

MINUTES OF THE PVA AFRICA CSO MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday, August 31st, 2022

1pm-SAST/2pm-EAT

Zoom Conference Call

<u>Attendees</u>	
Kristine Yakhama	Good Health Community Programmes
Winile Mabhoko	Eyesizwe Foundation for Development
Peter Owiti	ACT-A Facilitation Council / Wote Youth Development Projects CBO
Samuel Yao Atidzah	GOSANET Foundation
Dr Davji Atallah	KMPDU
Noe Kwin	Freedom in Harmony
Marie Benjamin	Society for Women and AIDS in Africa
Alima Sagito	Savannah Women Integrated Development Agency
Kavengo Matundu	GCAP
Ntado Yola	APHA
Vassie [Panjasaram] Naidoo	University of KZN
Emmanuel Mushy	Visual Aided Stories (VAS)
Rose Mary Nakame	REMI East Africa
Barrack Owino	African Alliance

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African Alliance welcoming note	<p>Opening Remarks (<i>Barrack</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was an overview elaboration of what PVA does and its activities regionally and its role in the PVA Global Alliance. • There was a round of introductions of current and new members of CSOs in attendance.
Introduction of new members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barrack announced the new membership organizations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ REMI East Africa - Uganda ○ Visual Aided Stories (VAS) - Tanzania, ○ Freedom in Harmony – Uganda ○ GOSANET Foundation - Ghana ○ VOSIEDA - Liberia <p><u>Action</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Share the list of these new CSOs with the Coordinator at People's Vaccine Alliance (PVA) Global so that they can be included in the group. (<i>Barrack</i>) ○ Update the CSO's once their membership with the PVA Global is registered and guide on the way forward, especially the working groups they can get

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	involved with within the PVA Global. <i>(Barrack)</i>
Updates from around the continent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uganda is at 56% of immunization Covid-19 Vaccination at round three of the vaccination campaigns completed with round four underway there is some strategy on the vaccination of children from 12 to 17 years of age with an emphasis on the Johnson and Johnson vaccine that is expiring on December 2022 through the mop-up campaigns in rural and urban areas by the Ugandan Ministry of health. <i>(Rose Mary)</i> • Covid-19 testing has been minimized since it is not a requirement unless one is traveling and considering that it comes at a cost of about \$40 which a large population cannot access. <i>(Rose Mary)</i> • The Monkey Pox status in DR Congo cannot be authoritatively reported but on the flip side vaccination of Covid-19 is very slow due to the conflicts in the East of the DR of Congo thus affecting also the West part of Uganda bordering the Country. Other reasons for the poor vaccine uptake are the conspiracy theories about the vaccines, minimal DR Congo Government support, and lack of information among the communities. <i>(Kavengo)</i> • There should be a lot of advocacy on the vaccines by doing door-to-door mobilization talking to people and addressing their fears and reasons around the vaccination. <i>(Vassie)</i> • Only 13% of the healthcare workforce has been vaccinated, there is need to find measures on how increase these numbers. There is a massive expiration of vaccines thus there should be the production of vaccines with a longer shelf life. There should be timely advocacy when vaccines get back to stock after massive stockouts. <i>(Rose Mary)</i> • Governments should do their mandate of mobilizing their citizens with the assistance of CSOs and NGOs by practicing the best practices from other countries like Mauritius on the Covid-19 interventions. <i>(Kavengo)</i>
PVA Africa Highlights (COVID-19 Advocacy Support Grants)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The COVID-19 Advocacy Support Grants attracted 178 applications out of which 5 organizations were shortlisted after the screening process. These shortlisted sub-grantees are undergoing the Due Diligence process before they embark on their projects. <i>(Barrack)</i> • A meeting will be convened to introduce the 5 shortlisted sub-grantees and then publish their names on the African Alliance website and Social Media platforms and also shared with the PVA Global. <i>(Barrack)</i>
Update on the ongoing PVA Global new strategy development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is need to revise the previous strategy which was previously based on trips waiver to reflect other emerging issues. Regional representatives are working on the respective drafts which will be finalized and shared with the PVA Global so that these priorities are included in the PVA Global strategy. <i>(Barrack)</i>

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	<p><u>Action</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Share with the members the finalized document that will be submitted to the PVA Global. (<i>Barrack</i>)
<p>Key upcoming dates in Q3-2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 26; present the PVA Africa priorities to the PVA Steering Committee. • Week of September 19; Webinar on <i>Love Alliance</i> with STOPAIDS UK. The details will be shared once confirmed. • Every last Wednesday of the Month; PVA Africa CSO monthly meetings. <p><u>Action</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Share with the members a calendar invite with all the upcoming recurring PVA Africa CSO monthly meetings. (<i>Barrack</i>) ○ Share with the members the details of the upcoming <i>Love Alliance</i> webinar. (<i>Barrack</i>)
<p>Any Other business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enquired on how GCAP can take part in the PVA Africa strategy development (<i>Kavengo</i>). • African Alliance will reach out to the CSOs for their input on the PVA Africa strategy development. (<i>Barrack</i>) • Enquired of when will the qualified Covid-19 Advocacy sub-grantees should expect to receive the final decision from Africa Alliance. (<i>Rose Mary</i>) • The final decision will be communicated to the shortlisted sub-grantees by Monday, September 5. (<i>Barrack</i>) • The next PVA CSO meeting will be on September 28. (<i>Barrack</i>)
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00pmSAST/3:00pmEAT.</p>