

A new era of working with community organisations phase II

Project Summary

Problem

Local community engagement and leadership is critical, particularly among marginalised groups. Yet community efforts often collapse or are reduced when MSF exits a project.

Proposed Solution

Revolutionise MSF's approach to community-led initiatives by **ensuring capacity and sustainability** to carry on programming **after MSF exits a project**. **Test and learn exit strategy models** that better leave empowered local partners for continuity of care and community presence and activities in health care and advocacy.



Potential Impact

- Tests and learns **alternative models** for exiting MSF field projects
- Strengthens the **leadership of community and patient groups** to actively participate in the **decision making**

Viability

- Targets specific field projects scheduled for closure in Malawi, South Africa, Zimbabwe and Mozambique; Works with community based organisations and civil society

Risk Mitigation

- Close collaboration **with field operations**
- Engages **stakeholders** for input and buy-in

Scalability

- Linked with **patient-centred** approaches
- **Shares lessons learned** and **toolkits** across the movement; engages Ops Support Unit

Area/Type: Operations Improvements / Technology; Incubator

Sponsor/Support: MSF Southern Africa

Length/Project Status: 12 months; **ONGOING**