



## Developing an HIV/AIDS -- Community Based Natural Resource

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The HIV/AIDS epidemic is a global crisis that requires attention and action by all sectors professions. In order to address this issue, USAID Africa Bureau, Office of Sustainable Development, Environment Team has been an active participant in the Africa Bureau's HIV/AIDS multi-sector task force. The task force has been successful in bringing diverse development professionals together in order to address the HIV/AIDS issue effectively. In the past decade, several African countries have introduced Community-Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM) projects in rural areas. CBNRM can be defined as: "CBNRM is the management of natural resources under a detailed plan developed and agreed to by all concerned stakeholders. The approach is community based in that the communities managing the resources have the legal rights, the local institutions, and the economic incentives to take substantial responsibility for sustained use of these resources. Under the natural resource management plan, communities become the primary implementers, assisted and monitored by technical services'." CBNRM aims to combine both conservation and development initiatives aimed at promoting rural development and participatory decision making-based on natural resources while encouraging conservation awareness. To promote local stewardship, USAID has funded household and community programs that help developing countries manage forests and other natural resources. Efforts made to shift resource stewardship responsibilities from public agencies to local organizations have required extensive educational efforts of the staff of local non-governmental organizations (NGO's). Responsible management of the world's natural resources, particularly in HIV/AIDS affected countries, is critical to sustainable economic and social progress locally, nationally, and globally.

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