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New Leadership in South Africa

Senior staff positions are created to better serve South Africa Partners' organizational growth.

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BOSTON, MA (May 26, 2015) — South Africa Partners has announced the reorganization of its operations in South Africa. Anthony (Tony) Diesel has been appointed Country Director, and he is joined by Thembi Zungu, who will now serve as the organization's Deputy Country Director. Together Diesel and Zungu will work in tandem to oversee all programmatic activities and personnel in South Africa. To support this restructuring, Donald Hjul has recently accepted the position of Human Resources and Operations Manager.

Diesel, a nurse by training, recently received his Master's in Business Administration. He has been with South Africa Partners for five years and during that time was the Principal Investigator and Project Director of the Integrated Access to Care and Treatment (I ACT) program, South Africa Partner's flagship HIV/AIDS support program. Zungu, also a nurse by training with a Master's in Public Health, has been with South Africa Partners since 2004. During that time, she has led numerous health initiatives; most recently serving as the founding Project Director of STEPS, an HIV prevention program operating in correctional facilities and providing technical assistance to the Department of Correctional Services.

Diesel and Zungu assumed their new positions as South Africa Partners was awarded a \$17.5 million dollar grant from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This 5-year program, to be known as LinkCARE, will provide technical assistance and support to South Africa's public health system, specifically for the development and implementation of key care and support services. Building on the I ACT program, LinkCARE will continue to improve early linkage to services and retention in care for people living with HIV/AIDS and other chronic diseases.

As part of the reorganization, the South Africa Partners headquarters in South Africa has relocated to Johannesburg, with East London and Port Elizabeth continuing to operate as project offices.

About South Africa Partners



With the big-picture goal of unlocking South Africa's potential, South Africa Partners works to build and strengthen the country's health and education infrastructure. Based in Boston, Massachusetts, and with offices in the South African cities of East London, Port Elizabeth, and Johannesburg, South Africa Partners has worked in South Africa since 1998.

South Africa Partners brings together individuals, organizations, universities, government officials, and funding resources from both countries to develop high-impact strategies for change. South Africa Partners provides technical assistance to the South African government and community partners as they scale up tested strategies. For more information, visit www.sapartners.org ###