



Key Population Community of Practice NEWSLETTER

Dear Colleague,

We've hosted our 5th successful Key Populations Community of Practice webinar! If you missed it, would like to revisit some of the resources or presentations, or share them with your colleagues, scroll down for more.

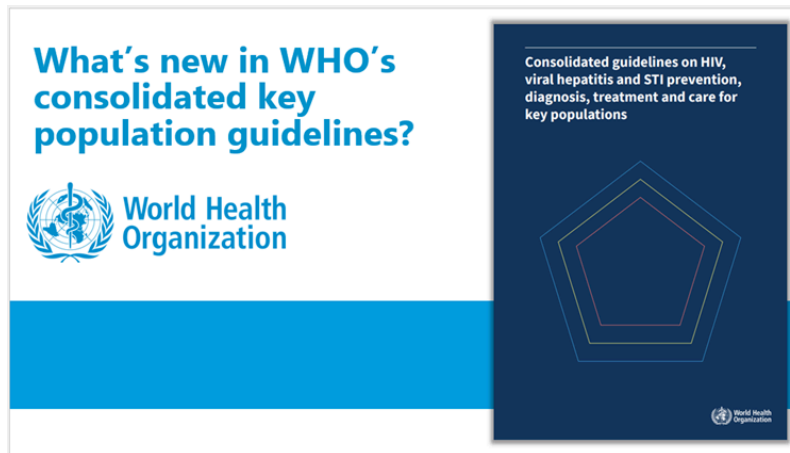
WHO's consolidated guidelines on HIV, viral hepatitis and STI prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care for key populations (2022)



On 12 September 2022, the GPC and SSLN hosted the fifth Key Population Community of Practice (CoP) webinar. The theme? WHO's Consolidated Guidelines on HIV, Viral Hepatitis and STI Prevention, Diagnosis, Treatment and Care for Key Populations, launched in July 2022.

Stakeholders and partners from over 44 countries and 99 organisations attended the meeting. Attendees were able to

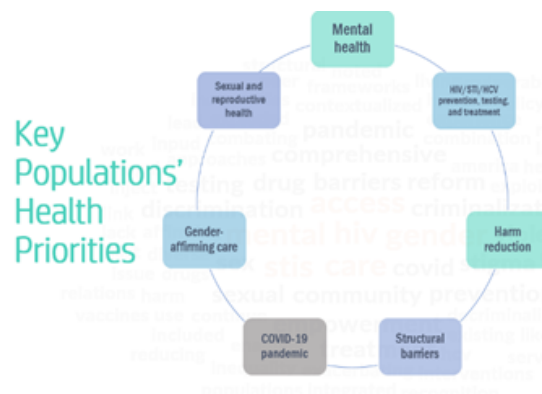
join one of two similar sessions (depending on their timezones) and participate in five different languages.



Recap of the guidelines & webinar

The WHO launched the *consolidated guidelines on HIV, viral hepatitis and STI prevention, testing, treatment, and care for key populations* in July 2022 after intensive consultation with stakeholders. It serves as an update to the previous edition (2014 and 2016) of the consolidated guidelines on HIV. In addition to several literature reviews of the evidence leading to updated recommendations, the WHO also commissioned key-populations-led research to gather insight into key populations' values and preferences for HIV, viral hepatitis, and STI services.

Access key findings and recommendations from our speakers [here](#).



The 2022 publication highlights the need to address structural barriers with a set of enabling interventions; it brings together important clinical and programmatic updates; the publication also provides comprehensive, evidence-informed and good practice recommendations for programming with key populations. It

follows a public health, rights-based and person-centred approach. Prioritised packages per population are proposed including enabling and health interventions for impact.

Panel perspectives

A panel discussion was also conducted with key stakeholders including representatives from Ministry of Health, PEPFAR, Global Fund, World Hepatitis Alliance and key population networks. The panellists provided insights on their plans to use the guidelines in the short and long term. **Here are some of their comments:**

"In the process of developing our key populations' guidelines, we understood that we need to align as much as possible, with the WHO guidelines, which will help us to sustain our decisions and programmes based on evidence, and based on what is already taking place in Mozambique." - Dr Aleny Couto, MOH Mozambique

"The revised guidelines offer opportunities and interventions to improve the quality of life of key populations including trans and gender diverse people."

- Erika Castellanos, GATE

"The guidelines have helped us prioritize interventions that are more likely to have an impact on HIV incidence. Harm reduction and addressing needs of those who are at risk of acquiring or infected with viral hepatitis will continue being a central programme to us. We have changed our behaviour change communication category, to health communication and demand creation."

- Matteo Cassolato, GFATM

"It's small steps, by big organisations that can make a huge difference with viral hepatitis programming, and we hope that these guidelines will be another part of that process."

- Cary James, World Hepatitis Alliance

"It has been our culture at NSWP to develop SMART guides in consultations with the community so that the technical knowledge is broken down to simpler messages that our community can understand and associate with. We are in the process of developing a SMART guide for our community on the WHO guidelines."

- **Phelister Abdalla, NSWP**

"... it has been a challenge for some of our programmes to integrate STI treatment and control for all key populations. So, these guidelines will help our country teams be more empowered to include and fund STI and viral hepatitis screening and treatment in their programmes."

- **Kent Klindera, PEPFAR**

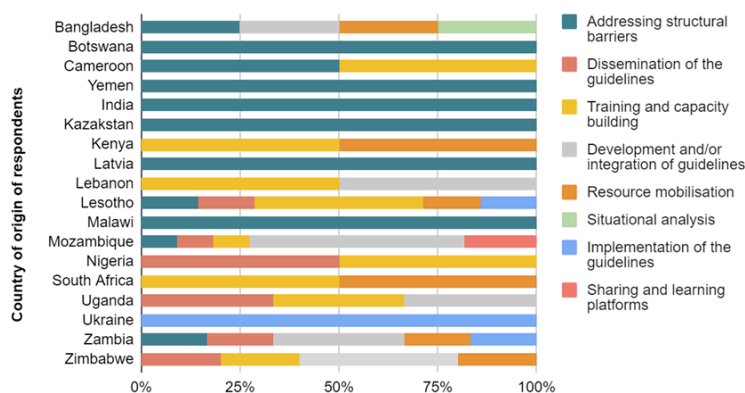
"We believe the guidelines will help to promote and support evidence based and gender responsive interventions, to address HIV, TB, STI and viral hepatitis among people in prisons."

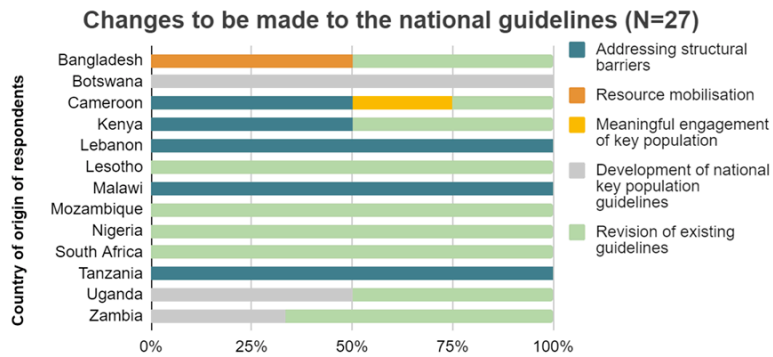
- **Ehab Salah, UNODC**

Participant perspectives | countries' needs

Thank you to everyone who participated in the audience poll. Here is a summary of technical assistance needs expressed by participants from different countries and the changes they need to make in their national guidelines:

Technical assistance needs to implement the revised WHO guidelines (N=56)





Please contact the Global Prevention Coalition Secretariat or WHO offices for the support needed to implement the WHO guidelines in your country. Contacts are shared below.

Add these to your to-do list

READ *WHO 2022 Consolidated Guidelines on HIV, viral hepatitis and STI prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care for key populations*

READ *INPUD Summary Report: WHO Key Populations' Values & Preferences for HIV, Hepatitis and STIs Services*

WATCH *Webinar recordings and speaker presentations* (both sessions have the same agenda but slightly different speakers)





Subscribe to the SSLN YouTube channel

The SSLN has developed a YouTube channel to share all the resources developed through the network. The recordings of the previous virtual meetings can also be found here:

1. *Launch of the Key Population Community of Practice,*
2. *The Building Blocks for Scaling Up Impactful Programs with Key Populations,*
3. *Addressing legal and structural barriers to scale-up access of key populations to services*
4. *Scaling up effective programs with young key populations*

Reach out to us

For more information on the Global HIV Prevention Coalition, the Key Populations Community of Practice, or support towards implementing the WHO guidelines, kindly send an

email

to BenediktC@un aids.org, sladden@unfpa.org, VersterAn@who.int or kerry m@genesis-analytics.com.

Visit the GPC's website for more resources.

If you or someone you know would like to register for this community of practice or need to be notified of future learning opportunities, please send an email to karabos@genesis-analytics.com.

Best wishes,

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