



Organizational Profile

About us

WACI Health is an Africa regional advocacy organization committed to creating political will to end life-threatening epidemics and improve health for all in Africa.

Our History

We started out as World AIDS Campaign (WAC) in 1997, to focus on raising public awareness on specific issues on the global AIDS response. This was achieved by working to support and strengthen campaigning on HIV accountability among diverse civil society constituencies worldwide.

WAC was also tasked to lead the planning and observance of the International World Aids Day. In 2004, we became an independent Non Governmental Organization with a secretariat in the Netherlands.

In 2008, the organization undertook a strategic shift that led to the registration of World Aids Campaign International (WACI) in South Africa. Over the following (4) years, WACI would see a range of institutional and leadership transitions. From a global organization, founded and headquartered in Europe, working in various geographical regions, including: Europe, Africa, Asia, Middle East and North Africa, to an organization that is today based and focused on Africa addressing not only HIV and TB but also broader issues in health.

The organization's deliberate shift to focus on Africa was guided by the need to be more conscientious, more innovative and even more accountable and streamlined in our approaches as we continued to ensure that the organization maintained her pivotal role in the global AIDS response, while continually embracing and incorporating the broader health development agenda into her work.

In 2016, after seven (7) years as World AIDS Campaign International, the organization rebranded to WACI Health.

Vision

Health for all in Africa

Mission

WACI Health exists to champion the end of life-threatening epidemics and improved health outcomes for all in Africa by influencing political priorities through an effective, evidence-driven Pan-African civil society voice and action.

Core Values

Equity Focused

Our impact and contribution to the global goals is undermined by prevailing inequities. We focus on pragmatic ways of addressing inequities and ensuring that no one is left behind, particularly, those with the least ability to access and/or afford health care.

Human Rights is embedded within our work to help ensure the protection, promotion and fulfillment of universal human rights, particularly right to health.

Participation and Collaborations

We take our lead from those that have limited access to health services as well as those living with and most affected by diseases of poverty. We are a reflective and learning organization that develops partnerships at all levels, driven by those most in need and those that can contribute to the biggest impact of our work.

Diversity

We seek to work in a culturally sensitive way, embracing diversity and demonstrating an understanding of health inequalities, working in solidarity with communities that have limited access and those most in need.

Accountability

As an institution we strive to be a credible and accountable institution. Similarly, we do not falter in holding duty bearers accountable as well as civil society for their fair share of responsibility towards ensuring equitable access to health in Africa.

Our Strategic Approach

In our transition from World AIDS Campaign International to WACI Health, we remain committed to responding vigorously to epidemics such as AIDS, TB and malaria as well as associated causes of death. In addition, the shifting field of global health calls us to support long-term investments in health and explore the interconnectedness of major infectious diseases and conditions that continue to kill many across the world. At the core of our strategy is a deliberate intention to broadly contribute to health equity, human rights and gender equality.

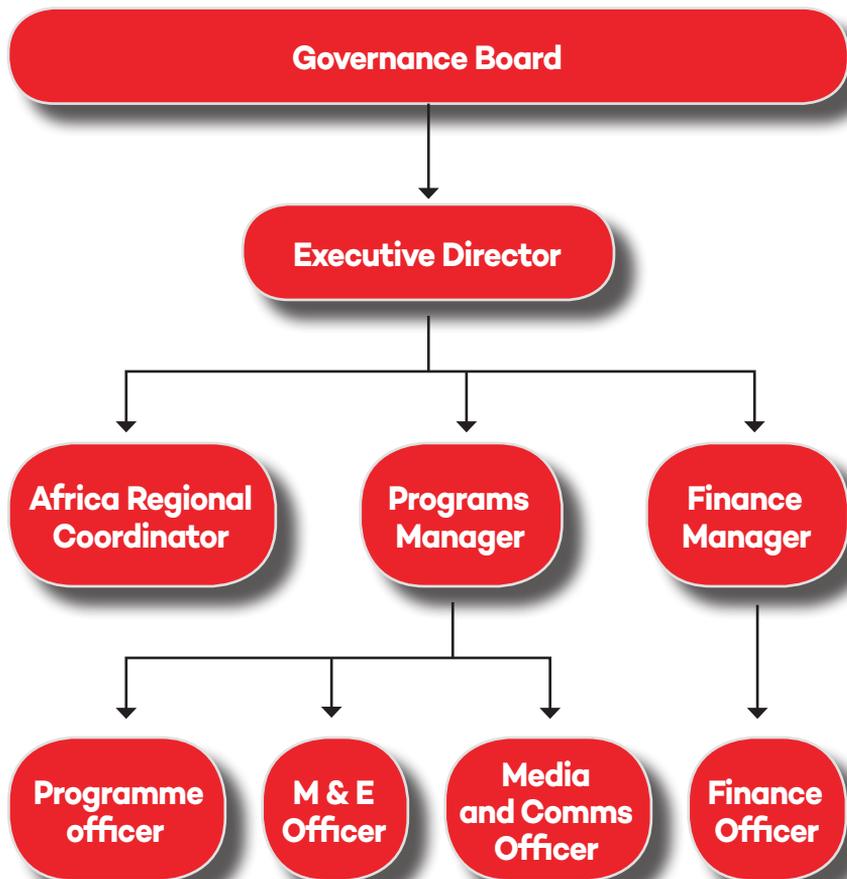
Our approach is based on our theory of change, which is made up of three core strategies:

- i. **Policy analysis and advocacy:** Policy analysis for strategic input and accountability at global, regional and national levels. Through political advocacy, we will seek to influence perceptions, views and decisions of those in positions of power. We will continually seek to achieve improved tools for data analysis and evidence for advocacy.
- ii. **Civil society capacity strengthening for advocacy:** Strengthening capacity of Civil Society to engage as strong advocates for health in Africa. We will support realization of appropriate civil society capacity for utilization of tools, and knowledge to apply evidence in advocacy. We will seek to strengthen civil society and community organizing for health advocacy.
- iii. **Civil society mobilization and engagement:** Building a civil society movement in Africa in order to raise a critical mass of people whose voices and action will be core to ending the epidemics and improving health for all in Africa. We envisage a movement that will broadly contribute to health equity, human rights and gender equality. We see this strengthening/empowerment not only as a process in health advocacy but also an end in itself where empowerment contributes to sustainability beyond specific processes.

The theory of change is dynamic and interactive, with all of the strategies working together to impact 3 areas of Global Health work, which broadly point to our strategic objectives.

- i. **Increased resources for health:** We will advocate for investments by urging governments and international agencies to step up their investments in health.
- ii. **Policies that will improve health and achieve equity in health:** We will use our experience and expertise about political systems, policy options, and proven health interventions to push for policies that can achieve equity in health.
- iii. **Accountability on health governance and delivery:** We will strive to ensure that investments and policies translate into practice, and into health impact.

Organizational Structure



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