

ISHTAR's After Action Review Stakeholders Meeting



Guests at the After Action Report meeting, Silver Springs Hotel, Nairobi

Ishtar was funded by Global Forum for MSM and HIV (MSMGF) and East African Health Rights Initiative (UHAI) to carry out Needs Assessment and M&E projects respectively. Having concluded both projects we seek advice from you if the objectives were met and if they are relevant to our future programming.

We then wanted to present these findings and the findings of these assessments and a brain-storming of our development and next steps in expanding our services to meet the needs of MSM in Kenya.

This led to After Action Review stakeholders meeting that was held at Silver springs Hotel on the 17th of July 2013. Here

we were able to We shared the accomplishments, lessons learnt and asked for advice us as we are set to kick start our Strategic Planning Process.

Ishtar remains grateful to the stakeholders, partners, members and friends who were able to attend and share this milestone with us.



Global Dialogues 2013

Global Dialogues Trust and HIVOS partnered to organize the 2013 Global Dialogues Scenarios Contest in Kenya. Over 700 young people from all over Kenya and Kiswahili speaking countries in East Africa, participated by submitting short stories, poems, film scripts and narratives on HIV&AIDS, Sexual and gender based violence, challenges of sexual minorities and youth participation in infection prevention. An analysis of the narratives submitted revealed fascinating and thought provoking issues around sexual diversity, sexual and human rights violation, incest and disability. A National Stakeholders forum and award ceremony was held at National Museums of Kenya on the 25th of July 2013.

Ishtar being a partner in this initiative was fully represented at the event with some of Ishtar's members namely Jeffery Kimkemboi and Joseph Omwamba being among the top 20 national winning contestants.



Peter Njane - Director, Awarding a winner at Global Dialogues



Ishtar Staff & Members, Left-Right: Yvonne Oduor, Brian Macharia, Peter Njane and Jeffrey Walimbwa

Sexuality Leadership Development Fellowship

By Mr. Joseph Omwamba (Office Administrator)



Participants at the Sexuality Leadership development Fellowship

The fellowship took place between the 14th and 27th of July 2013, was held in Lagos, Nigeria. The objectives of the fellowship were:

- › Training on Sexuality Leadership Development Fellowship Program addresses current issues and emerging best practices in policy and programming for sexual wellbeing
- › Provide a conceptual theoretical peak exposure on programming issues in sexuality, sexual health and sexual rights
- › Create a better understanding of the interplay between sexuality, development and social justice

› Facilitate the development of leadership, teamwork, public speaking and advocacy to advance the sexual well-being in communities

“The chances to stop and take stock are all too rare as Activists. The chance to stop and take stock with such a lively, open and stimulating group as gathered by SLDF was unique. It was humbling to realize what a lot of great Sexuality Discourse there is in an industry that moans a lot about dumping down and that we’ve been programmed to ignore. We could not stop talking day and night, and the compassion and humanity on

display was refreshing. It was like the best retreat set apart yet blindingly relevant.

There’s a whole dimension to Sexuality that we’ve been programmed to ignore: the emotional landscape of a story. The Sexuality Leadership Development Fellowship, above all, puts a language to this terrain, providing a deeper understanding of trauma and feelings we encounter in Sexuality as well as within ourselves. The benefit is better with a bigger heart. Is there anything better to strive for? ”

Visit to the Embassy of Belgium



With the aim and spirit of broadening its networks, Ishtar visited The Embassy of the Kingdom of Belgium a visit on the 15th of July 2013. We were able to meet and talk to the 1st secretary, Mr. Vincent Viaene. We were able to brief them on what programs and activities Ishtar is involved in which they took a keen interest on. The in turn advised us on possible areas of partnership and future collaboration.

The Ishtar entourage left with the promise of staying in touch and fostering the new found ally.



Galck's forensic edit

In the year 2012, GALCK went through its most trying period. It experienced a multitude of programmatic and administrative changes and was faced with numerous financial upheavals and allegations of malpractice. During the General

Meeting Process in the same year, the constituents of GALCK made it clear that an overall evaluation and re-organizing was in order. The recommended processes were initiated by the Transitioning Team from September – December 2012, and taken forward by the GALCK Reloaded Taskforce (GRT) from January 2013 to date. It's in light of this that a forensic audit was carried out and the report launched on the 7th of July 2013. Partners, friends and allies are called upon to look at the findings of the report on the Galck website and send their comments and or observations to forensicaudit@galck.org

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