

Kenya

The Foundation expresses concern about the high maternal mortality rate prevalent in the country, caused, *inter alia*, by a high number of unsafe or illegal abortions. The government is encouraged to adopt measures to improve access to family planning services for all women. It should consider reviewing its abortion laws, with a view to bringing them into conformity with female health well-being standards.

While it notes with appreciation the recent awareness campaigns and the activities of the National AIDS Control Council, The Black Caucus Foundation remains concerned about the extremely high rate of deaths resulting from AIDS, and the unequal access to appropriate treatment for those infected with HIV. The government is encouraged to take measures to ensure that all those infected with HIV have equal access to treatment.

In addition, while taking note of efforts made by the government to improve conditions of detention and to ease prison overcrowding through passage of the Community Service Orders Act, The Foundation continues to be concerned at the situation in prisons, particularly in the areas of sanitation and access to health care and adequate food. It is concerned at the extreme overcrowding of prisons, which was acknowledged by the delegation and which, combined with sanitation and health-care deficiencies, may result in life-threatening conditions of detention. The government should be encouraged to use its best efforts to guarantee the right of detainees to be treated humanely and with respect for their dignity, in particular their right to live in hygienic facilities and to have access to health care and adequate food.