STRONGER TOGETHER
Networking HIV & AIDS Community of Southern Africa
PROFILE 2017
“NACOSA takes forward the voices of the people on the ground.”
WE ARE

• A national network of 1,500 community organisations, reaching over 230,000 vulnerable people in communities across South Africa.
• One of South Africa’s leading civil society grant managers, channelling over R230 million in development funding to 88 organisations.
• A SETA-accredited trainer and wellness skills development specialist
• Expert in the HIV/AIDS, gender, children & youth and community systems strengthening fields.

WE CAN

• Manage your CSI funding using our supportive grant management model
• Identify and screen suitable community organisations
• Provide training to your staff on all aspects of wellness
• Build the capacity of the community foundations and organisations you support
• Offer 125% SED and supplier development recognition, 100% recognition for skills development and 18A tax certificates for donations.
NACOSA is a network of over 1,500 civil society organisations working together to turn the tide on HIV, AIDS and TB in South Africa. NACOSA promotes dialogue, builds capacity with accredited training, mentoring and technical assistance and channels resources to support service delivery on the ground, particularly among key populations and women and girls.

As a principal recipient of the Global Fund and in partnership with USAID and PEPFAR and the Departments of Health and Social Development, NACOSA works at all levels – from international agencies and national government, right through to sub-district services and small, community groups.

NACOSA acts as a bridge between people and health and social services.
NACOSA NETWORK

Born out of a national conference in 1991, NACOSA played a central role in mobilising an effective, multi-sectoral response to HIV, AIDS and TB in South Africa.

Over the past 13 years of formal operation, we have learned that when people come together to tackle community challenges, they have a stronger voice and are more effective at finding solutions.

Our role is not just to take services to people but to bring people and their ideas to the development of health and social services.

1,500 MEMBER ORGANISATIONS | 88 IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS | 5 PROVINCIAL OFFICES | 51,387 VULNERABLE CHILDREN & THEIR FAMILIES | 122,941 PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV | 38,222 SEX WORKERS | 62,618 VICTIMS OF GENDER VIOLENCE | 51,668 YOUNG WOMEN & GIRLS
KEY PARTNERSHIPS

We work with a wide range of partners across civil society, government, business and the international donor community.

• **Principal Recipient** (PR) for the Global Fund, managing a grant of over $60 million and achieving an A1 rating (the highest) for the duration of Phase I of the grant.

• **Implementing partner** for USAID and PEPFAR on the Orphans and Vulnerable Children Community Systems Strengthening programme and DREAMS.

• Working with the **Departments of Health and Social Development** nationally, provincially and locally.
"In my community, children are under a lot of stress, especially the girls."

Sibongile Sondi and Nompilo Hlengwe work with young women and girls in KwaZulu-Natal as part of the Keeping Girls in School programme.
RISING TO THE CHALLENGES

• At 7 million, South Africa has the highest number of people living with HIV in the world.

• We also have the largest antiretroviral treatment programme in the world with over 3 million people on treatment.

• South Africa has an estimated 2.5 million orphaned children.

• TB is the leading natural cause of death and we have the 3rd highest absolute TB burden.

• 62% of TB cases are in people who are also HIV positive.

• Extremely high levels of gender based violence are driving the epidemic but only 1 in 13 rapes are reported. Intimate partner violence makes women 50% more likely to acquire HIV.

• Young women in South Africa are 8 times more likely to become HIV positive with 2,400 adolescent girls and young women becoming infected every week.

• Approximately 22% of the country’s 18.6 million children are affected by HIV and AIDS.

• Between 40% and 50% of all new HIV infections among adults worldwide occur in people from key populations.

“One day when my son hears that South Africa has the highest HIV rate in the world, and he asks me what I did about it, I want to be able tell him that I made an effort to do something.” – Charlize Theron
WHAT WE OFFER

**NETWORK**
- Communications
- Advocacy & Lobbying
- Community Mobilisation
- Links and Referrals

**CAPACITY**
- Needs Assessment
- Skills & Training
- Mentoring & Coaching
- Technical Assistance

**DIALOGUE**
- Consultative Forums
- Planning & Coordination
- Community Dialogue
- Systems Strengthening

**RESOURCES**
- Grant Management
- Funding for Services
- Economic Strengthening
- M & E Reporting
Civil society plays a vital role in fighting HIV, AIDS and TB, providing services to the most vulnerable and hardest to reach. But organisations face serious capacity challenges, often working in isolation and without access to appropriate tools, skills, networks and resources.

NACOSA has a 14-year track record in capacity development and offers a comprehensive package of accredited training and development services closely linked to best practice grant management systems.

“NACOSA’s capacity building programme has a direct, tangible benefit on organisations and their capacity to deliver efficient and sustainable services in communities.”
Women and girls are disproportionately affected by HIV and AIDS – both in terms of increased risk of infection and because women usually carry the burden of care for those affected.

NACOSA places a special focus on women and girls, including:

• Key partner in a multisectoral, national young women and girls programme, funded by the Global Fund.

• A programme to combat gender-based violence in communities, working within Thuthuzela Care Centres and shelters.

• Gender sensitisation training for members of the South African Police Service and other frontline workers.

• Part of the DREAMS initiative in KwaZulu-Natal working to improve opportunities and reduce the vulnerability of young women and girls.

• A partner in the ICOP pilot project to improve case flow management of rape cases through the criminal justice system.
Community voices are often ignored and their solutions overlooked in the development of the laws, policies and services that affect them. NACOSA’s strength lies in our network of community organisations across the country and the committed partners we have, who recognise the need to resource and support civil society in the battle against HIV, AIDS and TB.

We help to build this united response by facilitating participation and dialogue between government, business and civil society and strengthening community systems.

Regular district-level consultative forums enable us to share learning, get feedback on specific issues and support the implementation of the National Strategic Plan.

We hold community dialogues to understand the specific needs and challenges of affected communities.

NACOSA represents and advocates for civil society at National & Provincial AIDS Councils, the Resource Mobilisation Committee, Country Coordinating Mechanism, Joint Primary Health Care Forum, National Action Committee on Children Affected by HIV and AIDS.
Our network of members lies at the heart of our work to support, strengthen and unite civil society in its response to HIV, AIDS and TB. Made up of organisations and individuals working across the health, social development and gender fields, the NACOSA network facilitates links, shared learning, joint action and collaboration. The network is coordinated by a dedicated secretariat based at NACOSA Head Offices.

“NACOSA has greatly contributed towards building solidarity between HIV and AIDS organisations.”
CHANNELING RESOURCES

Since becoming Principal Recipient for the Global Fund in 2011, NACOSA’s grant management knowledge and expertise has developed significantly. We channel and monitor donor resources to over 126 sub-recipient organisations across South Africa on behalf of the Global Fund, USAID and PEPFAR, the Anglo American Chairman’s Fund and the Departments of Health and Social Development.

Our annual grant management turnover has more than tripled in just two years, making NACOSA one of the biggest civil society grant managers in the country.

NACOSA operates an integrated grant management process which includes a detailed needs assessment, training and technical support, mentoring, monthly tranche payments and stringent monitoring and evaluation which ensures that funding is effective, transparent and accounted for.

Resources are channelled to targeted development areas including:

- Key populations: sex workers, men who have sex with men and injecting drug users.
- Children and youth, particularly orphaned and vulnerable children and their families.
- Prevention initiatives aimed at the youth, specifically young women.
- Addressing gender based violence.

“NACOSA is the best performing [Global Fund] grant and a great team.” – Miriam Chipimo, UNAIDS
Civil society, community and public service workers are on the frontline of our battle against interlinked health and social challenges. They need quality training and professional development opportunities to arm them in this fight.

With over 15 years’ experience of building the capacity of organisations, companies and frontline staff, the NACOSA Training Institute offers:

- SETA-accredited training and skills programmes
- Full qualifications in Child & Youth Care Work
- Over 40 courses covering organisational development, operational and programme skills, such as HIV Testing Services.
- A **community of learning** which draws on the latest, evidence-based experience from the field.
- As a Level 2 B-BBEE entity, **125% recognition** for **Supplier Development** and **100% recognition** for **Skills Development**.
INVEST IN HEALTH AND WELLBEING

An investment in NACOSA is an *investment in the future health and wellbeing of communities*. South Africa’s social challenges are not going away. Even if we achieve the end of AIDS by 2030, we would still have much work to do: getting affordable treatment to those who need it, and mitigating the socio-economic impact of HIV and AIDS.

With international aid on the decline and the economic outlook slowing, we need sustainable, independent institutions to continue this work – now more than ever.

Help NACOSA to build community resilience and get involved in the health and social issues that stand in the way of our nation’s development. You can be part of this vital work:

- Become a **partner in sustainable health leadership** by contributing to NACOSA’s endowment fund.
- Make use of NACOSA’s accredited **training and extensive grant management services**.
- Invest in the **NACOSA Training Institute** – a sustainable centre of excellence for training frontline workers.

OUR CREDENTIALS

Accredited by the Health & Welfare SETA | Trusted training provider & partner for public and private sector funders since 2002 | Level 2 Contributor providing 125% B-BBEE recognition | Registered Non Profit Organisation | Approved Public Benefit Organisation with 18A Tax Exemption | Current Tax Clearance Certificate.
We’re stronger, together.