


Fund for Gender Equality

GENERAL PROGRAMME INFORMATION				
Project Information				Senegal
Project Name	Economic and Political Independence of Women Living with HIV in the Draft Legislation Dedicated to HIV			Programme Type: Catalytic
Lead Org	Alliance Nationale Contre le Sida (ANCS)			Grant ID: 1561
Co-lead Org	SWAA SENEGAL			
Thematic Area(s)	Economic Empowerment			
Thematic Sub Area(s)	Gender-sensitive response to a sectoral policy on HIV			
Grant Amount	\$200,000	Grant Start Date	December 18, 2009	
Additional Gov't Funding		Grant End Date	December 31, 2011	
Total Budget	\$200,000			

Partner Agencies	
Government	Ministry for Family Affairs
Civil Society	ABOYA; KARLENE

Programme Summary
<p>The programme aims to improve the political and economic autonomy of HIV-positive women and revise national legislation on HIV and AIDS in Senegal, with particular attention to the rights of women sex workers. The programme also seeks to sensitize members of Parliament on the critical need for this legislative reform. The implementing organizations are well known in the region as powerful agents of change. They will undertake advocacy, establish coalitions and establish measures of effectiveness that can serve as models in the country and potentially, throughout the region.</p>

DETAILED PROGRAMME INFORMATION				
Contribution to Law(s)				
Name of Law	Law Type	Year Implemented	Type of Contribution	Expected Level of Contribution (High or Low)
HIV Law	Law	2010	Gender Mainstreaming	High

General Programme Goal
Contributing to the political and economic empowerment of women living with HIV.

Expected Programme Outcomes
Outcome 1: Revised HIV/AIDS law.

Main Achievements
<p>In support of its first and second outcomes, ANCS and SWAA prepared and publicized two studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the situation of women affected by HIV/AIDS (which benefited from the participation of associations of HIV+ people, hospitals, clinics, the National Council for the Fight against AIDS, the Ministry of Health and various development agencies) • On the current protection gaps in the existing law on HIV/AIDS in Senegal with a specific focus on missing provisions to promote the political and economic rights of women affected by HIV. The study resulted in concrete recommendations for the advancement of this agenda, such as the creation of an Action and Reflection Committee for the empowerment of women affected by HIV. <p>The results of the study were presented at the official launch of the programme held in June 2011, attended by more than 150 people, including members of government, Parliament, the media, the United Nations, community leaders and civil society organizations, as well as men and women affected by HIV/AIDS. ANCS and SWAA were successful in capitalizing off of this initial interest and initiating dialogue with members of the Senegalese Parliament, securing their interest in the legislative reform necessary to gender mainstream the existing law on HIV/AIDS in Senegal.</p> <p>Subsequently, SWAA and ANCS advanced their third outcome by strengthening the institutional capacities of two of their key implementation partners - ABOYA and KARLENE. Programme activities focused on supporting the economic empowerment of women</p>

living with HIV/AIDS by integrating them into formal credit systems and facilitating their participation in income-generating activities .
Consequently, ANCS and SWAA were responsible for:

- Conducting a capacity assessment of KARLENE and ABOYA; and providing both organizations with training in organizational, administrative and financial management
- Finalizing a partnership agreement with the Credit Mutuel du Senegal to manage microcredit funds for programme beneficiaries (women living with HIV/AIDS and their families) and disbursing 5,000,000 Francs (CFA) to ABOYA and KARLENE in order to finance microcredits for individuals with whom the organizations had pre-existing or current contracts
- Meeting with recipients of micro-credit funds in order to explain the opportunities of the microcredit programme

Key Highlights

Creation of a Reflection and Action Committee for the Empowerment of Women Living with HIV/AIDS (headed by Minister Khady DIOP), as suggested by the findings of the baseline study