



BI-WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



FOOD AND HYGIENE SUPPORT FOR PLHIV AND KEY POPULATIONS

COVID-19 has disrupted the way we live our normal daily lives. Adjusting to the new normal has been abrupt for many of us. We've had to change a number of things like how we put food on the table to how we take hygiene precautions.

This past week, with the support from UNAIDS and Reckitt Benckiser Group plc, Women Fighting AIDS in Kenya (WOFAK) and Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS in Kenya (NEPHAK) were privileged to receive food and hygiene kits for People Living with HIV and Key Populations.

On Monday 8th June, UNAIDS conducted a mini launch at WOFAK offices of the food basket for the communities. The food baskets contained: sugar, maize flour, rice, cooking oil, maize, green grams, beans, soap, sanitizer and sanitary towels. This was attended by partners including NACC and NASCOP. The aim of this initiative is to ensure that communities have basic commodities to help them during this pandemic.



UNAIDS Country Director, Medhin Tsehau, addressing partners during the mini launch

"It's critical to accelerate the HIV testing and prevention services during this time." said Medhin Tsehau, UNAIDS Country Director, during the mini launch. She pointed out the importance of ensuring continuity of services, treatment and care for PLHIV. The food baskets are to be distributed to the communities counties with high HIV prevalence.

On Wednesday, 10th June, WOFAK and NEPHAK received hygiene packs containing Dettol soap bars and Jik bleach from Reckitt Benckiser Group plc at Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA) for the communities. The hygiene packs distributed are part of an initiative by the Group known as Fight for Access Fund, which aims to improve access to health, hygiene, and nutrition for all. By partnering with UNAIDS, 30,000 bottles of Jik and 90,000 of Dettol bar soaps were donated.

"As a community of People Living with HIV, we would like to thank UNAIDS, Reckitt Benckiser Group plc, and all the partners who have made donations to support our vulnerable communities. This support will go a long way in supporting our beneficiaries"- Dorothy Onyango, WOFAK CEO, speaking at KEMSA

UNAIDS will work closely with communities and networks of people living with HIV to ensure the food and hygiene support kits are to be distributed at country level in order to help in mitigating COVID-19



WOFAK CEO and Partners during the launch at KEMSA



Launch of hygiene packs distributed by Reckitt Benckiser Group plc at KEMSA

