



# **Family-centred approaches for Children and AIDS in the context of the UNAIDS Strategic Framework: Partnership with Faith-based Organizations**

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# Overview

- Reaching the other half
- In for the long haul
- Challenges and opportunities
- UNAIDS Strategic Framework: P'ships with FBOs
- From strategy to action



# Reaching the Other Half by 2015

- Universal Access commitments 2010
- Whilst significant progress has been made in several areas, progress was often in areas of easier reach “low hanging fruit”
- The challenge for 2015 is to reach most marginalized and hardest to reach
- Family centred approaches: the gateway to scale not only response to boys and girls but as well men and women (do more with '----')



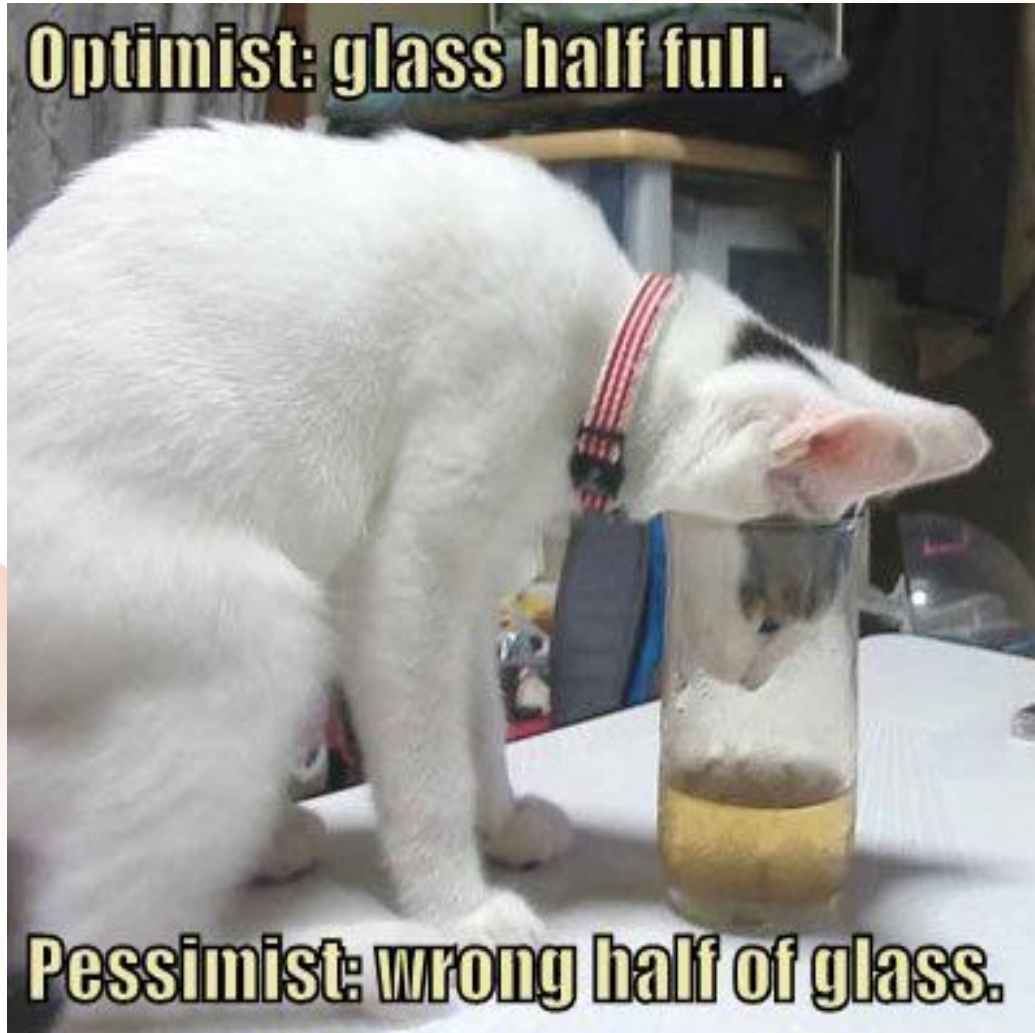
# In for the long haul?

- Early engagement was not today's mainstream actors but activists, MSM, some FBOs
- The future of the global AIDS response and implications for actors
- Resource constraints demands more results for less money. This may result in grant contractors and mainstream actors to reduce / shift their engagement
- Who will be “in for the long haul”? Likely to be selected civil society groups including FBOs & governments



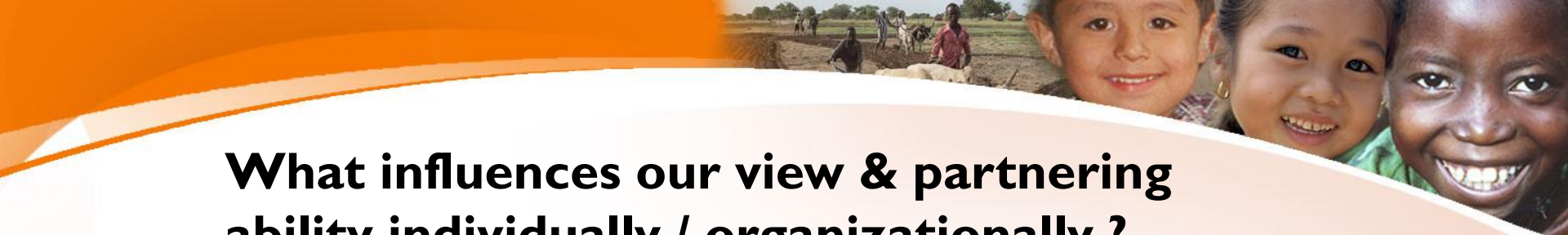
# FBOs – Opportunity and Challenge

Presence &  
reach  
Long term  
Influence  
Commitment  
Stigma  
reduction



Stigma  
Weak  
capacity  
Prejudices  
Misinformed  
Conservative  
Diverse  
Complex





## What influences our view & partnering ability individually / organizationally ?

Good experiences

Disagreements on  
“Hot topics”

Bad experiences

Agreements on  
Shared visions

Emotions

**Evidence**

Ability to agree  
to disagree



# Partnership with FBOs

## UNAIDS Strategic Framework:

First meeting of the UNAIDS Secretariat and Cosponsors Working Group on Religion and Faith Based Organizations

**9-11 April 2008 Geneva**

Thank you to Sally Smith, UNAIDS

### **Participants:**

1. Partnerships and Social Mobilization Officers from UNAIDS Secretariat Regional Support Teams, Geneva and Country Offices
2. Staff from UNAIDS UN agency cosponsors with a primary responsibility for liaison, mobilization and or partnership with FBOs on AIDS
3. Key informants from civil society, in particular faith based organizations and people living with HIV



## Outcomes

- An outline for a three-to-five year joint UNAIDS Strategy
- An ongoing UNAIDS (Secretariat-facilitated) working group on faith to provide information, advice and direction to joint work between UNAIDS and FBOs.





# UNAIDS Strategic Framework for Partnership with FBOs

## *Goal*

The goal of the UNAIDS–FBO strategic framework is to encourage stronger partnerships between UNAIDS and FBOs in order to achieve universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support, which includes the integration of FBOs in comprehensive national AIDS responses.



## Objectives

To:

- Encourage global and national religious leaders to take supportive public action in the AIDS response
- Create strong partnerships between UNAIDS and established FBOs working on HIV
- Promote strengthened links, including coordination and oversight, with FBOs at the country level to ensure that there is an appropriate interface as part of a comprehensive national AIDS response.
- Strengthen the capacity of FBOs to work on HIV issues and the capacity of UNAIDS staff to work with FBOs.
- Target FBOs not yet working on HIV to include HIV-related activities in their work
- Mobilize local faith communities to become involved in the local AIDS response.
- Identify and document examples of FBO good practice



# Priority areas for UNAIDS partnership with faith-based organizations

## Three levels-

Religious leaders

Faith inspired NGOs- FBOs

Local Faith Communities

## For each level on each issue-

Two- to- four outputs

Prioritized strategic approaches  
to UN/FBO partnership  
action on each issue

## Ten issues

- Prevention
- Treatment
- Care and support
- Youth
- Children and orphans
- People living with HIV
- Gender
- Key populations
- Stigma and discrimination
- Human rights, dignity and justice



## Next Steps

- Develop an operational plan for roll out of the UNAIDS Strategic Framework for partnership with FBOs
- Key elements of the operational plan will include:
  - Action to integrate partnership with FBOs in action matrices for each of the UNAIDS Outcome Framework action areas
  - Support to UNAIDS regional and country offices to integrate partnership with FBOs into UNAIDS country office and national HIV plans
  - Capacity building/support to UNAIDS regional and country staff on partnership with FBOs
  - Collaboration with Cosponsors FBO partnership action plans on HIV
  - Collaboration with key Donors on partnership action with FBOs on HIV



# **Family-centred approaches From UNAIDS FBO Partnership Strategy to Action**

- Acknowledge that FBOs existing local level programming often are already family centred, build and expand on them for key areas in UNAIDS outcomes framework. Need to document & scale good practices.
- Enhance engagement and collaboration in the area of Human rights, dignity and justice especially around key populations and the best interest of children in families





# Thank you

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