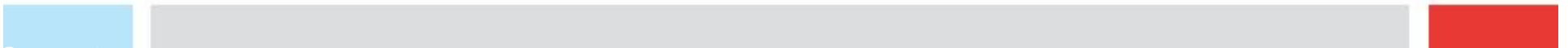


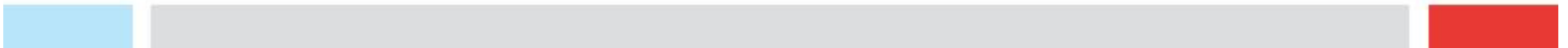
# **Collaborative Mechanisms for Effective Research on HIV in Children**

**Expert Meeting on HIV Infection in Children  
Aged 5 – 14 Years  
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# Outline

- Inter-institutional collaboration
  - Coordination
- Institutionally-led research/service partnerships
- Branded affiliations
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# Inter-Institutional Collaboration

## The Joint Learning Initiative on Children and HIV/AIDS (JLICA)

### Timebound:

- Established 2006 & work to be completed by end 2008

### Funding:

- Bernard van Leer Foundation, Governments of UK, Netherlands, Francois-Xavier Bagnoud International, UNAIDS, UNICEF

### Partners:

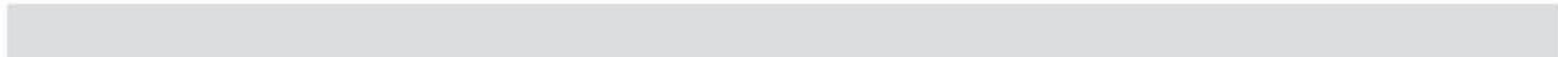
- Cross-sectoral, interdisciplinary
- Practitioners, policymakers, scholars

### Focus on:

- Collaborative problem-solving,
- Research around knowledge gaps,
- Analysis of existing research

### Outputs:

- [Research papers](#): child survival, the role of families and communities, service provision, governance issues, and costing of adequate response
- [Practical recommendations](#) to address the needs of children living in the context of HIV/AIDS.



# Inter-Institutional Collaboration - Coordination

## Stated goal:

- To protect and fulfill the rights of children affected by HIV/AIDS by mobilizing the scientific evidence base and producing actionable recommendations for policy and practice.

## Objectives:

- Mobilizing & generating evidence
- Expanding space for new thinking
- Advancing action
- Facilitating linkages

## Organization:

- Headed by **2 Co-Chairs** (1 institutional – Mr Peter Bell, Senior Research Fellow Harvard University, 1 Government – Dr. Agnes Binagwaho, Executive Secretary NAC – Rwanda)
- **Four thematic “Learning Groups”**, each led by 2 Co-Chairs
  - Group 1: **Strengthening Families** – Prof. Linda Richter, HSRC, Dr. Angela Wakhweya, FHI
  - Group 2: **Community Action** – Dr. Geoff Foster, Family AIDS Caring Trust (FACT), Madhu Deshmukh, CARE USA
  - Group 3: **Access to Services and Protection of Human Rights** – Prof. Jim Yong Kim, Harvard University, Dr. Lydia Mungherera, TASO Uganda
  - **Group 4: Social and Economic Policies** – Alex de Waal, Social Science Research Council, Masuma Mamdani, Research on Poverty Alleviation

# Institutionally-Led Technical Assistance to Implementers

## Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation - International Family AIDS Initiative

### Focus:

- Increasing access to services for prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT);
- Increasing access to care and treatment for children and families, including antiretroviral therapy (ART);
- Linking PMTCT services to care and treatment in order to provide a continuum of care;
- Researching and identifying better technologies and interventions in PMTCT and care and treatment;
- Documenting replicable models in PMTCT and care and treatment; and
- Training research and program leaders to advance all of the above.

### Programme Components:

- PMTCT:
- Care and Treatment (Project HEART)

### Funding:

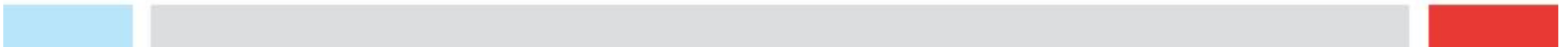
- USAID, CDC (through PEPFAR)

### Partners:

- Host Governments (Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, DRC, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe)
- Existing health and care facilities

### Support provided:

- Technical support, guidance and financial support to national care and treatment programmes (facility and community-based)



# Branded Affiliations

## Baylor International Paediatric AIDS Initiative (BIPAI)

### Stated goal:

- To conduct a program of high quality, high impact, highly ethical pediatric and family HIV/AIDS care and treatment, health professional training, and clinical research.

### Partners:

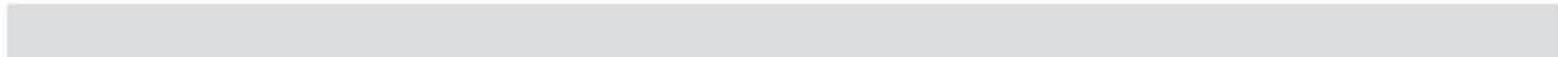
- 10 clinical centers of excellence (Botswana, Kenya, Uganda, Swaziland, Lesotho, Tanzania, Malawi, Burkina Faso, Mexico, Romania)
- Earliest Center of Excellence in Africa (Botswana) established in 2003.
- Funded by Baylor College of Medicine, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Abbot Fund and host Governments

### Focus on:

- Supporting government roll-out plans for access to paediatric treatment
- Strengthening quality of care for paediatric HIV patients,
- Strengthening capacity of health professionals through training
- Research

### Outputs:

- Centers of Excellence
- Increased number of trained professionals in host countries



# Branded Affiliations – Applied Models

**Baylor International Paediatric AIDS Initiative (BIPAI) funded through CDC**

## **Government, Baylor, Bristol-Myers Partnership:**

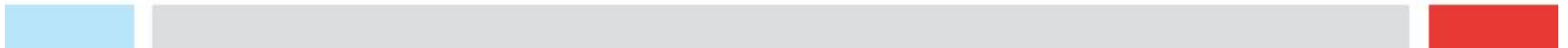
- Construction of clinical center
- Training of staff and provision of faculty by Baylor
- Financing by host Government (including support from GFATM)
- Focal center for roll-out of paediatric care
- Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, Kenya, Uganda, Burkina Faso, Malawi

## **Project Support:**

- Technical support and training on paediatric care within comprehensive project or service programme
- Tanzania (Elizabeth Glaser Paediatric AIDS Foundation – Project HEART, Mexico)

## **Specific research initiatives:**

- Botswana:
  - [Community based outreach](#) – documenting care needs of children; influencing treatment and access programmes.
  - [Clinical trials](#) – impact of structured interrupted treatment on long-term treatment outcomes in children



# Other Models of Collaboration

## **SAHARA:**

- **Technical support through HSRC towards social research implemented by partners across Africa**

## **Others:**

- **UNICEF – LSHTM (Roeland Monasch)**
- **UNICEF – CDC (Child Abuse – Jama Gulaid)**
- **Others...**

