

Aids commission congratulates Uganda Cares

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Uganda Aids Commission, an organisation established by Parliamentary Statute with the objective to oversee the implementation of the national strategy to combat HIV/Aids, is mandated to coordinate all stakeholders who are engaged in HIV/Aids response in the country.

Uganda Cares has been a strategic partner of Uganda Aids Commission and sits on the technical working groups and committees that develop the strategic plan in fighting HIV/Aids as well as on policy platforms for HIV and Aids. They also work hand in hand around the issues of advocacy especially when the commission is dealing with issues like the Global Fund and on national commemoration events like the World Aids Day.

According to Enid Wamani, Director for partnership, Uganda Aids Commission, their relationship with Uganda Cares is a very key and so important to them because they (Uganda Cares) work across the board in the whole HIV and Aids response.

"They are engaged in the area of HIV prevention. They are engaged in the area of care and treatment. They engaged in the area of system strengthening, social support and protection so they have been comprehensive

in their work. They are very forthcoming and our relationship is very beneficial and as Uganda Aids Commission, we value the relationship we have with Uganda Cares," she said.

On making 15 years, Wamani congratulates Uganda Cares and says the Uganda Aids Commission respects their input towards the fight against HIV Aids.

"On behalf of Uganda Aids Commission, I would like to congratulate Uganda Cares upon making 15 years of service in Uganda. I can very confidently say that their input and investment into this country is visible and we would like to wish them all the best as they grow forward and we pledge our commitment to continue working with them."

Programmes

Both Uganda Cares and Uganda Aids Commission are in the area of prevention, awareness, mobilising and sensitising people about prevention of HIV Aids and what needs to be done. Besides that, they also work in areas of counselling and referring people that need counselling for service whereby they link them to a number of ministries, departments and agencies of government.

Uganda Cares has also helped the Uganda Aids Commission in the area of condom promotion and distribution because they have in the past been able

to supply up to 37 ministries departments and agencies with condom dispensers which have all been installed in different parts of the ministry.

When it relates to materials for information, education and communication in the area of HIV prevention, Uganda Cares has done a lot according to reports because they have been supportive in supplying health facilities with medication and medical staff in about 50 health facilities working with the ministry of health which are spread in 22 districts.

According to Wamani, the Commission has been partnering with Uganda Cares to refer a number of people from the corporate world, ministries and agencies that they coordinate to go to health facilities that are supported by Uganda Cares for care and treatment.

These facilities include one at Mulago, St Balikudembe and Nakawa markets which serve the highly populated communities.

That aside, it has also participated in the national organising committee for advocacy events like World Aids Day, Philly Lutaya Day, Candle Light Memorial day as well as participating with them on the country coordination mechanism for the Global Fund that is responsible for mobilising resources from the Global Fund to fight HIV, Aids, TB and Malaria.



Ms Wamani says their relationship with Uganda Cares has been beneficial.
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