

Multidisciplinary partnership in international HIV prevention: A coordinated approach in Kenya

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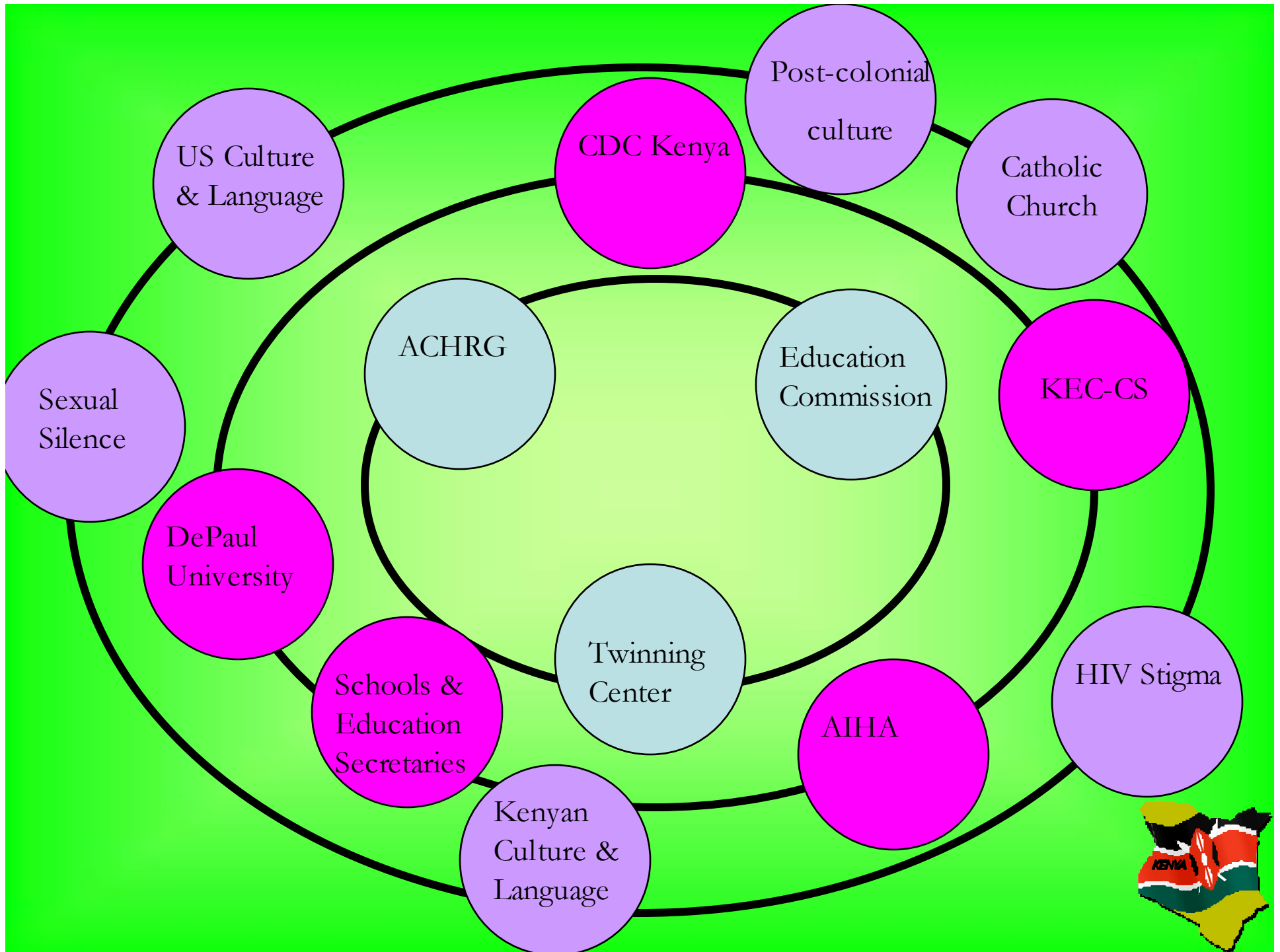
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Partnership Overview

- Focused on capacity building:
 - The Education Commission within the Kenyan Episcopal Conference-Catholic Secretariat (KEC-CS) in Nairobi, Kenya
 - The Adolescent Community Health Research Group (ACHRG) within DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois
- Supported by the HIV/AIDS Twinning Center
 - A program of the American International Health Alliance
 - With funding from the US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)
- Includes multidisciplinary & multi-site team working at multiple levels to enhance HIV prevention for Kenyan youth in primary schools.





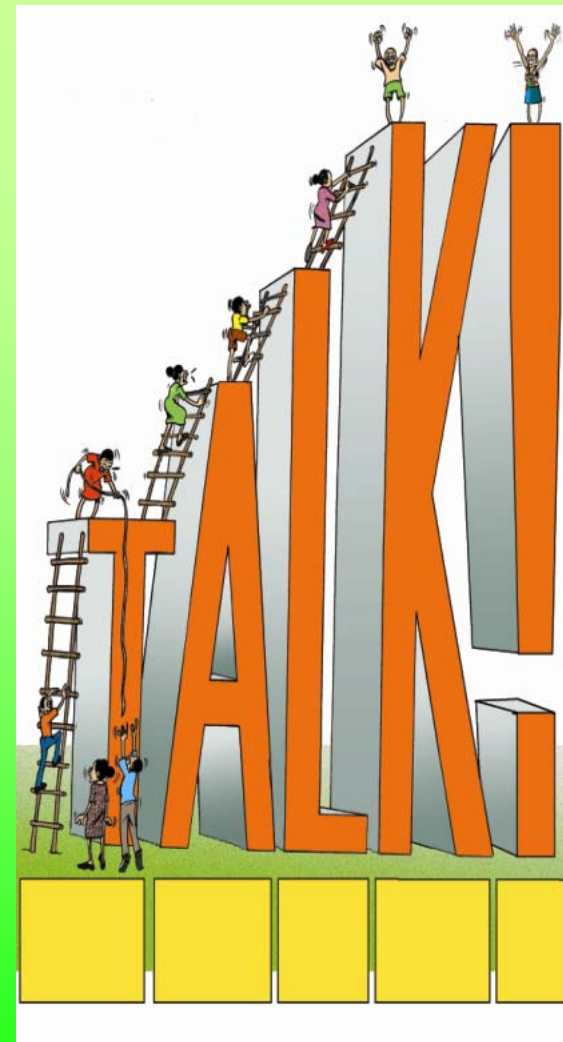
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Primary Objective:

To increase capacity of KEC-CS to support teachers in the implementation of the school-based curriculum on abstinence and behavior change

Elements of Program:

- Primary school ages 10-14
- Derived from evidence-based approaches to HIV prevention
- Incorporates African and Christian Values
- Provides HIV prevention and communication skills



Why use a multidisciplinary, collaborative team in international HIV prevention?

- Collaboration across a wide range of disciplines contributes to the creation of sustainable, culturally-sensitive programs targeted to the unique needs and conditions of individual communities or countries.
- In international HIV prevention, multidisciplinary & collaborative team are especially beneficial given the complex nature of the epidemic.
- In order for programs to be sustainable, capacity building needs to occur at multiple levels and involve multiple disciplines.



Our Multidisciplinary Backgrounds

ACHRG

- Public Health
- Psychology
- Interpersonal & Mass Communication
- Education
- Art & Art Design
- Religion
- Adolescent Medicine
- Program Evaluation
- Organization Development

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- International Development
- Program policy
- Human resource management
- Organizational capacity building

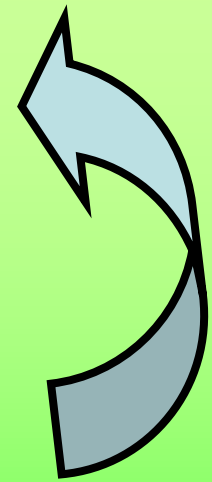
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- Catholic Church Policy
- Catholicism
- Ministry of Education
- Kenyan cultural Studies
- Educational Leadership
- Moral Theology
- Child and Family Counseling



Example of How Multiple Disciplines have enhanced the program

- **Traditional HIV knowledge & skills**
- **We have added:**
 - **Interpersonal & mass communication**
 - **Active & Interactive Teaching Techniques**
 - **Organizational Development**
 - **Monitoring & Evaluation**



What makes it work?

- **Cultural exchanges**
- **Institutional Alignment and Support**
- **Camaraderie**
- **Technical Assistance**
- **Capacity Building**



What has been challenging?

- **Communication**
- **Diversity of Cultures**
- **Geography**
- **Multiple Stakeholders**
- **Time**



CONCLUSIONS

- **The complexities involved in international HIV prevention call for continued multidisciplinary collaborative efforts.**
- **Collaborative partnerships are a great opportunity to utilize existing resources and expertise across multiple disciplines, institutions & countries in order to address complex HIV prevention needs.**
- **Collaborative partnerships can be enhanced through active involvement of the funder.**
- **International health policy should involve funding for multidisciplinary partnership efforts to enhance public health education and research.**
- **This work is very time intensive and takes commitment, and strong administrative coordination and support at multiple levels to make it work.**

