



CHAMP: Reducing HIV/AIDS to Benefit the Socioeconomic Development of Cameroon

About CHAMP

The CHAMP program is the successor HIV/AIDS initiative to the HIV/AIDS Prevention Program (HAPP), financed by the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), managed by USAID and implemented by CARE Cameroon. The goal of CHAMP is to reduce HIV/STI infections and related morbidity and mortality, and thus ease the impact of HIV on the socioeconomic development of Cameroon.

Objectives

CHAMP aims to improve the Cameroonian Government and civil society's technical capacity to provide and implement evidence-based prevention, care, and treatment services and programs for members of key populations (KPs). The key populations include men who have sex with men (MSM), female sex workers (FSW), and clients of sex workers.

Strategies

- Strengthen local capacity for the provision of, and increased access to client-friendly facilities and community-based HIV/AIDS CoPCT services
- Strengthen and expand a functional, client-centered referral and follow-up network to reinforce individual retention
- Address both gender and youth dimensions through:
 - Increased access to family planning and reproductive health services
 - Expanded gender-based violence screening and support services
 - Examinations of harmful male and female gender norms
 - Innovative approaches to cultivate responsible, healthy life choices and health-seeking behaviours among young men and women
- Increase the capacity of members of key populations to act as service providers and contributors to cutting-edge research

Expected Results

Increase the technical competence of community and government:

- Develop and strengthen existing health systems, particularly HIV services, through the establishment of community-based centers of excellence
- Strengthen local capacity for the provision of, and access to HIV/AIDS facilities and prevention, care and treatment services

Strengthen quality systems of assessment and monitoring:

- Develop and institutionalize sustainable way of quality assurance models;
- Strengthen the monitoring / evaluation for implementation.

Program Name:

Continuum of Prevention, Care and Treatment (CoPCT) of HIV/AIDS with Most-at-risk-Populations in Cameroon (CHAMP)

Program Country: Cameroon

Timeframe: April 2014 – April 2019

Budget: US\$ 18,761,142

Donor: USAID

Beneficiaries (first year of operation):

1,575

Adults and children received at least one care and support service

258

HIV-positive adults and children received clinical services

2,967

Members of key populations tested for HIV and received their results



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631

Members of key populations received individual or small group level interventions

221

Eligible clients received nutritional assistance



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“Thanks to the project, we’ve had access to good products like lubricants and condoms which protect us against infectious diseases like HIV and STIs.”

Testimony of a FSW, Bamenda, North West Region of Cameroon

Increased technical competence of community and government:

- Develop and strengthen existing health systems, particularly HIV services, through the establishment of community-based centers of excellence;
- Strengthen local capacity for the provision of, and access to HIV/AIDS facilities and prevention-to-care services;
- Support and strengthen regional mobile clinical services for KPs to increase accessibility to services;
- Identify opportunities for technical assistance to facilitate practical learning.

Partners

As part of the CHAMP consortium, CARE is partnered with three international organizations: Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, Global Viral, and MotoAction. CARE serves as the prime, providing overall leadership, management and coordination of the program, including liaising with the Government of Cameroon and key stakeholders, and oversight of sub-grants with local community-based partners. Johns Hopkins and Global Viral are principally responsible for the design and implementation of CHAMP research initiatives, and pre-clinical, clinical and post-clinical training. MotoAction is responsible for the development of behavior change communication, social marketing, and information, education and communication materials.

CHAMP also works directly with the Cameroon Ministry of Health, and the following community-based organizations: *Alternatives Cameroun* (based in Douala); *Horizons Femmes* (based in Douala and Yaoundé); *Humanity First Cameroon* (based in Yaoundé); *Cameroon Medical Women’s Association (CMWA)*, based in Bamenda; *Association pour l’Assistance au Développement (ASAD)*, based in Bertoua; and *Espace Kribi (ESPK)*, through Moto Action. Community-based organizations, in tandem with the Government of Cameroon and public sector facilities, are the principle providers of services for key population beneficiaries.

Prospects for Next Year

Fully staffed as of April 2015, CHAMP will conduct the following activities in its second year of implementation:

- Provision of HIV prevention, care and support, and treatment for key populations
- Pre-clinical, clinical and post-clinical training of government and civil society providers for the provision of client-friendly services for key populations
- Roll out of the *Integrated Behavioral and Biological Survey* and longitudinal cohort studies
- Implementation of a systematic quality assurance and improvement system
- Development and implementation of a mobile technology client tracking and referral system

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