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HSA Partnership is launched in Kampala, Uganda

The Health Systems Advocacy Partnership was launched in Uganda in Kampala on the 18th of March 2016. The partnership consists of Amref Health Africa, African Centre for Global Health and Social Transformation (Achest), Health Action International and Wemos, and is financed by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the fifth partner.

Throughout this five-year (2016—2020) programme, partners will support civil society organisations in Kenya, Uganda and Zambia in advocating for strengthened health systems to improve sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). Together, we will engage governments, the private sector and other health system stakeholders in delivering strong health systems, capable of delivering equitable, accessible and high-quality SRHR services

At a later stage, the project will possibly be extended to a number of other African countries. The partnership works not only in the regional and national scope but takes also the global context into account.

At the Zambia level we will be looking at two Health Systems Strengthening Building blocks which are Sexual Reproductive Health Commodities and Human Resources for Health. MeTA Zambia whose international secretariat is under Health Action International in Netherlands is the local partner together with Achest and Amref Health Africa. We are currently studying the availability and affordability of a number of sexual and reproductive health commodities in Zambia healthcare facilities. These commodities include contraceptives, antibiotics for maternal and neonatal sepsis and pneumonia, pre-natal vitamins, pain medicines, and surgical equipment. Research findings will form the basis of our subsequent advocacy work, which will be conducted in collaboration with our partners.