

## **South-to-South Consulting: Africans Offer International Perspective**

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Host country experts bring local solutions to a regional and global scale



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*Nyamache (top) and Temba advise African and Asian health experts to improve the effectiveness of their multi-million dollar grants from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.*

In the new paradigm of international development, health and development specialists provide African solutions to international challenges.

In the new paradigm of international development, experts who manage health, agriculture, education, and large-scale financial projects are often citizens of the countries that once were—and may continue to be—recipients of development assistance.

The Grant Management Solutions (GMS) project, which is managed by the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), is employing dozens of specialists from developing countries to transfer their national expertise to other governments on a global scale. In so doing, they are improving the effectiveness of America's donation to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

Nyachienga Nyamache is a certified public accountant who specializes in public finance and health systems development. He advises public health financing projects for the Kenyan Ministry of Health and manages health system reform projects in Kenya funded by the World Bank, UNICEF, and the governments of Japan and the Netherlands. Nyamache has established innovative public health financing approaches now being scaled up by the GMS project to improve Global Fund grants. Nyamache now consults in Asia and throughout Africa, and trains other consultants.

Dr. Joseph Temba spent most of his professional life as a public health physician serving his native Tanzania, completing his career as the director of policy and planning for the Tanzania Commission for AIDS, and secretary to the Tanzania Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM). In retirement, Dr. Temba now works with GMS as advisor to Global Fund CCMs in Swaziland and Southern Sudan.

As international consultants for the USAID-funded GMS project, Nyamache and Temba are exceptional examples of the new development paradigm: Africans working through the U.S. Government to offer health management solutions to other developing nations.

In its first year, the PEPFAR-sponsored GMS project has provided technical support to Global Fund grants worth an estimated \$1.5 billion. In the year ending September 2008, 22 percent of the GMS project's short-term consultants hailed from African countries; 20 percent were from Asia; and nearly 17 percent were from countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.



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