

The National AIDS Commission of Liberia (NAC)



he passage into law of the Commission's Act in September 2010, and the completion and launch of the HIV & AIDS National Strategic Framework II 2010 - 2014, marked the beginning of the coordination of a truly multi-sectoral decentralized national HIV and AIDS response. The completion and launch of the National Strategic Plan (2015 - 2020) marked the beginning of a more effective coordination of the National HIV and AIDS response led by the National AIDS Commission.

Mandates of the NAC

- Decentralization & County Support
- Program & Policy
- Partnership
- Monitoring and Evaluation



Functions of the NAC

According to the act establishing the National AIDS Commission, the following are the roles and responsibilities of the Commission:

- Ensure effective coordination and management of the decentralized, multi-sectoral national response to HIV;
- Develop and implement a National Strategic Framework for planning, implementing, monitoring, and evaluating all HIV and AIDS programs through a multi-sectoral approach;
- Mobilize, expend, and coordinate resources through an efficient allocation system;
- Play a lead advocacy role for the prevention and control of HIV and AIDS;
- Create strategic linkages among national and international stakeholders in a coordinated response to HIV and AIDS;
- Collect, analyze, disseminate, and share information on HIV and AIDS and its consequences;
- Promulgate rules providing protocols for counseling, testing, caring, supporting, and treatment for all members of Most at Risk Populations; and
- Promote research, information sharing and documentation on HIV and AIDS prevention and control.



Guiding Principles

Liberia subscribes to the UNAIDS' global principles of "The Three Ones" in its effort to coordinate the national response. The Three Ones refer to:

- One HIV and AIDS coordinating authority (the National AIDS Commission);
- One HIV and AIDS action plan that provides the basis of implementation for all partners (The National Strategic Plan 2015-2016); and
- One country level monitoring and evaluation system for planning and coordinating the national response in the country (The National M&E Plan).



Who We Are

The National AIDS Commission of Liberia (NAC) was established as an autonomous agency of the Government to manage and coordinate the multi-sector decentralized national HIV and AIDS response. The president of Liberia chairs the Board of Directors. This demonstrates the Government's unwavering commitment to, and involvement in, the national response to HIV and AIDS. The Commission was established to ensure a multi-sector, harmonized, decentralized response.



The National AIDS and STI Control Program (NACP) focuses on Government's health sector response to the pandemic, while the National AIDS Commission (NAC) is responsible for coordinating the multi-sector response. The Commission works with all sectors and partners to mainstream and integrate HIV in program planning and implementation.

Milestones of the NAC

- Led the development and dissemination of the National HIV and AIDS Strategic Plan (2015-2020);
 Overseeing the Implementation of the Plan
- Conducted the following studies that informed the national response to HIV and AIDS: Integrated Bio-Behavioral Surveillance Survey (IBBSS); ART Cohort Study; National AIDS Spending Assessment (NASA); Stigma Index Study
- Established the HIV and AIDS Human Rights Platform, chaired by the Ministry of Justice and co-chaired by the National AIDS Commission of Liberia, bringing together partners who advocate for and protect the rights of key populations
- Established the Liberia Network of People Living with HIV and AIDS (LIBNEP+); hosted a national conference of PLHIV, during which a leadership structure for the PLHIV movement in Liberia was adopted
- Spearheaded the development, printing and dissemination of the HIV Law providing for the control of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)

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