



MAP Commits to Fighting AIDS and Other Global Diseases Through Clinton Initiative

MAP International, a leading nonprofit agency dedicated to promoting relief and development through healthcare programs across the developing world, has joined an international effort to rid the globe of debilitating diseases and other crises.

MAP International President Michael Nyenhuis was among the world's health leaders taking part in the September 2006 Global Initiative hosted by the Clinton Foundation in New York. The project, launched by former President Bill Clinton, is a non-partisan effort to bring together the world's best minds to propose solutions and make commitments to solving the world's most pressing issues in global health, poverty, the environment, and religious and ethnic conflict.

The 225 participants jointly committed more than \$7 billion in donations and projects. Nyenhuis presented a MAP International pilot program on HIV home care kits.

"They liked the commitment we made," Nyenhuis said. "And we are already addressing ways in which we may make strategic commitments for next year."

Nyenhuis said the event is likely to evolve into the "must attend" annual meeting for senior leaders involved in the global issues on which the meeting focused.

"It is important that we were invited, and we will position ourselves to ensure we continue to be involved," Nyenhuis said.

The three-day event included numerous heads of state and other political figures such as UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, religious leaders such as Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and corporate leaders such as Microsoft CEO Bill Gates. Representatives from numerous pharmaceutical companies and other nonprofit organizations also attended.

In addition to discussing various solutions to global inequalities, attendees also pledged specific commitments to effect change in one or more of the focus areas.

MAP International will leverage its key partnerships with pharmaceutical companies and other organizations to make available the HIV and AIDS palliative care kits. MAP will also evaluate expanding its globally-recognized HIV and AIDS theological curriculum as well as its sexual abuse prevention program, which it recently launched in Bolivia and Ecuador.

Other commitments announced at the event include a \$50 million microfinance program by Opportunity International and a \$60 million clean-water project by USAID and AOL co-founder Steve Case.

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