



FANIKISHA Institutional Strengthening Project

Objective

The FANIKISHA Institutional Strengthening Project aims to build the capacity of national-level civil society organizations (CSOs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to provide sustainable leadership in the delivery of the community response for the sustained health and well-being of all Kenyans.

Project status

FANIKISHA is a cooperative agreement running from July 2011 through July 2016. The project is a partnership comprising: Management Sciences for Health (MSH), Pact Inc., Danya International, and the Regional AIDS Training Network (RATN). In strengthening eight national CSOs to play a more strategic role in advocacy as well as strengthening the institutional capacity of their affiliates, FANIKISHA will contribute to USAID's Result 1: *"Strengthened Leadership, Management and Governance of Health Programs."*

Key activities

The FANIKISHA technical strategy will be implemented using three primary approaches:

- Institutional strengthening: Activities will respond to the institutional needs identified in baseline assessments, prioritized in the CSO Partner's own Institutional Strengthening Plan, with progress measured over time.
- Mentored grants: Grants to national CSOs will provide hands-on experience with grants management, guided and supported by FANIKISHA staff. CSO partners will be able to use mentored grants to procure technical assistance directly from the private sector for themselves or their affiliates, to supplement institutional strengthening activities and to support program activities
- Stakeholder engagement: Activities will build and sustain the partnership between FANIKISHA and key health stakeholders. Engagement is fundamental to the capacity

of CSOs and their affiliates to play a more active and effective role in providing health services at the community level, and through the ministries' Annual Operation Plans (AOP), closely aligned with the larger health sector.

Achievements

- FANIKISHA was awarded July 15, 2011, and is in the start-up phase.

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