

## KEY PROGRAMMES

From 2013-2016, EAHP programme will cover two key areas, namely;

1. Policy Advocacy on pro-growth and appropriate health policies and legislation to create an enabling environment that allows for effective participation of private sector and civil society in policy formulation. The objective is to advocate for policies, legislation & practices that promote the development of accessible, quality, equitable and affordable health services and systems within the EAC region.
2. Institutional Development for strengthening and building capacity for EAHP members and partners. The objective is to ensure effective coordination of PSOs, CSOs and FBOs and programme delivery.



## KEY STRATEGIES

To effectively influence regional health policies and legislation, EAHP strategies will include among others;

- Advocate for space and representation of PSOs, CSOs and FBOs at the EAC decision making, policy and legislative formulation and reform process;
- Build and sustain strategic partnership with relevant partners to promote and advance the objective of EAHP;
- Strategic engagement with the EAC Secretariat, relevant organs and institutions as well as other RECs on health matters;
- Develop a media and communication strategy and build partnership with the media for policy advocacy on health matters in the region;
- Commission and or utilize relevant research findings from other sources on health politics and legislation;
- Empower through capacity building of PSOs, CSOs and FBOs to contribute and interrogate health policies, legislation and their impacts in the region;
- Develop frameworks for PSOs, CSOs and FBOs to engage and proactively track delivery of health policies and legislation.



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# EAST AFRICAN HEALTH PLATFORM

*"Fostering Stronger Ties for Better Health in East Africa"*

## ABOUT THE EAST AFRICAN HEALTH PLATFORM

East African Health Platform (EAHP) is an advocacy forum for Private Sector Organizations (PSOs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Faith Based Organizations (FBOs) and other interest groups working on health in East Africa. It was founded in 2012 subsequent to the approval of the dialogue framework between PSOs, CSOs and the East African Community (EAC). The Platform's formation was also based on the recognition of the importance of the public private partnership (PPPs) between the private sector, civil society, faith based organizations and government in promoting facilitative health related policy, law and practice for the benefit of the residents of the region. Its mandate is derived from article 118, 127, 128 and 129 of the Treaty for the Establishment of the EAC to provide the space, be the voice and representative of PSOs, CSOs, FBOs and other Interest Groups of East Africa to effectively drive sustainable health, development and growth in the region.

Consequent to several consultations with the various health sector platforms, stakeholders and development Partners in the region, East African Business Council (EABC) and the East African Civil Society Organizations' Forum (EACSOF) with the financial support from EAC-GIZ GOPA initiated a joint action towards the establishment of the East African Health Platform comprising of the private sector, civil society organizations, Faith Based Organizations and Other Interest Groups to facilitate engagement and advocacy with the EAC Secretariat, Organs, Institutions and Partner States on health policies and legislation. The Platform was launched in March 2013 in Kigali, Rwanda by Hon. Jessica Osuna Eriyo, Deputy Secretary General, Productive and Social Sectors, EAC.

## OUR VALUES & PRINCIPLES

EAHP is guided by the following values and or guiding principles in its' programming and operations;

- Unity in Diversity
- Inclusiveness
- Professionalism
- Integrity
- Transparency and Accountability
- Team work



## OUR MANDATE

To provide the space, be the voice and representative of PSOs, CSOs, FBOs and other Interest Groups of East Africa to effectively drive sustainable health, development and growth in the region.

## OUR VISION

A healthy and productive population which enjoys quality and affordable health care within the EAC region.

## OUR MISSION

To coordinate and facilitate CSOs, PSOs, FBOs and other Interest Groups in improving the region's health through promoting pro-growth policies and appropriate legislation.

## OBJECTIVES

- To advocate for the development and or reform of effective pro-growth policies and appropriate legislation for the promotion of sustainable health growth and development in East Africa;
- To represent and voice it's members position in the EAC health policy and legislation processes;
- To monitor the implementation of regional health policies, legislation, practices and international commitments to ensure that PSOs, CSOs, FBOs effectively drive and shape sustainable development and growth in the region;
- To increase and facilitate its members engagement with the EAC Secretariat, its organs, institutions and other RECs on health matters;
- To provide networking opportunities for its members on health policies and legislation regionally and internationally.



## PLATFORM'S STRUCTURE

### The General Assembly

The General Assembly is the highest structure of the Platform, and shall be composed of all the members of the Platform. The General Assembly considers and adopts policies, considers and determines applications for membership, discuss and approve annual plans and budgets, elect the Steering Committees, considers and determine proposals for membership fees and annual subscription rates, appoint auditors, approves the annual activities report, the annual financial statement and the annual audit report. The general meetings shall be held on a rotational basis in each of the five Partner States countries of the East African Community.

### Steering Committees

The Steering Committee comprised of 10 member organizations composed of Private Sector Organizations (PSOs), Civil Society organizations (CSOs) and Faith Based Organizations (FBOs) elected from the General Assembly. The Steering Committee sits on a regular basis to guide the Platform's strategic direction, formulate policies & procedures, and approve budgets and review reports. The Executive Committee of the Steering Committee is composed of the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary with the Coordinator sitting in as an **ex officio** member.

### Membership

Membership of the East African Health Platform is open to Private Sector Organizations (PSOs), Pharmaceutical & Manufacturing Organizations, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) working on health, Faith Based Organizations (FBOs) and Other Interest Groups that subscribe to the mission and vision of EAHP and those that may qualify to be members as per the provision of EAHP membership guideline.

### The Secretariat

The Secretariat is the coordinating unit of EAHP. It is headed by the Coordinator. The Secretariat carries out the daily operation and implementation of the EAHP programmes, interprets and spearheads implementation of the strategic plan, coordinates and facilitates members engagement on policy and legislative processes, spearheads and coordinates resource mobilization, capacity building to PSOs, CSOs, FBOs and Other Interest Groups to effectively respond to the policy and legislative processes with direct impact on health in the region.

