Letter from the President

Looking back at our last fiscal year, we have a lot to celebrate and to be thankful for.

During the International AIDS Conference in Washington, D.C., more than ever before, participants joined the call for a woman-centered approach to HIV/AIDS. Taking our cue from women living with HIV from around the globe, CHANGE and our allies spoke out about keeping women and girls at the center of prevention efforts.

A joint CHANGE-Woodrow Wilson Center event brought together advocates, NGOs, representatives from the U.N., and U.S. implementing agencies to discuss the importance of integrating family planning and HIV with maternal health services from a rights-based approach.

For the fifth consecutive year, sexual and reproductive health and rights advocates from across the U.S. participated in CHANGE’s Healthy Future Action Summit (HFAS) in Washington, D.C., taking messages about woman-centered global health policy to their members of Congress.

And, a report by the Institutes of Medicine (IOM) provided tangible evidence that policy advocacy in Washington — the very heart of CHANGE’s work — makes a measurable difference in the lives of women and girls in developing nations.

CHANGE believes that sexual and reproductive rights are human rights. We envision a world where these rights are universally recognized and where comprehensive, integrated health services are accessible and available to all.

Thank you to all our partners who helped make this year a success. The most effective way to ensure a woman-centered focus in U.S. policy is to create spaces for women to tell their stories. It is an honor to work with so many brave women and girls from around the world in our shared mission to advance women’s health and rights. And, we are deeply grateful to our funders and supporters who make this work possible.

Serra Sippel
President, Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE)
CHANGE is a U.S.-based non governmental organization whose mission is to promote the sexual and reproductive health and human rights of women and girls globally by shaping the development and implementation of U.S. policies. We envision a world where sexual and reproductive health and rights are universally recognized, and where comprehensive, integrated sexual and reproductive health services are accessible and available to all, free from coercion, violence, and discrimination.
International AIDS Conference: AIDS 2012

In July 2012, CHANGE successfully shifted the debate during AIDS 2012 to focus significant attention on HIV prevention for women, emphasizing the need for a woman-centered approach to HIV/AIDS. Conference participants, policy makers, and advocates embraced CHANGE’s message and amplified it throughout and beyond the conference. Exciting, powerful messages appeared in more than 500 news outlets across the globe. From hosting a Congressional reception for U.S. and global women living with HIV to surrounding the conference venue with bus shelter ads with the message “Not without women,” throughout AIDS 2012, CHANGE delivered the message that an AIDS-free generation cannot be achieved without keeping women and girls at the center of prevention efforts.

Communications Training for Women Living with HIV

During a pre-conference session at AIDS 2012, CHANGE partnered with the U.S. Positive Women’s Network and the International Community of Women Living with HIV to lead a training for 22 women living with HIV — from the U.S. and sub-Saharan Africa — to ensure their voices reached the media and influenced the policy narrative around HIV/AIDS. The women participated in filmed practice interviews and shared their stories with each other. Two participants from Uganda appeared in a major AP story, and following the conference, a participant from Kenya wrote us: “I have had several media interviews – the training came at the right time.” We were thrilled to learn that all workshop participants were able to apply what they learned during and after the conference.
Research: Policy Monitoring and Analysis

Around the world, childbirth is far riskier than it should be. Lack of access to quality care is a leading driver of maternal death. Emerging evidence is beginning to reveal that disrespect and abuse in maternity care is widespread, and hinders women’s access to quality maternity care. In June 2013, CHANGE partnered with the Woodrow Wilson Center to present “Woman-Centered Maternity Care, Family Planning, and HIV: Principles for Rights-Based Integration.” Experts on respectful maternity care, invited by CHANGE to educate policy makers in Washington, presented evidence from Ethiopia and Nigeria about the kinds of abuse suffered by women in labor, and the impact this has had on care-seeking behavior. Panelists also explained how integration of maternal health, family planning, and HIV services can help ensure that more women enter the health care system. The discussion highlighted the critical role that respectful care plays in ensuring that maternal health is an entry point — and not exit point — for women.

Panelists at the Wilson Center Event, from L to R: Sarah Craven, UNFPA; Wuleta Betemariam, Ethiopia; Dr. Philippa Momah, Nigeria
Public Policy

In February, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) of the National Academies published a comprehensive assessment of the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). The report’s findings provided tangible evidence of the impact of ongoing policy advocacy by CHANGE and others around PEPFAR. For nearly a decade, CHANGE has partnered with diverse groups to remove provisions in PEPFAR hampering global efforts to slow the spread of HIV, including removing abstinence-only provisions. The detailed IOM evaluation of PEPFAR showed that revisions to the law had substantially improved in-country HIV programs in both of these areas.

Hamlin Center in Bahir Dar, Ethiopia
Outreach and Constituency Building

“The experience exceeded all my expectations,” said one participant of CHANGE’s fifth-annual Healthy Future Action Summit (HFAS). “I’m going to share the information on foreign women’s health issues with my student group…to talk about the importance of integration,” said another. The May 2013 HFAS event brought reproductive justice, HIV/AIDS, and family planning advocates from across the country to Washington, D.C. for an intensive three-day workshop. The training’s legislative focus was on U.S. funding for family planning, maternal health, and HIV/AIDS. Participants from Texas, Tennessee, and Ohio met with members of the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate to discuss why integration and funding of all three components of sexual and reproductive health are critical to ensuring the rights, health, and well-being of women and girls in developing nations.

HFAS advocates from Tennessee, L to R: Andrea Curry, Mary Hawkins, Blair Darnell
Look Ahead
The coming year marks a major milestone for CHANGE as we celebrate our 20th anniversary. Not coincidentally, it also marks the 20th anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development. In this landmark year, CHANGE will celebrate the progress made by the global community over the past two decades — and address the challenges that remain — in making sure that women and girls have access to the rights and services they need to live healthy lives.

As we recommit ourselves to slicing through Washington’s bureaucratic delays and political barriers to advance a bold agenda for women and girls, we will focus on the following themes:

- There has been unmistakable progress on health integration, yet too many women and girls still face barriers in accessing the care they need seamlessly. CHANGE will build on the important successes around integration of family planning, maternal health, and HIV services and continue to push for a woman-centered, rights-based approach to prevention of unwanted pregnancy, HIV infection, and maternal death.

- Women and girls who survive rape, especially in conflict and crisis situations, must have access to safe, voluntary abortion care. We will continue our tradition of bringing women from across the globe to share their stories here in Washington, D.C. as we shed light on this issue with policy makers and stakeholders to remove political barriers to access to voluntary abortion for women and girls raped in crisis or conflict.

- Saying yes to robust sexual and reproductive health foreign assistance budgets and saying no to policies and laws that would hurt women and girls is a full time job. We will continue our policy advocacy work, building our institutional capacity and growing our network of grassroots advocates, as we work to advance the sexual and reproductive health and rights of women and girls globally.
Expenses Chart

Program Services (84%) $1,048,539
General and Administrative (8%) $97,364
Fundraising (8%) $102,239

Activities Statement

Year ending June 30, 2013

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Satisfaction of program restrictions 682,977 (682,977) -

**Total Revenue** 1,141,264 141,923 1,283,187

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Beginning Net Assets 717,754

Ending Net Assets 610,876

Audited financial statement from Krozek, Fisher & Lopez, PLLC.
## Financial Position  June 30, 2013

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