



Zimbabwe National Network of People living with HIV (ZNNP+) Statement with regards to elements of PEPFAR funding

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Harare, Zimbabwe - As ZNNP+ we recognize the anxiety surrounding the recent stop work orders affecting some of the health projects, particularly those supported by the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). We acknowledge the fears and anxieties shared by communities about the potential consequences of these disruptions on health services critical to combating the HIV and AIDS epidemic.

The implementation of stop work orders has led to significant fears, including:

- **Reduced Access to Essential Services:** Many individuals rely on uninterrupted access to treatment and care. The disruption of programs raises concerns about potential health setbacks.
- **Increased Stigma and Discrimination:** The perception of dwindling support can discourage individuals from seeking help, exacerbating feelings of isolation and stigma.
- **Loss of Community Trust:** Uncertainty around funding can erode confidence in health services, leading to fears that progress made in combating HIV and AIDS will be undone.
- **Long-term Health Outcomes:** There is legitimate concern about how these interruptions may negatively impact long-term strategies to end the epidemic.

A Message of Reassurance

Through support we are receiving from our partners such as GNP+, NATF, among others, ZNNP+ wants to affirm that we remain open, actively representing the voices and needs of people living with HIV. Our commitment to advocacy remains unwavering. We will:

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- **Continue Advocacy:** We will advocate to all levels of government to ensure that our communities receive the necessary support and that the rights of people living with HIV are protected during this time.
- **Maintain Communication:** We will keep our communities informed about any developments through our platforms. The Kutabila Platform will continue to be operational. PLHIV are urged to call at no cost, our tollfree number, 08080441 to report any disruptions in services or share any challenges they are experiencing.

Together, we can navigate these challenges and reaffirm our dedication to ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

About ZNNP+

ZNNP+ is Zimbabwe`s umbrella network of people living with HIV. It is a community entity that advocates for the interests of PLHIV, to ensure they have access to quality care and treatment and are treated with dignity

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