PEPFAR, GBC Launch Door-to-Door HIV Care in Kenya

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A new global initiative aims to provide door-to-door medical care for HIV, TB and Malaria patients in Kenya, *Business Daily* reports. The plan, "Health at Home/Kenya," is being rolled out by the Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria (GBC) and the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR).

"The program is aimed at scaling up HIV/AIDS status awareness, diagnosing and treating tuberculosis and offering preventive measures against malaria and worms infections," said Henry Chang, GBC's vice president.

Health experts say data on AIDS, TB and malaria incidence in Kenya are scarce, making it difficult to fight these diseases. Only 45 percent of the targeted population know their status, according to Kenya AIDS Indicators 2007. However, Patricia Mugambi, head of GBC in East and Central Africa, said that "it is also through such doorstep initiatives that reliable data can be collected for effective policy formulation and response."

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