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CASE STUDY

AIDS Patients Find Comprehensive Care

PASADA offers support and care to anyone living with HIV/AIDS



Photo: Brigid Corrigan, PASADA

PASADA has a well-stocked pharmacy for better patient care.

A short-term grant allowed PASADA to keep its doors open and continue to provide care and support to its patients.

Challenge

In 1992, a small group of people with HIV gathered together seeking mutual aid and support, and Pastoral Activities and Services for People with AIDS in Dar es Salaam Archdiocese (PASADA) was founded. Today it serves 800,000 people every year through Upendano Clinic and 15 diocesan health facilities in Tanzania's capital. Operated by the Roman Catholic diocese, PASADA targets the poorest of the poor and offers comprehensive care and support to anyone living with HIV/AIDS, regardless of religious affiliation. Its services include voluntary counseling and testing, home care, diagnosis and treatment of opportunistic infections, prevention of mother-to-child transmission, and educational, psychological, social and economic support to orphans and vulnerable children. In mid-2003, PASADA's donors cut the organization's budget, and with no time for fund raising and proposal writing, PASADA was on the verge of closing.

Initiative

USAID helped establish a multi-donor initiative to fill critical funding gaps — and address just the type of situation in which PASADA found itself. The Rapid Funding Envelope provides grants of \$50,000–\$200,000 to fund innovative, urgent and essential six- to twelve-month projects dealing with HIV/AIDS. To ensure that needs are addressed quickly, reviewers take less than a month after the proposal is submitted to make their funding decisions.

Results

PASADA received a one-year grant that enabled it to keep its doors open in the short term and gave its administration the time it needed to identify longer-term funding options that would assure continued services. Now PASADA has become involved with additional support programs, including the World Food Program and the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, enabling it to continue to provide comprehensive care to its patients.