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FOREWORD

HIV and AIDS has become one of the most serious challenges facing human development and achievement of National and Millennium Development Goals in Kenya. To respond effectively to the challenge of HIV and AIDS, the Kenya National HIV and AIDS Strategic Plan (KNASP) for 2005/06 to 2009/10 emphasizes the need for evidence based interventions. As has been reported in many other countries, the actual socio-economic impacts brought about by HIV and AIDS both at national, sectoral and decentralized levels have not been well documented in the past. This hindered the design and implementation of appropriate interventions.

Mitigation of socio-economic impacts of HIV and AIDS is one of the priority areas of the KNASP. The quantification of socio-economic impacts of HIV and AIDS in the key sectors of our economy is therefore key in championing planning and budgeting for HIV and AIDS interventions at all levels. In line with this, the National AIDS Control Council (NACC) with financial support from both the Government of Kenya and UNDP commissioned this study in order to document the actual socio-economic impacts of HIV and AIDS in key sectors including health, agriculture, transport, education and the governance, justice, law and order sectors.

This report sets a new milestone in the fight against HIV and AIDS in Kenya by providing for the first time a relatively comprehensive information package on socio-economic impact of HIV and AIDS across the key sectors and the economy as a whole. It is hoped that the research findings in this study would go a long way in informing policy strategies, especially with regard to mitigation of socio-economic impacts of HIV and AIDS. To facilitate this, the information is organized by sector for ease of reference by policy and decision makers.

The report shows that HIV and AIDS has varied and far reaching socio-economic impacts to the persons infected and affected and to the economy in general. These effects cannot be ignored in any of the sectors and the economy as a whole, if national and millennium development goals are to be achieved. HIV and AIDS has the greatest effect on people in their prime years of economic productivity, and is uniquely devastating as it increases poverty and reverses human

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