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Overview – HPP Federation

Humana People to People (HPP) is a Federation of **30 locally established and registered independent non-profit organizations** operating development projects that impact more than **12 million people** each year. HPP local organizations work in partnership with governments at all levels to tackle the world's major humanitarian, social and environmental challenges. In the Global South, HPP local organizations are active in **Sub Saharan Africa, Asia, and Latin America**, including Angola, Botswana, China, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, India, Laos, Malawi, Namibia, Mozambique, South Africa, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

Organizing people at the community level and building their capacity to master their own development is at the core of all HPP activities. For four decades, HPP local organizations have been developing, testing and implementing **evidence-based community approaches** at scale in the health sector. In addition to health, HPP local organizations are active across a range of sectors, including **Sustainable Agriculture and Environment, Climate Change, Community Development, and Education**.

*Over the past 4 decades, HPP local organizations have built an extensive project infrastructure and capable human resources, which can be **quickly tapped into and mobilized to address the primary health impacts of COVID-19** as well as secondary impacts.*

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The members of the HPP Federation are ideal partners to mobilize communities to rise to the challenge of COVID-19 via USAID's New Partnerships Initiative (NPI).



- HPP organizations currently operate more than **300 community health projects** worldwide, impacting more than **6.6 million** people annually.
- All HPP organizations are **locally registered** and established.
- Most HPP organizations qualify as **New and Underutilized Partners (NUPs)**.
- All HPP organizations have a **permanent presence** and extensive on-the-ground infrastructure and reach.

Experience and reach within the Health Sector include:

- **HIV & AIDS Epidemic Control** experience includes designing and implementing evidence-based HIV case finding at the community-level, using high-yield testing modalities including index testing, and treatment support including same day ART-initiation and treatment adherence through to viral suppression. Funded by national Governments, PEPFAR/USAID, CDC, Global Fund, and the Private Sector, **Total Control of the Epidemic (TCE)** is HPP's flagship HIV/AIDS control model that has reached over **20 million** people since its start in early 2000. Under the motto: "Only the People can Liberate themselves from the AIDS Epidemic", TCE has proven to be a powerful model to help countries move towards the global 95-95-95 targets leading to epidemic control.

The TCE model and tools are currently being adapted to respond to COVID-19.

The TCE model has been frequently highlighted as an effective model by USG agencies, including Dr. Deborah Birx who stated in January 2020 that in Namibia "DAPP has demonstrated effective tracing of patients Lost to Follow-Up (LTFU), confirming or re-engaging 90% of patients to treatment. ...Effective interventions deployed by DAPP should be scaled up to all facilities in FY2020 to ensure complete geographical coverage." (PEPFAR COP20 Planning Letter for Namibia, January 16, 2020)

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- **Malaria elimination experience** by HPP local organizations include implementation of cross-border interventions to survey border posts and test people, **tracking cases back to the communities where they originate**. With support from donors such as the Global Fund and the U.S. President's Malaria Initiative (PMI), HPP organizations have been working for the **past 3 decades** towards eradication of malaria by promoting key strategies for effective prevention and treatment including: community mobilization and behavior change communications, Intermittent preventive treatment of pregnant women (IPTp), case management with patients under treatment, and referrals to health clinics for testing and diagnosis. This experience in tracing cases, combined with a strong track-record in effective behavior change communications, could be critical in dealing with a new disease such as COVID-19.
- **TB Control Experience** of HPP local organizations includes active case-finding, diagnosis, and community-based treatment adherence support. For example, under the USAID-funded CTB project, HPP's Mozambican member, ADPP, helped increase provincial TB case notification in Nampula and Zambézia by 40% and 31% in 2017, respectively. Based on its experience, ADPP applied for and won a new USAID award – the \$20 million, 5 year *Mozambique Local TB Response Project* that aims to reach 1.5 million individuals with TB communications, screen 900,000 at-risk individuals, and increase all forms of notified TB cases in priority districts. The project is currently adapting to COVID-19 by including prevention education as part of TB screening. ADPP and its partners are also developing new, innovative digital platforms for COVID-19 contact tracing and a patient centered approach to enable remote consultations.
- **Experience Building More Impactful, Sustainable Models for Community Health Worker (CHWs) Interventions**
HPP local organizations have been at the forefront in developing models to make Community Health Worker programs more impactful, cost-effective and sustainable. For example, in DRC HPP Congo implemented the 2016-2020 USAID-funded *Strengthening Community Health Worker Systems in Urban and Rural Congo* project that built the capacity of CHWs in the Kinshasa and Haut Katanga Health Zones.

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On the project, HPP-Congo designed and delivered **a cost-effective, comprehensive CHW model ready for further replication in other parts of the country.** Community-level implementation over 4 years strengthened local ownership and improved collaboration between communities and service providers as well as between local and national stakeholders.



HPP Capacity and Infrastructure in Sectors Outside Health Includes:

- **75,000 small-scale farmers** organized in **HPP Farmers' Clubs** to increase production and boost income. COVID-19 will exacerbate food insecurity in many countries. Community-level structures such as Farmers' Clubs can be engaged to ensure families are food secure, even under lock-down and stressful situations. Value chains can be protected through re-organization of how small-scale agricultural business is carried out at local level. Farmers' Clubs can also help establish safe trading markets and introduce e-commerce models.
- **50,000 primary school teachers** have graduated from **HPP's 53 Teacher Training Colleges** located in Angola, Mozambique, Malawi, Zambia, DRC, Guinea Bissau and India. 5,000 teachers are trained on an annual basis – and employed by national governments to teach in rural areas. These teachers have the capacity to rapidly integrate COVID-19 education and prevention measures in schools and communities in rural areas, where reliable, up-to-date information about the virus is scarce.
- **700,000 families** are organized and trained as active members of HPP's **Child Aid** community development projects, supporting children's health and educational development. Introducing COVID-19 health prevention modules into these established networks will allow rapid scaling up of new interventions, e.g. immunization, basic hygiene practices, and dissemination of accurate information to fight myths and misconceptions.

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- **122 educational Institutions** are operated by HPP local organizations impacting over 1.2 million children, adolescents and adults each year. These institutions – which include teacher-training colleges, vocational schools, pre-schools and secondary schools – can rapidly be engaged to deliver behaviour change interventions to introduce new learning materials about COVID-19, on paper and in digital format.

Mobilizing HPP's Extensive Project infrastructure to Address COVID-19

Local HPP organizations have built up significant local capacity and infrastructure over the years all around the globe. These systems are already being widely engaged to address the immediate challenges presented by COVID-19. For example:

- ✓ **HPP India** is a local organization founded in **1998** with **1,400 staff** implementing **70 projects** in education, community development, and health (HIV, TB WASH, and more) reaching **2 million people** in 14 states.
COVID-19 Response: HPP India is addressing COVID-19 by partnering with the Government of India, along with private sector partners (including Canon, Dell, and Bank of America) to implement COVID-19 prevention activities among vulnerable populations and providing emergency food aid for families experiencing loss of employment and income due to COVID-19.
- ✓ **ADPP Angola** is a local organization founded in **1986** with over **1,000 staff** and **4,000 volunteers** implementing **60 projects** in education, agriculture, community development, and health (HIV, TB, Malaria and more) reaching more than **700,000** people annually.
COVID-19 Response: ADPP Angola is addressing COVID-19 by partnering with private sector and multilateral partners (including Chevron and UNHCR) to mobilize communities and provide COVID-19 prevention education and to produce and distribute masks to those most vulnerable to the virus (including 8,000 Congolese refugees).

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- ✓ **ADPP Mozambique** is a local organization founded in **1984** with over **3,000 staff** and implementing **60 projects** in education, agriculture, community development, and health (HIV, TB, nutrition and more) reaching more than **2.5 million people** annually.



COVID-19 Response: ADPP is addressing COVID-19 by working with the National Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Social Affairs to distribute masks and handwashing supplies as well as supplementary nutrition packages to those most vulnerable. In the field of education, ADPP's nationwide educational institutions have adapted to online learning during the period when schools are closed. In the area of literacy, innovative TV and community radio programs have been developed and broadcast in close partnership with the Ministry of Education, ensuring that children in Maputo Province have access to safe digital learning, with a focus on building reading skills in local languages.

- ✓ **HPP South Africa** (HPPSA) is a local organization founded in **1995** with **500 staff** and interventions impacting over **500,000 people annually**. HPPSA implements projects in health (including HIV, TB, Malaria and non-communicable diseases) as well as the Child Aid community development project in 5 provinces (Gauteng, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, KwaZulu-Natal and Eastern Cape).

COVID-19 Response: HPPSA has adapted all community mobilization programs to use social media and mobile phones to deliver health messaging to promote compliance with physical distancing and other COVID-19 prevention methods. HPPSA is also delivering food parcels to the most needy in cooperation with the Government and Private Sector.

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Reflections – Rising to the Global Challenge of COVID-19

*The devastating health and economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has been felt around the world. But the virus could have a catastrophic effect on developing nations that are home to some of the world's most vulnerable communities. An effective and rapid response requires close collaboration between community-based organizations and civil society and local and national governments. **It requires leveraging existing infrastructure, trust and relationships to rapidly meet the extensive challenges presented by COVID-19.** Over 40 years of experience in epidemic control at the community-level has taught us that an effective response must put the affected people at **the center of the solution. This is true for HIV, TB and other communicable diseases and it is true for COVID-19.***

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