The UN Agencies in Suriname comprised in the UN Theme Groups on HIV/AIDS have developed a programme of support to the Suriname National Response on HIV (2010-2011) that it is included in the Annual work plan 11 (AWP 11) developed under the current United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) signed between the GoS and the United Nations. The focus of the programme are the following priority areas: Priority Area 1: Reducing Sexual Transmission; Priority Area 2: Preventing mothers from dying and babies from becoming infected with HIV (PMTCT); and Priority Area 8: Empowering Young People to protect themselves from HIV. The focus areas for UNDP and UNFPA in this programme are: a) Addressing stigma and discrimination against sex workers, gay men, other men who have sex with men and Trans; and b) Addressing gender-related vulnerability to HIV and impact of AIDS on women and girls.

In coordination with the Ministry of Health and the National AIDS Programme, UNDP and UNFPA are supporting the implementation of a Capacity Building Programme for NGOs working with HIV/AIDS and Most at Risk Populations (MARPs) in Suriname. The programme will consist of training and coaching sessions for the NGO’s staff and the NGO’s boards to build their capacity in areas of: Computer skills, Business management, Proposal writing, Organizational structure, Project management, Networking, Work Plan planning, the Role of the NGO Board, Reporting, Accounting and Fundraising.

The inauguration ceremony of the Capacity Building Programme took place on October 5th, at the Conference Room in the UN House.