



Innovative Strategies and Challenges in Addressing HIV Among Men: Insights and Future Directions

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Session Format – Hybrid

Venue - Munich, Germany, Meeting Room 12

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Session flow

Opening and Introductions (10 minutes)

Wole Ameyan, Adolescent HIV; Men and HIV lead, WHO, Switzerland

The **Moderator** will introduce the session, the panel, and the snowball format. All speakers should be seated in different places in the audience and be ready to walk up to the stage and take their seats when called upon to join in the conversation. Please note that the questions below are only a guide and should expect a flexible, iterative discussion.

Insights from recent research – why men (10 minutes)

Questions for Dr. Sikhulile Moyo, Member of the Phylogenetics and Networks for Generalised Epidemics in Africa (PANGEA) 2 Executive Committee

1. What are some recent findings on the epidemiology and HIV transmission dynamics that can inform targeted interventions?
2. How important are data-driven approaches to identify gaps and to improve the effectiveness of HIV programs for men?

Exploration of innovative strategies (30 minutes)

Questions for Dr. Carlos Toledo, HIV Prevention Branch Chief in the Division of Global HIV and TB at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Headquarters, Atlanta, USA

1. How has the VMMC program evolved over the years, and what have been its key successes?
2. What challenges are currently faced by the VMMC program, and how can they be addressed?
3. What lessons from the VMMC program can be applied to other HIV prevention initiatives targeting men?

Questions for Mr. Robert Serwanga, Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture, Buganda, Uganda



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1. How have traditional leaders contributed to the success of HIV interventions among men in the Buganda Kingdom?
2. What strategies have been most effective in mobilizing traditional leaders for HIV prevention and treatment?
3. Can you share any specific examples of successful collaboration with traditional leaders in the HIV response?

Questions for Nelson Otwoma, Executive Director, National Empowerment of People Living with HIV/AIDS in Kenya (NAPHAK), Kenya

1. How can community engagement enhance the design and implementation of HIV interventions targeting men?
2. What are some successful examples of community-driven HIV initiatives in Kenya?
3. How can we ensure that community voices are consistently included in the planning and execution of HIV programs?

Interactive discussion with audience participation.

Addressing unique challenges (25 minutes)

Questions for Kate Dovel, Professor, University of California, Los Angeles, Partners in Hope, Malawi

1. What are the key missed opportunities in providing HIV services to men?
2. How can health services be improved to better meet the needs of men at risk for or living with HIV?
3. Speaking to the recently released framework on men and HIV, speak to the evidence-based strategies to improve outcomes for HIV testing and treatment among men?

Short Poll using Mentimeter

Questions for Angeli Achrekar, Deputy Executive Director, Programmes, UNAIDS, Switzerland

1. How do gender norms and dynamics affect men's access to HIV prevention and treatment services?
2. What interventions have been successful in addressing gender-related barriers in HIV response?
3. How can we better integrate gender perspectives into HIV programs targeting men?
4. What considerations should be made to address the diverse needs of men, including MSM, transgender men, and men in low-resource settings?

Questions for Mr. Ontiretse Letlhare, National Coordinator, National AIDS and Health Promotion Agency (NAHPA), Botswana

1. How has leadership and coordination improved HIV outcomes for men in Botswana?
2. What are the main challenges in coordinating HIV efforts targeting men in Botswana?



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3. What lessons can other countries learn from Botswana's approach to leadership and coordination in HIV response?

Interactive discussion with audience participation.

The role of advocacy and power of partnerships to advance the response among men and boys (15 minutes)

Questions for Mitchell Warren, Executive Director, AVAC, USA

1. What role has advocacy played in advancing HIV prevention and treatment for men?
2. Can you provide examples of successful advocacy campaigns that have led to policy changes or increased funding for men-focused HIV programs?
3. How can advocacy efforts be strengthened to address current gaps in HIV services for men?

Questions for Emily Kainne Dokubo, MD, MPH, Deputy Global AIDS Coordinator – Program Quality, U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), Bureau of Global Health Security and Diplomacy (GHSD), U.S. Department of State, USA

1. How important are partnerships in addressing the HIV epidemic among men and boys, and how has PEPFAR collaborated with local and international organizations to close gaps in HIV prevention and treatment?
2. Can you share specific examples of successful partnerships that PEPFAR has formed to enhance HIV services for men and boys, and what key factors contributed to their success?
3. What are the primary challenges faced in forming and maintaining effective partnerships for HIV programs targeting men and boys, and how can these challenges be overcome to ensure sustained impact?

Interactive discussion with audience participation.

Future directions and wrap up (10 minutes)

Questions for Yogan Pillay, Director, HIV & Tuberculosis Delivery, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, South Africa

1. In the Foundation new strategy, there is an emphasis on missing populations, including men and boys why is this a priority for the Foundation
2. What is the current support from the Foundation to close the gap in this demographic
3. How can funding strategies be optimized to support innovative and effective HIV interventions for men?
4. What roles do private and public sector partnerships play in funding HIV initiatives?

Summary remarks (5 minutes)



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Questions for Angeli Achrekar, Deputy Executive Director for Programmes, UNAIDS

1. From what you have heard so far, what are your closing reflections and implications for involving men in the current sustainability discussions?

Final Take Away from each of the speakers

1. What is your final key takeaway and suggestions in confronting the men and HIV challenge

Summary by Moderator

- Thanking speakers and participants.
- Highlighting the importance of continued collaboration and innovation.

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