

Code of Good Practice for NGOs Responding to HIV/AIDS





Why an NGO Code?

Increased
commitment
to HIV



Rapid scale up of
programmes



Accountability and
quality sacrificed



Evidence base
not utilized





What is the Code?

The Code outlines principles, practices and evidence base that:

- underscore successful NGO responses to HIV
- provide a framework for NGOs to commit and be held accountable





The Principles



Organisational Programming

Guiding Principles



The Principles

Guiding Principles:

An OVERALL FRAMEWORK for successful NGO responses to HIV.

*** We commit to rooting our HIV work in good practice ***

This includes:

- Meaningfully involving PLHIV and affected communities
- Applying human rights and public health principles
- Addressing the causes of vulnerability to HIV infection and the impacts of HIV and AIDS
- Ensuring that programmes and services are informed by evidence



The Principles

*Organisational Principles:
Principles to guide HOW we do our work.*

*** We commit to effective and transparent organisational practice ***

For example:

- Involving PLHIV and affected communities
- Building multi-sectoral partnerships
- Efficient financial management
- Good governance
- Effective planning, monitoring and evaluation



The Principles

*Programming Principles:
Principles to guide WHAT we do.*

*** We commit to providing quality programmes and services to PLHIV and affected communities ***

This includes:

- Addressing cross-cutting issues
- Comprehensive HIV prevention programming
- Treatment, care and support
- Addressing stigma and discrimination



In a nutshell...

Commitment to good practice standards

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Continuous improvement

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A united and accountable NGO response to HIV



How can we use the Code?

These principles can help guide our organisation's:

- organisational and strategic planning
- development, implementation and evaluation of programmes
- advocacy efforts





Benefits of being a Code Signatory

As a signatory, your NGO is...

- Part of a global NGO community committed to good practice
- Listed as a signatory on the Code website – www.hivcode.org

You are invited to...

- include the Code logo on your NGO's website and marketing materials to promote your endorsement
- download translations of the Code and key documents on the Code's website
- use the self-assessment checklists to help you put the Code's principles into practice



Self-Assessment Checklists

How well is your organisation addressing the following issues:

- Advocacy
- Children and HIV
- Financial management
- Governance
- Harm reduction
- HIV in emergencies
- HIV prevention
- Key populations
- Mainstreaming HIV
- Meaningful involvement of people living with HIV
- Meaningful Involvement of women & girls living with HIV
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Stigma and discrimination
- Treatment, care & support
- Voluntary counselling and testing



How far will we go?



1. ENDORSING NGO

An organisation that has endorsed the Code's principles and is committed to utilising the Code in its programmes.



2. IMPLEMENTING NGO

A signatory that can demonstrate it is putting the Code's principles into practice. Organisations must complete at least one self-assessment checklist and submit an Action Plan, or reference the Code in an organisational strategic document.



3. CHAMPION NGO

A signatory that can demonstrate that it not only uses the Code in its daily work but 'champions' the Code with others – in the community, with other organisations, at conferences, etc.



Find out more!

Visit www.hivcode.org.

Ask the Code Champion at your organisation for more information.

Or contact the Code Secretariat at info@hivcode.org.





Thank you!

The Code Project is guided by:

