

# How to Develop and Implement Partnerships with a Local NGO

Case Study in Rwanda for "Grassroots Empowerment of Women as Gatekeepers of the Health of the Community"

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EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN IS WHO MILLENNIUM  
DEVELOPMENT GOAL #3  
FOLLOWING FROM THIS IS UN SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT GOAL #3 HEALTH AND WELL-BEING.

## BACKGROUND AND NEED:

- 1994 Genocide Rwanda –
- Nearly 1,000,000 people slaughtered in 100 days
- Today model of Reconciliation for the World – Community building for Peace
- Rwanda has Universal Health Care coverage Value = Politics
- Greenest Country in Africa
- Greatest percentage of Women in Government of any Country in the World – 64%



## WHY FOCUS ON WOMEN

- Women are the Primary Fallout of Genocide, War, Disorganized, Fragile Societies
- Women are the Gateway to Children, Families, Communities
- In Rwanda, Women are Leaders in Government



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## DEVELOPING PARTNERSHIPS

### NETWORK with LOCAL NGO



NGO – Uyisenga N'Manzi (UNM), Kigali, Rwanda, March 2016

### MEET WITH GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES

Meeting with Minister of Health,  
Dr. Agnes Binagwaho, Kigali,  
Rwanda, August 9, 2012

- "Cross-political values" vs. Cross cultural comparison
- Rwanda has universal health care coverage – value.
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### VALIDATE with LOCAL NURSE LEADERS

Florence Mukakabano  
(August 2013)

- "I think we need well educated people to supervise the real community nursing and midwifery, so getting this programme running would be a stepping stone. I support the idea 100%"
- "I would like to partner in research."

### VALIDATE IDENTIFIED NEED

Minister of Health (cont'd)

- "Community Health Nursing is a gap."
- "It's a need, we recognize that. We see this being met five years out."
- "Let's keep the dialogue going."
- Now, tens of thousands of community health workers lack formal training
- 80% of burden of disease is in rural areas

## KEY CONCEPTS FOR LOCAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT



FOCUS ON WOMEN as SOURCE  
of KNOWLEDGE of HEALTH of  
VILLAGE/COMMUNITY

### VALIDATE with COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS



### VALIDATE with SCHOOLS/PARENT/ TEACHERS

### VALIDATE with LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Listening/Hearing  
Negotiating



## DEVELOP TRAIN THE TRAINER PROGRAMS FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS AND NURSES

Areas of Concern previously and currently identified by  
Women in rural village Rwamagana:

- Vaccinations, Truancy, Reproductive Health Information
- Need for primary school for children of single mothers working in agriculture to feed families
- Sexual abuse of children by male relatives.

### EVALUATE/REVISE

Begin Assessments again of Health Needs from the  
Women in Rural Villages and proceed:

## HOW TO STEPS:

"Grassroots Empowerment of Women as Gatekeepers  
of the Health of the Community"

- Empower Women to Identify Health Needs - Assessment
- Validate and Include Schools/parents/teachers, Community Health Workers, Local Authorities
- Develop Train the Trainer Programs for Community Health Workers and Nurse Educators in Rwanda for Capacity Development and Sustainability
- Evaluate and Revise
- Begin Assessments again of Health Needs from the Women in Rural Villages and proceed with Steps above.

In Rwanda, establish collaboration with Peace Corps for  
"Grassroots Empowerment of Women as Gatekeepers of  
the Health of the Community" (in progress.)

## ROLE OF GNPHN – EDUCATORS AND PRACTITIONERS

ASSIST DR. HARRIET FIELDS and LOCAL NGO in:

- Assessments of Women for Identified Health Needs in Village/Community
- Validate with Schools/Parents/Teachers, Community Health Workers, Local Authorities
- Develop Train the Trainer programs based on Identified Needs by Women
- Focus on Community Health Workers and local Nurses.
- Establish Collaborative Partnerships with Universities;

## TRAIN THE TRAINER PROGRAMS ESSENTIAL

- Local Capacity Development and Sustainability
- Lasting improvement in Health of the Community/Rural Villages
- Achievement of SDG Goal #3 – Women Empowered Good Health and Well Being

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