ART treatment and established 4,150 VSLA groups, renovated 300 OVC houses and provided vocational training for 200 Older OVC. A total of 1,500 OVC caregivers performed well at the VSLAs and attained economic household stability. AMURT 10 staff received vast experience and training on OVC Case Management building on PEPFAR guidelines and indeed received Plus-up funds to complete the successful model.

8. DREAMS- AJIRI DADA PROJECT (2016 TO 2018)

DREAMS AJIRI DADA (Employ Girls and Young women) Initiative Project (ADIP) was a two-year DREAMS Innovation Challenge project awarded to Ananda Marga Universal Relief Team (AMURT) by Department of State (DOS) under focus area 5 – bridge to employment. The overall project goal was to train and link to employment 2,000 Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) aged 19 to 24 years at risk of contracting HIV, from all informal settlements of Nairobi City county. Targeted AGYW were systematically mobilized in the community, vetted, recruited, and trained for one month on professional house-keeping skills, health education (including HIV prevention, FP/STI, SRH, basic training on hygiene and sanitation), and Financial literacy. Beneficiaries were subsequently linked to employment upon graduation, with the innovation maximizing on unmet high demand for skilled and professional house attendants in Nairobi, especially 33% of upmarket residential estates, through a strategic partnership model incorporating service providers, private and public sectors.

- 2,060 AGYW (103%) trained
- 1,352 AGYW (67.5%) placed
- Out of which 386 were self-placed
- 40 chamas formed, 27 registered
- Ksh 794,298 cumulatively saved
- 1,422 AGYW accessed HTS
- 78 AGYW re-enrolled back to

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. To train 2,000 targeted Girls and Young Women (GYW) from informal settlements of Nairobi on professional house-keeping integrated with WASH, nutrition and HIV prevention
2. To place 2,000 Girls and Young Women (GYW) trained as professional housekeepers into employment
3. To support 2,000 targeted GYW from Nairobi's informal settlement in reducing risks of HIV infection through training and job placement
4. To support 2,000 targeted GYW from Nairobi's informal settlement in formation of savings groups

Phase 7: Strengthened and expanded grant acquisition capacity

9. NILINDE OVC PROJECT

Support for Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) for Nairobi and Coast Counties of Kenya (Nilinde) was a five-year Cooperative Agreement awarded to Plan International in partnership with Ananda Marga Universal Relief Team (AMURT), Childline Kenya, and Mothers2Mothers. Known locally as Nilinde, this five-year initiative aims to improve the welfare and protection of the most vulnerable households affected by HIV/AIDS by increasing resiliency and empowering parents and caregivers to make investments that will improve the health and well-being of OVC.

10. USAID MWENDO – (Making Well Informed Effort to Nature Disadvantaged OVC – MWENDO) – January 2018 Dec 2020

The project main goal was to empower households, communities and Department of children services to strengthen welfare and protection of children affected by HIV and Aids in Bondo sub-county under the following three strategic objectives: To increase access to health and social services for 8,169 OVC and their families, to strengthen capacity of 2,042 OVC households and their communities to protect and care for targeted OVC and strengthen child welfare and protection structures and systems for effective responses in six (6) wards within Bondo sub-county. The project reached and successfully transitioned 1,940 HHs in healthy, stable, safe and schooled domains. The 1,940 HHs became resilient and economically empowered through effective case management. The project further contributed to AMURT's growth through capacity building of 6 staff who are currently key in existing similar OVC projects.

11. USAID AFYA PWANI–(Maternal Newborn Child Health (MNCH) Aug 2018 – Sept 2021

AMURT implementing USAID Afya Pwani MNCH project activities in Kilifi south, Rabai and Kaloleni sub-counties as a sub-grantee. The organization implemented community-based activities aimed at realizing the project's sub-purpose 2: Increased access and utilization of focused MNCH/FP, WASH, and Nutrition services. This specifically included; conducting advocacy meetings with religious and community leaders (kaya elders) as well as gatekeepers, working with mama support groups, engaging trained male champions to increase uptake of MNCH services, training CHVs on ICCM, engaging TTBA's, engaging the CHVs and TTBA's, Empowering adolescents/young pregnant women with appropriate information on MNCH/FP services, working with peer educators among other suitable interventions. The targeted 450 household were longitudinally followed for prenatal and postnatal mother referrals and follow ups in health facilities. The project outcomes were increased service uptake at local health facilities by 56%. There were no reported maternal or infant mortality over the project period.

12.USAID AFYA Jijini – Sikiliza Jijini ART Project (SIJAP) Sep 2018 – Dec 2019

The Main objective of this sub-grant was to support 42 Comprehensive Care Centres within public health facilities in Nairobi county. This was a collaboration between IMA World Health and County Department of Health through Nairobi Metropolitan Services (NMS). The 42 facilities were supported with facility-based adherence and PSSGs for PLHIV in Afya Jijini-supported high-volume facilities in Nairobi County. Key outcomes included adherence-counseling services to 2,587 new PLHIV, 2,500 non-suppressed youth were returned to care and became virally suppressed by the end of the project. AMURT had 4 of its staff empowered with skills and experience to conduct ART clinic staff support supervision.

13. USAID FAHARI YA JAMII (2021–2026)

This is a partnership between AMURT and the University of Nairobi. The support aims at reaching 863 PLHIV provided with quality ART, adherence-counseling screening for GBV, mentor mother activities, cervical cancer screening, OTZ clubs for positive OTZ PSSG and same day commencement of treatments for those who test positive to HIV. AMURT staff at the CCC are supported to provide seamless services to the PLHIV and are acquiring vast experience across multiple HIV program technical areas.

Phase 8: Prime Local Recipient of mega-PEPFAR integrated grant

14. USAID TUJITEGEMEE PROJECT

USAID Tujitegemee is a five-year program funded by USAID and PEPFAR to support orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) & Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) in Kilifi and Mombasa counties. Ananda Marga Universal Relief Team (AMURT) - Prime, and its Consortium partners, implements the program: The Partnership for a HIV Free Generation (HFG), Women Fighting Aids in Kenya (WOFAK), the Council of Imams and Preachers in Kenya (CIPK), and KWETU Training Centre for Sustainable Development (KWETU). In line with USAID Kenya Health Partnership for Quality services (KHPQS) framework, the program aims to increase access to and demand for quality HIV prevention services, as well as increasing access to quality health and social services for OVC and their families.

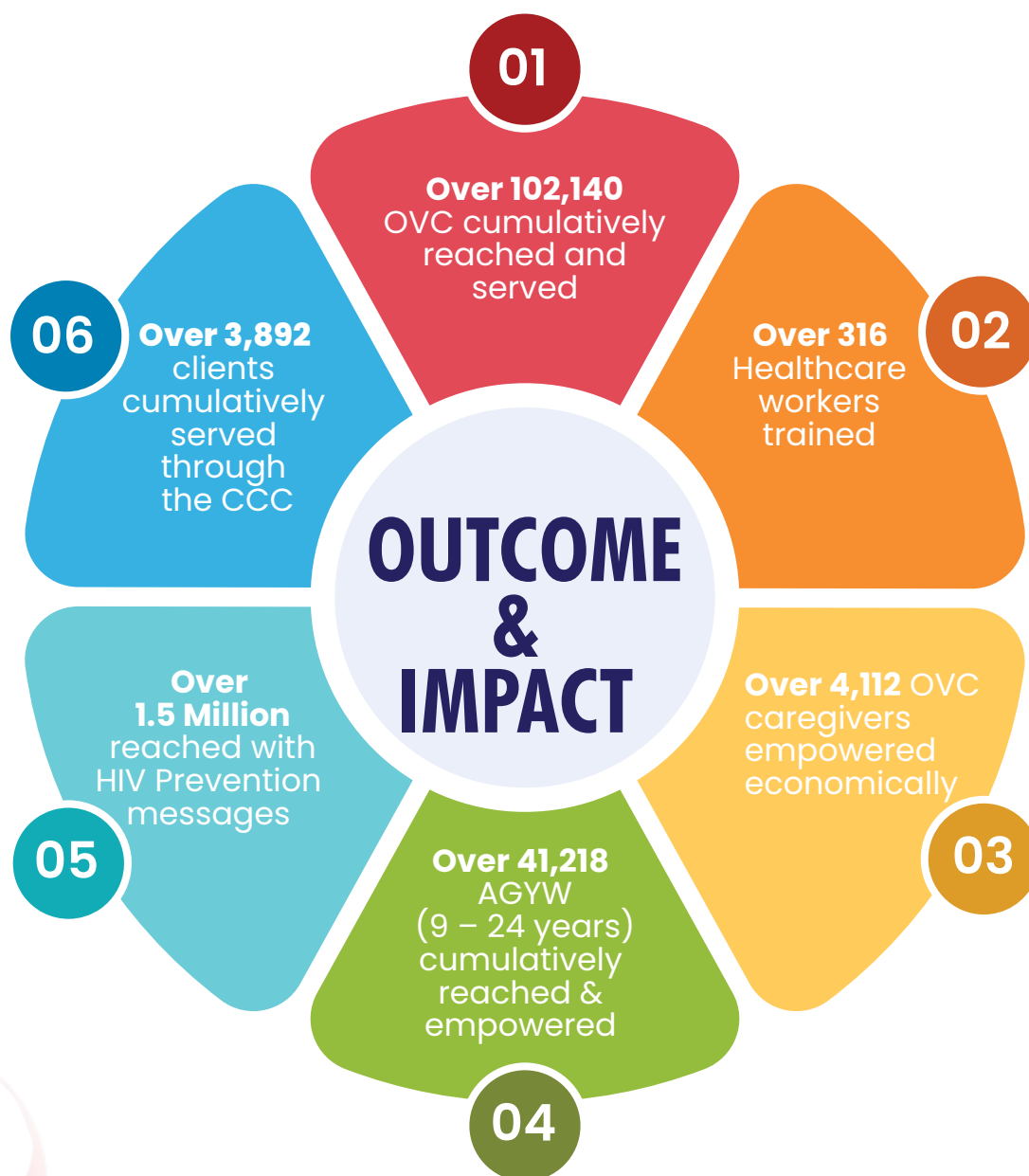


USAID Tujitegemee collaboration with Stawisha Pwani in the commemoration of World AIDS Day 2022

Our Work: USAID Tujitegemee is a County-led activity in line The project aims to increase access to and demand for quality HIV prevention services, as well as increasing access to quality health and social services for OVC and their families. Our Work USAID Tujitegemee is a County-led activity in line with USAID's Journey to Self-reliance (J2R) principle. The implementation is guided by evidence and seeks more collaboration with beneficiaries, other implementers and private partners. The project contributes to Kenya's attainment of the joint UNAIDs 95-95-95. It focuses on providing need-based, age-appropriate OVC services through case plans and DREAMS (Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS-free, Mentored and Safe) services. USAID Tujitegemee is committed to promoting county-owned, county-led and increasing access to quality health and social services for OVC and their families.

Achievements: Working jointly with the Ministry of Health, Department of Children Services, Internal security, Gender, Education, Civil registration and Vital statistics (CRVS). The project

1. Aligned community workforce with the county.
2. 93% and 89% of Children living with HIV (CLHIV) in Mombasa and Kilifi enrolled in OVC program respectively.
3. Amongst the 47,207 OVC, 98% have been tested, 100% of 3,049 CLHIV enrolled in antiretroviral therapy (ART), 86% (Kilifi) and 85% (Mombasa) are virally suppressed.
4. Served 14,362 AGYW in Mombasa, 21,165 OVC in Kilifi and 5,750 OVC in Mombasa.
5. Reached 5,303,400 individuals with Covid -19 demand creation and vaccine uptake.



EFFORTS AND PROGRESS ON J2SR

- Economic empowerment of targeted HH and graduation from the project
- Empowering targeted AGYW through Combined Socio-economic approaches
- Strengthened National and county government engagement through co-creation, co-implementation, co-monitoring and co-location
- Capacity Building
- Multi – sectoral engagement

Annual Financial Growth With PEPFAR Support

PEPFAR/USAID Funded Projects (Amount in Millions)

