



The U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) support to Rwanda



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RWANDA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SIGN THE HIV/AIDS PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK

Kigali (June 17, 2010) – On June 19, the Honorable Minister of Health, Richard Sezibera; the President of the Rwanda Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS, Beatrice Kagoyire; and Ambassador Eric Goosby, U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator with the U.S. Department of State, will sign the U.S.-Rwanda HIV/AIDS Partnership Framework, a strategic framework that will guide the two governments in their cooperation to strengthen Rwanda's national response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

This Partnership Framework outlines key objectives to build on this strong foundation of Rwanda's national management and coordination. Through the Partnership Framework, the U.S. Government intends to continue to support the Government of Rwanda's strong commitment to national ownership, universal access to HIV/AIDS services, quality service delivery, institutional capacity building, and a coordinated response. Under the leadership of the Government of Rwanda and with the collaborative support of all HIV/AIDS partners, the Partnership Framework will help to reduce the number of new HIV infections, reduce morbidity and mortality among people living with HIV/AIDS, increase social and economic opportunities for people living with HIV/AIDS, and build the capacity of the public health system.

As the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, Ambassador Goosby leads all U.S. Government international HIV/AIDS efforts. In this role, Ambassador Goosby oversees implementation of PEPFAR, as well as U.S. Government engagement with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator Ambassador Eric Goosby will visit Rwanda on June 17-19, 2010. He will meet with Government of Rwanda officials, people living with HIV/AIDS, other health donors, and implementing partners to affirm the U.S. Government's commitment to coordination and collaboration with stakeholders throughout Rwanda. He will also visit health facilities to view HIV care and treatment programs.

Over the past five years, the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) has supported the national capacity to plan, lead, manage, and deliver quality HIV health services across Rwanda. PEPFAR is the U.S. Government's initiative to support partner nations around the world in responding to HIV/AIDS. It was launched in 2003 and is the largest commitment by any nation to combat a single disease internationally.