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PEPFAR/CDC Funded MARPS project which its mandate is to increase Access to Quality Preventive Comprehensive services for Most-At-Risk-Populations (MARPs) , Family Matters, One Child At Time (OCAT), Health Choices I & II(HC I& II) in Eastern and Central Provinces Kenya . The project operates in the following Drop In Centres (DICE) i.e. Thika DICE, Nyeri DICE, Mwea DICE, Embu DICE, Chuka DICE, Meru DICE, Makindu DICE, Machakos DICE, Mwingi DICE, & Kitui DICE.

KEFA(an NIH funding through the University of Washington) is currently supporting four foundational interdisciplinary research projects. The signature theme of these projects is prevention. That is the first priority of the Kenyan national HIV/AIDS strategic plan, and each of these projects addresses one of the aims of that plan. The study populations range from widows to commercial sex workers, from new mothers to men and women living with HIV. All focus on prevention interventions. The following is an overview of the four studies:

Project 1 "Widow Inheritance among the Luo: Developing Culturally Appropriate Interventions in the Context of Evolving Traditions" A project to design and implement an intervention to address widow inheritance as a risk behavior for HIV transmission among the Luo.

Project 2 "From Unmet Need to Unused Service" A project designed to explain the low utilization of prevention of maternal to child transmission (PMTCT) services in Kenya.

Project 3 "Secondary Prevention: Translation and Transfer of Evidence-based Interventions" A project to translate a "prevention with positives" counseling intervention for secondary HIV transmission risk reduction in HIV care settings in Kenya.

Project 4 "Studies of Kenyan Female Commercial Sex Workers and Their Male Partners: Life Course and Harm Reduction Approaches" A project to examine the social context of sex work and identify opportunities for intervention. (funded through the UW match)

Opportunity of small grants exists and already two have been funded.

- "Promotion of Couples HIV Counselling and Addressing Barriers to HIV Disclosure and Willingness of Men to be tested for HIV in Kenya".
- "Best Practices of Delivery of HIV Counselling and Testing, and Treatment and Referral Services to People with Disabilities".

At least one of the team members seeking funding must be a Faculty Member of UON to qualify.

Centre for AIDS Research (CFAR) University of California funded programme, Implementing integrated methadone and HIV care in Kenya, A qualitative pilot study of methadone implementation in Kenya to inform policy programming and future evaluation (University of Nairobi in collaboration with University of California San Diego, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and Kenya AIDS NGOs Consortium(KANCO), National AIDS Control Programme (NAS COP), National AIDS Control Council (NACC))

A Collaboration to Culturally Adapt a Secondary HIV Prevention Intervention for Kenyan Youth Newly



Diagnosed with HIV/AIDS: Adolescents Coping, Connecting, Empowering, and Protecting Together (Project ACCEPT) University of De Paul, Chicago, USA, University of Nairobi and University of Michigan

A collaboration study between University of Nairobi & University of South Wales (UNSW) Examining the issue of intimate partner violence amongst residents of an internally displaced persons camp in Kenya (Public health Issues amongst IDP camp residents in Rongai, Kenya) Prof Elizabeth Ngugi (UoN) Prof Heather Worth (UNSW) Prof Robyn Richmond (UNSW) Dr Holly Seale (UNSW)

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