



MENHT Webinar Series #10

Webinar: Breaking Barriers and Bridging Gaps: Addressing Gender and Age Disparities in HIV Services for Men

 22 August 2024

 14:00 – 15:30 CET

 Zoom Webinar

Background/Introduction

Despite significant advancements in HIV prevention, treatment, and care, men continue to face unique challenges in accessing these services. Gender norms, societal expectations, and demographic factors contribute to disparities that hinder effective HIV interventions among men. Addressing these challenges requires a comprehensive approach that considers both the social and demographic barriers to HIV services.

Our upcoming webinar, “Breaking Barriers and Bridging Gaps: Addressing Gender and Age Disparities in HIV Services for Men,” aims to shed light on these critical issues and explore actionable solutions. This webinar will feature two insightful presentations followed by a reflective session on the coverage of men and HIV at AIDS 2024, The 25th International AIDS Conference, taking place in Munich Germany and online later this month.



Presentations:

1. **Opening and introductions** – *Lycias Zembe, UNAIDS, Switzerland*
2. **Men and HIV Dialogues** – *Gift Dlamini, Kwakha Indvodza, Eswatini*

This presentation will delve into the barriers men face in accessing HIV services and the gender norms that contribute to these obstacles. Gift Dlamini will share experiences from engaging men in various constituencies, highlighting the importance of community dialogues in understanding and addressing these issues.

3. **Examining Age and Gender Profiles of Viraemia: The Increasing Role of Men in African Populations with High Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) Coverage** – *Andrea Brizzi, Imperial College London, UK*

This presentation will provide an in-depth analysis of the age and gender profiles of viraemia in African populations, focusing on the increasing role of men amidst high ART coverage. The insights will underscore the demographic trends and their implications for public health strategies.

4. **Questions and Answers** – *Facilitated by Afsar Mohammad Syed, ILO*
5. **Reflections from AIDS 2024** – *Facilitated by Anna Grimsrud, IAS*

Following the presentations, we will have a reflective session on the coverage of men and HIV at AIDS 2024. This session will summarize key takeaways, emerging trends, and critical reflections, aligning them with the discussions from the webinar to identify gaps and opportunities for future research and interventions.

6. **Closing remarks** – *Wole Ameyan, WHO, Switzerland*

Bios of presenters



Gift Dlamini (He/Him): Programmes Manager at Kwakha Indvodza (The Male Mentoring Organisation) and member of MenEngage Eswatini.

Kwakha Indvodza (‘Building a Man’) in partnership with The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) implemented a project titled, “Lisango Letemphilo: Men and HIV dialogues”: This intervention engages boys and men through dialogues. The nationwide dialogues, with men from particular rural and urban communities, workplaces and other settings captured a representative cross-section of Swazi male voices and experiences on HIV and AIDS prevention, care and treatment as well as stigma and discrimination.



Andrea Brizzi: PhD student at Imperial College London, part of the StatML program.

His research lies at the intersection of Bayesian modelling and phylogenetics and tries to describe changes in the Sub-Saharan HIV epidemic. Previous projects involved the description of age- and gender-changes in HIV transmission patterns, in patterns of viral suppression and in time since

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