Malawi – State of HIV Prevention and HIV Prevention Commitments for ICPD25

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Key Messages:

Progress:


• Key Population and AGYW Technical Working Groups have been strengthened to enhance programme coordination and fidelity

• Revised National Condom Strategy and STI Treatment Guidelines launched in 2017

• National AGYW Strategy launched in 2018 ensures coordinated sectoral response of (Ministries of Health, Gender, Youth and Education) to the needs of AGYW including HIV prevention and treatment.

• National Package of Services for Female Sex Workers, Transgender and MSM were developed.
Key Messages:

Slow Progress:

- Malawi has 11 high HIV prevalence districts with 8 offering AGYW intervention, hence there is need for additional investment to improve our coverage across all districts for girls and boys.
- Malawi is yet to commence a national scale up of interventions for sex workers; currently only implementation projects are conducted by partners.
- The legal framework is critical for scale up. Stigma and discrimination constitute a strong barrier for MSM.
- The country is planning a situation analysis to determine prevalence of HIV among drug users.
- Promoting uptake of female condoms and scale up comprehensive gender programming.
- VMMC is still implemented in project mode. It is imperative that the intervention is institutionalized in the public health system by strengthening human resource capacity and infrastructural improvements.
- The country just concluded the PrEp piloting phase; scale up to all districts commences end of 2019, targeting FSW, MSW, AGYW at substantial risk of HIV.
Key Messages:

Challenges:
• CSO capacities, coordination and social contracting
• Limited systems for tracking of non-biomedical data
• Limited funding for VMMC scale up and saturation of priority districts
• Limited Coverage of interventions for TG, PWIDs and Prisons
• Limited reporting of NGO based communities interventions
• Suboptimal engagement of the business community/private sector
• Donor dependent HIV funding (over 90% of budget)
Key Messages:

Next Steps:

• Convene a national symposium on HIV prevention financing
• Develop a consolidated capacity building and technical assistance plan
• Convene national social contracting dialogue sessions
New HIV Infections Malawi (2010-2020)
2019 Spectrum model estimates

- New HIV Infections
- Lower bound
- Upper bound
- Target

Global HIV Prevention Coalition
1. The Government of Malawi commits to initiating financing dialogues with key representatives from government, civil society and development partners to increase financial investment for HIV prevention and sexual and reproductive health services starting in January 2020;

2. The Government of Malawi commits to scale-up integrated HIV prevention and sexual and reproductive health programmes for Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) to additional districts by 2020, and beyond.

3. The government of Malawi commits to increase the number of voluntary medical male circumcisions (VMMC) as part of wider sexual and reproductive health service provision for men and boys from 2020; and beyond the 60% target set in 2016.
Thank you!