

## **Bridging the Community Clinic Divide: Building Trust and Respect for Improved Health in African Informal Settlements**

**Friday 23rd October 2009; 13:30 to 16:00**  
**At the International Conference on Urban Health**  
**Tsavo Room 2**  
**Kenyatta International Conference Center**  
**Nairobi, Kenya**

Across Africa, informal settlements (commonly called slums) are expected to grow in the coming years. Slum dwellers face increased health risks and often lack access to quality healthcare services. In two of Nairobi's slums, Jhpiego has joined together with community leaders, healthcare workers and government officials in an effort to improve the health and well being of urban slum communities.



At 'Bridging the Community-Clinic Divide,' key stakeholders will share best practices and lessons learned from their experiences.

- **Community Leaders** will explain how their communities have benefitted from improved knowledge and access to healthcare services
- **Health Care Providers** will explain why strengthening partnerships between urban health facilities and communities is critical to improved health in the urban context
- **Local Government Representatives** will explain how capacity building and quality improvement approaches have made a difference to the communities' access to health services.
- **Jhpiego Program Staff** will explain how the program's design has been the key to its success.

Community leaders will lead small group discussions on the following topics:

- Expert Patient Trainers
- Self Defense Against Rape in Urban Slums
- Community Health Workers Training
- Youth Involvement in Urban Health
- Health Provision among Marginalized Urban Communities
- Care of Orphans and Vulnerable Children
- Paralegal Issues for People Living with HIV/AIDS
- Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV
- Community-Based Distribution of Family Planning

Please join Jhpiego and its partners for light refreshments following the program.