



## LETTER of INTENT for COLLABORATION

**DATE:** September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**TO:** Mesoamerica-California HIV/AIDS Research Project  
Health Initiative of the Americas  
UC Berkeley School of Public Health

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This Letter of Intent between: AIDS Project Los Angeles, in Los Angeles, CA and Mesoamerica-California HIV/AIDS Project, at The Health Initiative of the Americas a program of the School of Public Health at UC Berkeley to collaborate in the development of a web site for information exchange aiming at providing relevant, useful and updated resources for migrant communities from Central America both in Central America and the United States.

The intention of this letter is to establish the goals, roles and responsibilities of both parties involved in the activities related to the creation and launching of this information-based and resourceful web site.

### General Principles of Agreement:

1. To initiate and create collaborations for the development of an information and resource initiative centered on HIV services and resources related to migration concerns for migrant communities from Central America both in Central America and the United States.
2. The web site will be developed using existing information and resources available as well as capturing new relevant information from different sources oriented to the overall well-being of migrant communities from Central America both in Central America and the United States.

## The Roles and Responsibilities

The members of this LOI agree also to:

1. Synchronize organizational efforts, between both partners to complement synergies, to support their initiative and engage community involvement in Latin America – Central America particularly under the initiative: *"Mesoamerica-California HIV/AIDS Project"* of the Health Initiative of the Americas, UC Berkeley School of Public Health.
2. Identify common ground regarding the issues faced by migrant communities of people living with HIV (PLHIV), human rights groups and HIV advocates in Central America, Mexico, and particularly concerns related to mobility as migrants head to the United States.
3. Identify funding possibilities for the creation, launching and maintenance of the web site.
4. Collaborate in promotional/outreach activities that relate to mutual projects for both parties.
5. Present binational resources available to Central Americans to key partners in California and Central America, particularly Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua.
6. Share lessons learned by means of, but not limited to, meetings, conferences, case studies and workshops.

APLA and HIA are committed to seeking funding mechanisms for the support of the *"Mesoamerica-California HIV/AIDS Project Health Initiative of the Americas"* web site. HIA, APLA and associated members will provide a guide and the recommendations for the development of this web site.

APLA will provide content for the web site in collaboration with its Central American partners. APLA will also oversee operational functions of this production. APLA agrees to be the recipient of funding for the administration of funds.

APLA and HIA will review this agreement regularly. Each organization has the right to verbally terminate its participation in this within thirty (30) days of anticipation in writing or verbally. The reasons for this termination can include, but they are not limited, financing changes and programmatic interests. The effective date of this agreement is signed by both representatives of the respective organizations.

The document is in agreement by the following parties:

  
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Executive Director  
AIDS Project Los Angeles

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Title  
9/23/08  
Date

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