

**NGOS AND PROMOTION OF HEALTH CARE OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN
LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS IN RWANDA (2005-2012)
A CASE STUDY OF WOMEN'S EQUITY IN ACCESS TO CARE AND TREATMENT
(WE-ACT)**

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ABSTRACT

This research is to assess the role of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in promoting the Health of Women and Children living with HIV/AIDS in Rwanda through WE-ACT project based in Nyarugenge district, Kigali city. Also to provide an insight of the role of NGOs in Rwanda and how they can promote HIV/AIDS prevention programs to benefit women and children's health in Rwanda. The specific objectives of the research is to determine how health care services and capacity building services provided by We-act affect health promotion of women and children living with HIV/AIDS in Nyarugenge district. The research also identified the support services provided by We-act and how they have improved the health of women and children living with HIV/AIDS. The research used a descriptive correlation survey design. Primary data was collected using self-administered questionnaires and an interview guide issued to the respondents. Data was collected using a census for the population sample and simple random sampling for selecting respondents both beneficiaries, project managers and staff from the ministry of health. The sample size that was used is 85 out of 761 targeted population from both project personnel, beneficiaries and some personnel from the ministry of health. In this study, the researcher used descriptive statistics and SPSS statistical program for social statistics that makes data interpretation easy and clear in order to measure the assessment of the role of Non-Governmental Organisations in promoting health care of Women and children living with HIV/AIDS in Rwanda (WE-ACT). The researcher collected and analysed data from questionnaires administered to different respondents including women and children living with HIV/AIDS in Nyarugenge district, and conducted interviews on We-act staff and the Ministry of Health through Rwanda Biomedical Center staff. The researcher used SPSS to analysis the data. The study showed that the health of women and children living with HIV/AIDS had improved significantly and they were satisfied with the services provided to them by We-act largely.