



UNIVERSAL ACCESS FOR CHILDREN AFFECTED BY AIDS IN NEPAL

Progress Report

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## Background

The HIV response in Nepal has shown remarkable progress over the past decade. However, children affected by HIV/AIDS have not been prioritized. Therefore, focusing on this issue, the Universal Access to Children Affected by AIDS in Nepal (UCAAN) children's initiative was launched in 2007 by UNICEF, the United States Government through the US Agency for International Development (USAID), Family Health International and NAP+N to assist the government of Nepal to achieve access to treatment, care and support for these children.

Understanding that the issue of children affected by AIDS requires collaboration from all sectors, UCAAN has been established as an open partnership which invites representatives from the civil society, media, business houses, hospitals and the donor community to come together and collectively coordinate efforts to help children affected by AIDS in Nepal. The partnership is open to all groups working with or having an interest in helping children affected by AIDS.

## UCAAN Partnership Goals

- Advocate on behalf of children and their families
- Support development initiatives in communities highly affected by HIV
- Provide treatment and care
- Assist in developing guidelines and strategies for child-centered programs.
- Provide nutrition and food security programs in districts and communities highly affected by HIV
- Assist in prevention of mother -to-child transmission of HIV (PMTCT)
- Ensure that families have access to a “safety net” of essential services

## UCAAN Partners

The UCAAN partnership began with the founding four organizations in 2007, but has grown to incorporate 38 organizations that represent various sectors in Nepal.

UCAAN Partners		
1. USAID/NEPAL	2. UNICEF	3. Family Health International
4. NAP +N	5. Friends of Needy Children	6. Prerana
7. Maiti Nepal	8. Central Child Welfare Board	9. Mitra Samaj
10. AED	11. UMN	12. SISO Nepal
13. SolHimal - Umbrella Foundation	14. Praxis Trade	15. Futures
16. Save the Children	17. Equal Access	18. Sakriya Sewa Samaj
19. NFWLHA	20. Happy Nepal Red Ribbon and Friends	21. Dibya Jyoti Association Nepal (DIJAN)
22. UNAIDS	23. Sneha Samaj	24. Sahara Plus

25. Nepal Family Health Program	26. CEDPA	27. Srijansil Mahila Samuha
28. HC Dugar	29. ANS Creations	30. Gayatra Store Enterprises
31. Lomus Pharmaceuticals	32. Helpless Woman Children Society Darchula	33. Shakti Milan Samaj
34. Sarda Group	35. Himalayan Distillery	36. Pioneer Trading
37. Asian Thai Foods Pvt. Ltd.	38. Honey Biscuits Pvt. Ltd.	

### **UCAAN Leadership**

UCAAN is governed by a nine-member core group. The Core Group includes:

1. UNICEF
2. Save the Children
3. National Association of People Living with HIV/AIDS in Nepal (NAP+N)
4. National Federation of Women Living with HIV/AIDS (NFWLHA)
5. USAID/Nepal
6. Family Health International
7. United Mission to Nepal
8. Sakriya Sewa Samaj
9. UNAIDS

After the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2009, the UCAAN core group opted to elect a Chairperson and a Co-Chairperson in order to ensure an organized leadership. It was decided that the core group will select a Chairperson and Co-Chairperson to lead the group with the positions rotating every year. The Chairperson and Co-Chairperson will be jointly responsible for directing the core team of UCAAN, conducting UCAAN meetings and signing letters of approval in order to release funds from the UCAAN account. The core group acts as an advisory board to assist the chairperson to oversee the workings of the partnership and approve all fund requests.

*~ The elected Chairperson and Co-Chairperson for the year 2009 is Sara Nyanti (Chief, HIV and Aids section, UNICEF) and Basanta Chettri (General Secretary, NAPN) respectively*

In addition, the core group has established a Secretariat to manage the administrative and secretariat aspects of the UCAAN partnership. The Secretariat comprises of a support officer and is responsible to ensure the timely and smooth flow of information between all partners on a consistent basis and also to provide reports on the progress of the partnership. The secretariat support responsibility lies within core partners and it will rotate between the core partners every two years.

*~USAID/Nepal is supporting the UCAAN Secretariat for the year 2009-10 and will be located at FHI/Nepal ASHA Project office.*

*~The current support officer for the secretariat is Pravaran Mahat.*

### **UCAAN Account**

UCAAN has established a bank account under FHI/Nepal for the year 2009-2010. The core team decides on the allocation of funds and thereafter once the Chairperson and Co-Chairperson have signed the letter of approval to release funds, two co-signers will sign the check.

~The two co-signers are Country Director Ms. Jacqueline McPherson and Deputy Director Mr. Satish Raj Pandey of Family Health International.

As of June 30, 2009 the current balance is NRs. 225,000.00 (please see financial statement in Annex I).

### **Public and Private Partnerships**

UCAAN is comprised of stakeholders in different sectors, with commercial companies from private sectors being one of the major players. In order to make this initiative a success, involvement of commercial companies is essential. To achieve this, MITRA Samaj initiated the "Mobilizing Commercial Companies in UCAAN Initiatives under the Public Private Partnership" program. Key objectives of this program were to bring the commercial sector companies in the initiatives and get their support and involvement as a contributing partner.

After the first workshop in January 2009, the commercial sector partners expressed their interest to be a part of this initiative and are willing to provide continued support upon the establishment of a concrete plan of action on the part of UCAAN. With the objective of reviewing lessons on the initiatives and identifying a future plan, MITRA Samaj designed the Second Public Private Partnership Workshop (Second Consultation Meeting) in close consultation with UCAAN Core Members on 17th June, 2009 at Hotel Shankar, Lazimpat, Kathmandu.

So far, there were a total of sixteen commercial sector companies for the partnership in the initiative, which comprised of eight previously committed members of the commercial sector and eight new commercial companies. *(Please see financial statement in Annex I)*

S. No	Corporate Agency	Commitment
1	Himalayan Distillery	Hold Premier shows at Jai Nepal Hall and forward all proceedings to the UCAAN fund
2	Praxis Trade Link	Continue contributing Re 1.00 from sales of one consumer pack of V-AMOUR
3	Lomus Pharmaceuticals	Interested to contribute pediatric medicines for UCAAN Also support with monetary assistance when needed
4	Gayatra Store Enterprises	Provide Monetary assistance
5	ANS Creations	Assist in all UCAAN publicity and publications
6	Pioneer Trading	Provide monetary assistance
7	Hotel Association of Nepal	Explored the possibilities to support UCAAN initiative like; keeping donation box in each hotels

8	Asian Thai Foods Pvt. Ltd.	Committed to donate 10 cartons of RumPum Noodles to UCAAN. Interested to continue the support to UCAAN in kinds contribution
9	Honey Biscuits Pvt. Ltd.	Interested to donate Honey Biscuits to UCAAN
10	Varun Beverages Nepal Pvt Ltd	Exploring possibility of contributing percentage of sale of Pepsi soft drink
11	FNCCI	Exploring ways to support UCAAN
12	Global Bank	Exploring ways to support UCAAN
13	Citizen Bank	Exploring ways to support UCAAN
14	Shikhar Insurance	Exploring ways to support UCAAN
15	Nanglo Bakery	Exploring ways to support UCAAN
16	HC Dugar	Provide monetary assistance

### **Lessons learned:**

- One-to-one meetings – One-to-one informal meetings are essential to communicate effectively with private sectors before holding joint meetings. This results in strong commitments for the UCAAN initiative.
- Follow up meetings - Follow up meetings are very important to ensure that private sectors fulfill the commitment they previously expressed in the first joint workshop.
- Benefits of commercial partners- Commercial partners are interested in the benefits of their involvement in initiatives. Therefore, UCAAN should identify non-financial incentives like respect, appreciation, responsibility and humanitarianism to give incentive to private sectors to make contributions.
- Maintaining the momentum of private sector involvement in the initiative- Commercial partners should be communicated with frequently and efficiently to keep their level of interest high.
- UCAAN should have a long term strategy for future programs which can serve to guide commercial partners in their contribution.
- Suitable meeting time/venue for private sector- For greater involvement of the private sector; consideration should be given for an accommodating time and venue for the members so that the maximum number of members are able to attend.
- Communication/Transparency- Communication should be carried through a strong and timely manner to all partners of UCAAN. This will ensure transparency, increase ownership of the program and accountability.
- Prompt decision-making- Commercial partners appreciate prompt decisions on any process and activities, so efforts should be made to have decisions made as quickly and efficiently as possible. UCAAN should meet their expectations in order to keep their interest level high.

### **UCAAN Partner' Meetings**

1. Since its launch in 2007, UCAAN partners' meetings have been held twice to discuss the workings of the partnership. The first partners' meeting was held in

February 2008 and the second in November 2008. Both meetings helped the partners to get an update on the progress of UCAAN.

2. In addition, the core committee meets on a regular basis to work on UCAAN progress.

### **UCAAN Events held**

#### **Charity Football Game**

On November 29<sup>th</sup> 2008, a charity football match was held in Dasrath Rangasala Stadium in Kathmandu, involving celebrities, national players and people living with HIV/AIDS. All proceedings from the match, which amounted to NRS 66,430, were donated to UCAAN. The money was forwarded to NAPN to be utilized for their children's program.

#### **Art Competition**

On December 1<sup>st</sup> 2008, a children's art competition was held to provide a forum for children affected by AIDS to express their ideas through art. In addition, such a program was also important to sensitize members of the press as well as the general public on the issue of children affected by AIDS in a non-stigmatizing environment. In total, 48 children from 6 organizations participated. The half day event consisted of an art competition and a magic show. The paintings from the art competition were later displayed at the World AIDS Day celebration at Tundikhel grounds in Kathmandu.

#### **Sports meet and cultural show**

UCAAN organized a half-day sporting event as well as a cultural event in the evening of 2 June, 2009 at Park Village Resort. The event was held to provide a forum for children that are both directly and indirectly affected by Aids, to express their creativity through music, dance and play. The event also acknowledged and thanked the private sector for their support to UCAAN. In total, 76 children from Keta Keti Asharam, Sol Himal-Umbrella Foundation, Sneha Samaj, DIJAN, SACTS and FNC participated in the program. The first half was planned as a sporting event with children from ages 6-18 yrs participating in four sporting events; the sack race, three-legged race, wheel barrow race and spoon race.

In the afternoon, the cultural program began with Ms. Gillian Mellsop, Nepal Country Representative for UNICEF and Ms. Beth Paige, Mission Director, USAID/Nepal as special guests. Also present at the event were UCAAN core team members, private sector representatives and members of the press.

*(For detailed expenditure, please see In-Kind Donations in Annex II)*

### **Other UCAAN Updates:**

1. UCAAN By-Laws: By-Laws governing the entire working of the UCAAN partnership have been prepared. These By-Laws highlight the roles and responsibilities of the Chairperson and Co-chair, the core partners and the secretariat. Also, detailed description of usage of UCAAN fund and reporting mechanism has been prepared.
2. UCAAN logo: UCAAN logo has been designed and can now be used on all future publications. The logo has already been advertised using caps, stickers and banners.
3. UCAAN website: The UCAAN website can be searched for under the domain name of [www.ucaan.com.np](http://www.ucaan.com.np) and has already been launched; now containing all relevant details of UCAAN. The webpage developers are developing a database for all programs being run in Nepal for children affected by AIDS in Nepal.

4. UCAAN Email: an email address ([inquiry@ucaan.com.np](mailto:inquiry@ucaan.com.np)) has been set up and is managed by the UCAAN secretariat.
5. UCAAN Brochure: a brochure design has been completed printed and is ready for circulation. The brochure content is available in both English and Nepali so it is accessible to everyone.
6. UCAAN Folder: Designed and printed and circulated at UCAAN events.
7. UCAAN Stickers and Caps: 200 caps and 5000 stickers were made for the World AIDS day and for future use as well.
8. Publications: several documents have been prepared, including the UCAAN strategy outline, roles and responsibilities of various sectors in the UCAAN partnership, UCAAN pledge form, UCAAN program details form, UCAAN suggestion/remarks form (for the website) and UCAAN presentation. In addition, an assistance request form has also been prepared to enable partners to seek financial support.
9. UCAAN Data Map: efforts are currently underway to incorporate program details for children affected by AIDS into a data sheet similar to UNAIDS data mapping. To make the process easier, a UCAAN program detail form has been created to assist the partners in filling out information regarding programs that focus on children affected by AIDS in Nepal.

*(For detailed expenditure, please see In-Kind Donations in Annex II)*

#### **Future UCAAN Goal**

1. As of now, the core focus of UCAAN is to identify the gaps present in programs being conducted throughout Nepal for the children affected by AIDS. Therefore, UNICEF is at the final stages of completing its data research on CABA (Children Affected by AIDS), which will provide the latest data on the numbers and programs for these children.
2. Finalize a method to manage funds donated by organizations/individuals for UCAAN.
3. Update and add more programs to the UCAAN database to better assist in identifying the gaps present all over Nepal.
4. Develop a business plan to forward to the private sector for their continued support.
5. After the private sector workshop, UCAAN will also conduct workshops with media houses and hospitals to join the partnership.
6. Update the UCAAN website and promote it via the partnership.
7. Research and add more organizations from all over Nepal into the UCAAN partnership.

## Annex I

### UCAAN Financial statement

#### Cash

Date	Source or Recipient	Description/Remarks	Received (Amount)	Payment (Amount)	Balance (Amount)
12-1-08	Football charity match	Fundraising event	66,250		66250
12-1-08	NAPN	Donation		66250	0
	Lomus Pharmaceuticals		15000		15000
	Praxis Trade Link		30000		45000
	Gayatra Store Enterprises		14000		59000
	Pioneer Trading		11000		70000
	United Mission to Nepal		25000		95000
	Save the Children		100000		195000
	Private Donor: NRs. 30		30000		225000

#### **Cash Donation Summary:**

Private Sector Contribution: NRs. 70,000.00

Contribution from Core Partners: NRs. 1,25,000.00

Other Donors: NRs. 30,000.00

## Annex II

### **In-Kind Donations Received (only)**

1. Asian Thai Foods - 10 cartons of noodles
2. ANS creations - 4 flex posters for UCAAN 2<sup>nd</sup> PPP workshop
3. USAID ASHA Project - Secretariat for UCAAN (USD 19923.00 in 2009)
4. UNICEF - Contractor for creation of UCAAN website and email (Nrs.178,540 in 2009)
5. UNICEF - Revision of Equal Access SSMK project contract by US\$5000 for organizing and hosting charity football match fundraising event in 2008.
6. USAID ASHA Project – Contracted Mitra Samaj by \$ 4448.93 for conducting 2 private sector workshops under the public private partnership.
7. USAID ASHA Project – Contracted Kantipur Television for \$1312.00 for live broadcast of the charity football game.
8. UNICEF – NRs. 67,460 Contribution for the UCAAN art competition held on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008.
9. USAID ASHA Project – Contributed \$722.92 towards the UCAAN art competition held on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008
10. USAID ASHA Project: Contributed \$585.38 for designing and printing of UCAAN materials including flex banners, brochures and folders.
11. USAID ASHA Project – Contributed \$1565.68 to organize the UCAAN sports meet and cultural program held on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009.
12. Lomus Pharmaceuticals – Donated assorted pediatric medicines.
13. Honey Biscuits – Donated 10 cartons biscuits for children.
14. Praxis Trade – Donated female condoms.
15. Lomus Pharmaceuticals – Donated 30 t-shirts for children.