



Networking for Research capacity development



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Objectives



- TASO rolled out its 2008-2012 strategic plan 2 years ago
- Unlike previous plans, this one has a focus on capacity development in and carrying out operational research aimed at:
 - enhancing evidence based programming,
 - informing and influencing the national and international HIV response.



Methods (1)



- TASO research partners were mobilised: MRC(UK), CAPT network (Canada), University of George Washington and KIT (Netherlands), CDC(USA).
- Workshops for staff were conducted in research proposal development, abstract and manuscript writing, and basic research methods



Methods (2)



- Selected staff were mentored in publishing with international peer reviewed journals.
- Relevant literature was shared among partners



Results (1)



- Since Jan 2008:
 - 4 scientific papers have been published in international peer reviewed journals
 - 12 staff have been supported to attend international HIV/AIDS conferences



Results (2)



- 30 staff have been orientated to basic research methods
- 10 research proposals have been developed
- Institutional Review Board has been established.
- Funding for some equipment to facilitate research has been mobilised



Discussion & Conclusions



- Through North to south and south to south networking, organisations in Africa can develop operational research capacity and strengthen their programming with the support of well established research partners



Future perspectives



- Plans are underway to attract more partners
- The mentored staff have been asked to mentor others
- Mobilisation of funds for the proposals that have been developed
- Institutionalisation of research



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