

Annual Report - 2018

**AID FOR AIDS
International**





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I. Introduction

This report, submitted for approval to the Chair of the Board of Directors and Executive Director of AID FOR AIDS International (AFA), provides a detailed explanation of who we are as an organization, including: our mission statement, the roster of the board and staff, the description of the programs and the organizational objectives. In addition, the report lists the major accomplishments of the organization of last year and concludes with list of actions to ensure the continued success and viability of AFA.

In accordance with the Effectiveness Assessment Policy set forth by the Board of Directors, this report is to be produced, updated and submitted for approval at least once a year from here on out.

II. Mission

AID FOR AIDS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to empowering communities at risk of HIV and the population at large, by developing their abilities and capacities in comprehensive prevention through access to treatment, advocacy, education and training to improve their quality of life and reduce stigma and discrimination.

III. Vision

Our vision is to be recognized internationally as a successful model of empowerment, built on efficient and sustainable programs with a high social impact, allowing the development of leaders who adopt comprehensive prevention as a lifestyle to promote a better quality of life in the general population.

IV. Values

- Commitment
- Unity
- Equity
- Integrity
- Solidarity
- Empathy
- Respect
- Inclusion
- Credibility

V. Departments and Programs

Since 1996, AFA has worked to empower people with HIV and AIDS, their families and communities through programs that provide access to treatment, HIV education and prevention, and social reform.

i. Access to Treatment and Case Management:

- HIV Medicine Recycling Program: Recovers life-saving medication that otherwise would have been wasted and redistributes it to those without access in low- and middle-income countries.
- Access to Treatment Program: Connects people with HIV or AIDS to life-saving medication, treatment planning, and resource management. We work with local medical providers to reach those without access to treatment in low- and middle-income countries, filling in the gap where governments fail to provide care.
- Case Management Program: Provides social services to immigrants with HIV in the Greater New York Area, assisting clients with services ranging from health education, housing, legal services, support groups, referrals, and more. Since its inception, the program has provided services to more than 8,500 immigrants.
- Chronic Disease Response Program: Responds to shortages of medication that affect millions of people in Latin America and the Caribbean on an annual basis. This includes people with HIV and other chronic diseases. Headquartered in New York City, with a United Nations Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD) storage warehouse in Panama, this program works with international partners, pharmaceutical companies, and organized civil society to reduce the impact of medication shortages and save lives. In 2018, AFA distributed 60 tons of medication to 35,000 people in Latin America.

ii. Education and Training:

- ¿Cuánto Sabes? (How Much Do You Know?): Utilizes an innovative model that combines neurolinguistics programming with an emphasis on life skills and HIV prevention education. Reaching thousands of young people per year through peer-to-peer education, the program spreads knowledge about HIV and helps create a culture of responsible and healthy sexuality.
- Program for Children and Adolescents with HIV: Operates in AFA's satellite offices in Latin

America and the Caribbean and offers emotional, social, and psycho-educational support to children with HIV. The program empowers children to take control of their health situation and gives them the tools to act as role models for their peers.

- Outreach and HIV Testing Program: Provides free and confidential HIV testing on-and off-site throughout the year in partnership with local organizations.
- Health Care Providers Program: Maintains up-to-date information about treatment regimens training health professionals who serve people with HIV in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Leadership Program: Develops leadership skills and capacities so that people can bring about intra- and interpersonal change and transformational solutions to social problems.
- Ámate Indígena Program: Targets indigenous populations in Mexico. Its goal is to address the HIV epidemic in these communities through HIV prevention education, HIV testing and access to medical services.

iii. **Advocacy:**

- Advocacy and Public Promotion: Advocates with local and state governments to pass legislative proposals and bring attention and resources to the issues and concerns of people with HIV, particularly immigrants and other vulnerable communities in New York City. In addition, AFA advocates with the US federal government and international organizations, pharmaceutical companies, and foreign governments, to mobilize and coordinate effective responses to issues affecting people with HIV on the global level.

iv. **Healing:**

- Healing Venezuela: Responds to the severe and high levels of infant malnutrition Venezuela has faced since 2016, through the distribution of infant formula to babies who cannot be breastfed due to health conditions of their mothers. AID FOR AIDS secures proper feeding to babies from 0 to 12 months old for the first 12 months of life. AFA partners with pediatricians in different health centers across the country to locate and enroll babies and monitors their development through indicators such as height and weight.

VI. Accomplishments 2018

i. HIV Medicine Recycling:

- Medicine Received: \$12,215,000
- Medicine sent: \$9,945,000

ii. Access to Treatment:

- Provided ARVs to 1,371 people with HIV.
 - Covered gaps of treatment in Dominican Republic, Honduras, and Panama.
- Assisted Venezuelan immigrants that moved to other countries: Colombia, Chile, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Panama

iii. Case Management:

- Offered services to 300 beneficiaries with adherence to treatment counseling, treatment, and HIV education and prevention.
- Offered services to 800 children with HIV in Dominican Republic and Panama.
- Provided 3,000 breakfast to children with HIV in Dominican Republic and Panama.
- Provided nutritional packages to people with HIV in Dominican Republic and Panama.
- 182 people with HIV were linked to care in Dominican Republic.

iv. Chronic Disease Response Program:

- Offered ARVs to 35,000 people with HIV in Venezuela.
- Sent \$7 million worth in HIV medicines to Venezuela.
- Sent 400,00 malaria treatments to Venezuela.

v. Outreach and HIV Testing:

- 18,715 HIV tests were done in the Dominican Republic.
- 350 HIV tests were done in New York City.
- Distributed 300,000 condoms, 10,000 lubricants and 20,000 brochures.
- Donated 11,000 HIV diagnostic tests for pregnant woman in Venezuela.

vi. Education and Training:

Reached:

- 30,470 individuals with HIV Prevention in the Dominican Republic, Panama, and Venezuela.
- 800 Latinos with HIV prevention in New York City.
- 7,537 people in the providence of Panama, Chiriqui and Guna Yala with HIV prevention.
- 3,504 children with life skills workshops in 35 schools in Panama.
- 18,629 men who have sex with men (MSM) with HIV prevention in the providence of Santo Domingo and Altagracia, in Dominican Republic.

vii. Healing Venezuela:

- Guaranteed proper nutrition for 400 babies for the first 12 months of their lives in 13 states of Venezuela.

VII. Objectives

Strategic Objectives:

- Ensure operational efficiency and effectiveness in the organization.
- Strengthen the presence of AFA in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Strengthen the presence of AFA in New York City, to be recognized as the agency with the best services for undocumented immigrants with and at risk of HIV.

Access to Treatment and Case Management:

- Facilitate access to treatment and comprehensive health care for people with HIV.
- Ensure access to treatment and comprehensive health care to leaders with HIV, in each country where we operate.
- Reduce stigma and discrimination.

Education and Training:

- Promote HIV prevention and education, and promote comprehensive health.
- Reduce stigma and discrimination.

Advocacy:

- Promote social change for people and key populations for them to exercise their rights as citizens.
- Reduce stigma and discrimination.

VIII. Organizational Strategies

Access to Treatment and Case Management:

- Empower people with HIV and key populations about their health situation.
- Promote comprehensive prevention (primary and secondary).
- Support people with or without access to health services in their country.
- Promote health with an emphasis on leadership for equality in access to health services.

Education and Training:

- Educate people at risk of HIV, providing empowerment tools to develop and strengthen their capabilities, life skills and leadership.
- Develop internal changes in individuals and communities.
- Reduce stigma and discrimination.

Advocacy:

- Empower leaders of key populations with tools for advocacy for change.
- Develop internal changes in people and key populations.
- Plan and implement actions for lobbying and advocacy towards social and political change and the exercise of leadership.
- Generate public opinion in the population in general to support certain causes.

IX. Actions for Organizational Success

In order to ensure future viability and organizational success, AFA must strive to implement the actions:

- Increase development efforts to improve cash flow, particularly focusing on accessing more unrestricted funds.
- Expand our network of donors of HIV medication for our HIV Recycling Program in the US, to take advantage of untapped market.
- Increase the number of smaller scale fundraising events throughout the entire fiscal year

to complement the annual Gala – our premier fundraising event.

- Reach out to more corporations and individuals internationally to generate potentially new partnerships and collaborations.
- Continue to raise our international profile through participation and presence in international conferences and meetings, such as the Clinton Global Initiative and the International AIDS Conference to garner more support from around the globe.
- Review the measurements of impact for our programs and create improved systems to monitor and evaluate the services provided.
- Incorporate the process of self-assessment and review of our organization’s goals and outcomes more fully into each of our regularly held board meetings.

X. Financial Summary

Statement of financial position on December 31, 2018:

ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$65,960
Unconditional promises to give	\$550,000
Accounts receivable	-
Prepaid expenses	-
Property and equipment, at cost, net of accumulated depreciation	-
Art held for sale	\$146,325
Total Assets	\$784,365

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Liabilities	
Current liabilities	\$989,768
Long-term liabilities	\$65,500
Commitments and contingencies	
Net assets	
Unrestricted	(770,903)
Temporarily restricted	500,000
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$784,365

Statement of activities year ended on December 31, 2017:

CHANGES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	
Revenue and support	
Grants and contributions	\$6,761,220
Program service revenue	-
Other income	\$27,000
Net assets released from restrictions	-
Total revenue and support	\$6,879,281



Expenses	
Program expenses	\$6,853,380
Supporting services	
Management and general	\$132,547
Fundraising	\$41,694
Total expenses	\$7,027,621

Change in unrestricted net assets **(148,340)**

CHANGES IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Grants and contributions	-
Change in net assets	(5,969)
Net assets – beginning of the year	(916,466)
Net assets – end of the year	(1,070,775)

XI. Board Members & Staff

Board of Directors

- Laura Messina Pilson - *Chair*
- Julian Irragori – *Treasurer*
- David Roth – *Secretary*
- Terry Riley

Founder & Executive Director

- Jesus Aguais

Founding Board Members

- Adriana Cisneros de Griffin
- Stephen Gendin (in memoriam)
- Violy McCausland-Seve

Honorary Advisory Board

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| • Tony Bechara | • Angel Sanchez |
| • Victoria Benatar | • Mark Schoofs |
| • Clarissa Bronfman | • Alvaro Tafur |
| • David Corkery | • Tom Viola |
| • Jose Esparza, MD | • Jackie Weld-Drake |
| • David Gold, ESQ | • Doug White |
| • Carolina Herrera | • Yliana Yopez |
| • Mitchell S. Kushner MD, MPH | • Carlos Campos |
| • Gabriel G. Matus | • Carlos Mota |
| • Gabriela Neri | • Roxana Olivas |
| • Nan Richardson | • Ricardo Seco |
| • Tim Rosta | |

Staff

AID FOR AIDS International – Headquarters

- Jesus Aguais – Executive Director
- Jaime Valencia – Director of Operations and Medical Doctor
- Efrén Olivares - Development Lead: HIV Medicine Recycling Program
- Lupe Aguais – Director of Education
- Leonardo Klie – HIV Medicine Recycling Coordinator
- Oscar Peña – Case Manager
- Alicia Molina – Project Manager
- Isabella Latouche – Finance Manager

AID FOR AIDS – Colombia

- Jaime Valencia – Country Director

AID FOR AIDS – Dominican Republic

- María Valenzuela – Country Director
- Virginia Moreno – Administrative Assistant
- Gladis García – Coordinator of the Program for Children and Adolescents with HIV

AID FOR AIDS – Mexico

- Joel Renteria – Accountant

AID FOR AIDS – Panama

- Trina María Aguais – Country Director
- Roalmar Alviárez – Access to Treatment Coordinator
- Mario Alexander Cruz - Project Coordinator
- María Claudia Herrera - Interinstitutional Relations and Procurement Coordinator & ¿Cuánto Sabes? Program Facilitator
- Esilda de Corrales - Psychologist

AID FOR AIDS – Peru

- Teresa Ayala – Country Director

AID FOR AIDS – Venezuela

- Lupe Aguais – Country Director
- Valentina Perez – Coordinator of Education Program
- Alba Álvarez - Access to Treatment Coordinator
- Yohely Reyes - Administrative Assistant