

**Academic Model Providing Access to Healthcare (AMPATH)
HIV/AIDS Programming
<http://www.iukenya.org/hiv.aids.html>**

Section I: Summary

In 1989, Indiana University School of Medicine and Moi University School of Medicine joined together to developing health care leaders in the U.S. and Africa. The Academic Model Providing Access to Healthcare, AMPATH treats over 70,000 HIV-positive patients at 18 sites in both urban and rural Kenya. The organization has worked on a range of issues surrounding HIV/AIDS from income security to protection of orphan children and vulnerable populations. Programs include:

- [Family Preservation Initiative](#) (FPI) - Training in income security and occupational skills to get HIV+ patients and their families back on their feet.
- [HAART and Harvest Initiative](#) - A program to ensure food security for HIV positive patients and their families.
- [Orphan and Vulnerable Children Program](#) - An initiative to strengthen the capacity of families and communities to care for orphans and vulnerable children.

Section II: Statement of Purpose

As the HIV/AIDS epidemic exploded in Africa at the turn of the 21st century, Indiana University School of Medicine and Moi University School of Medicine responded by creating one of Africa's largest, most comprehensive and effective HIV/AIDS control systems. The resulting partnership was a program called AMPATH: the Academic Model Providing Access to Healthcare. AMPATH is a working model of urban and rural HIV preventive and treatment services in the public sector. A robust program to prevent mother to child transmission of HIV has been initiated including an opt-out testing policy and programs fostering triple anti-retroviral therapy of pregnant woman and formula feeding of newborns. AMPATH has implemented programs that foster food and economic security for HIV infected persons and their families. AMPATH demonstrates the power of US and African academic medical centers united by common vision.

AMPATH also:

- Protects babies by blocking mother-to-child transmission of HIV at birth.

- Prevents HIV/AIDS through outreach to encourage safe practices, prevent the spread of the disease, and confront the deadly effects of HIV/AIDS stigma.
- Goes door-to-door throughout western Kenya testing for HIV, screening for tuberculosis and delivering treated bed nets to prevent malaria.
- Fights hunger through providing [food security programs](#). With high-production farms and demonstration farms, They provide food assistance to up to 30,000 people per month.
- Builds self-sufficiency through offering [income security programs](#) including skills training, micro-financing, a fair-trade-certified crafts workshop and an agricultural co-operative.
- Helps [orphans and vulnerable children](#) by providing school fees, clothing and food to thousands of Kenyan children orphaned by AIDS.

Section III: Outcomes

- AMPATH cares for more than 55,000 HIV infected adults and children, with nearly one-half of all patients on anti-retroviral drugs, and enrollment into the program rising by 2,000 patients per month at 18 sites throughout rural and urban western Kenya.
- AMPATH currently provides food to more than 30,000 people per month.
- The Household Counseling and Testing Program (HCT) contacts 90% of those affected and is welcomed in 90% of homes
- AMPATH is currently going door-to-door with HCT in its Turbo, Kenya catchment area; their ultimate goal is to implement a comprehensive program throughout its entire 2,000,000 person catchment area in western Kenya.

AMPATH is on track to provide food to more than 100,000 people by 2012

Section IV: Additional resources

AMPATH Living Patient Stories: <http://www.iukenya.org/patients.html>

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