



TANZANIA NETWORK OF WOMEN

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Brief Background

I, JOAN CHAMUNGU MSUYA am a progressive Tanzanian woman living positively with HIV since 1998. Born in 27th March, 1961, Mother of Twins (sons) and grandma of two grandson. Holder of Advance diploma in Business Administration. Ever since, I have dedicated my mind and energy in advancing not only the cause of women living with HIV, marginalizing groups but also in the fight against the pandemic both at program and policy level in Tanzania and gradually at regional and global levels. Amid the tough challenges of the times, I have worked at the frontline of the CSO and PLHIV response and took part in establishment of various existing initiatives, including founding the Tanzania Network of Women Living with HIV/AIDS, Coordinator of KP Community on emergency issues in the Country.

At policy- making and high –level governance levels, my experience ranges from being a Commissioner of the Tanzania National AIDS Commission which coordinates the national HIV & AIDS response and advises the Prime Minister's Office on HIV policy matters where I served from 2005 to 2008 and awarded a certificate of good performance, to being a member of the Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) representing Women living with HIV. The experience has been gathered through my working in the following positions over the years, namely, - being a Commissioner at the Tanzania Commission for AIDS (TACAIDS); being the Global Fund CCM for 2 different terms as PLHIV female representative as well as CSO representative, being the ICW+ East Africa Technical working group and Vice-chairperson of ICW Tanzania; being Board member of EANNASO, serving as the Tanzania AIDS Forum (TAF) – Chairperson, The Coordinator Emergency Plan for KP community in the Country September 2016 to April, 2017, and serving as the Executive Director Tanzania Network of Women living with HIV and AIDS and the VICE Chairperson of Tanzania non state Actors Platform.

I have sufficient exposure in international issues relating to community engagement, human rights and gender, HIV and thus participated and delivered presentations in various regional and international gatherings on various topics related to TB, HIV and Human rights and gender and domestic finance.

As regards to advisory experience, I have sat at Advisory position as a Board member in various Boards and have been capable of discharging my duties effectively as a Board member and an office Bearer. I have thus substantial experience in the nature of community advisory activities and in decision making platforms.

I'm lucky to understand the general global fund processes that require both multi –regional experiences and perspectives, including those from Africa, the epicenter of the epidemic. Mine is a combination of a person living with HIV since 1998, a woman from a Least Developed Country and a person representing and understanding some Key affected Population issues that is a Centre of gender minority.

Throughout my entire ages of doing community interventions targeting women from all diversity I have used my knowledge, advocacy skills to capacitate AGYW, KVP, Women in all their diversity in leadership at different level.

I submit

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