Sharpening our approaches to HIV service provision for & with MSM

EHPSA Technical Forum on New Evidence on HIV Prevention for MSM in East and Southern Africa
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**Goal:**
Reduce the spread and impact of HIV among MSM and build healthy MSM communities in Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda

**Objectives:**
- Increase reach of MSM, their sexual partners and family
- Increase access to and uptake of better quality HIV services
- Enhance social and structural environment
- Strengthened MSM CBOs and networks
**SHARP Partners**

**Kenya:** ISHTAR, Men Against AIDS Youth Group (MAAYGO) & Kenya AIDS NGOs Consortium (KANCO)

**Zimbabwe:** Gays and Lesbians of Zimbabwe (GALZ)

**Tanzania:** Stay Awake Network Activities (SANA), Community Health, Education, Services and Advocacy (CHESA) & Tanzania Council for Social Development (TACOSODE)

**Uganda:** Icebreakers Uganda (IBU) and Sexual Minorities Uganda (SMUG) & Community Health Alliance Uganda (CHAU)
Core Intervention Strategies

- Community mobilisation
- Community-based HIV & SRHR service delivery
- Community systems strengthening
- Safety & security and emergency response
- Creating enabling environments
- Partnerships & strengthening of health systems

- Legal Services
- Implementing innovative approaches
- Regional knowledge sharing and linkages
- Development, adaptation and dissemination of guidance and resources specific to the region
- Evidence building
Service Package

- 1-to-1 peer outreach HIV and SRH education and counselling
- Group HIV and SRH education (including life skills & safety issues)
- Targeted IEC materials
- HTC, HIV Management, ART, psychosocial care and support
- STI diagnosis, management and treatment
- Distribution of condoms and lubricants
- Referrals for sexual violence and PEP
- Referrals to legal services
- Crisis Response
Programme Reach – Western Kenya
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Programme Reach – Eastern Tanzania
Programme Reach – Uganda
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## SHARP – Summary Results

Before SHARP
MSM reached
2,579

By the end of SHARP
MSM reached
14,900

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MSM testing for HIV

Cumulative number of MSMs receiving HTC services (2013; 2014; 2015)
MSM screening for STIs
Working in Hostile Environments

- Punitive Laws
- Violence
- Patriarchy
- Religious Intolerance
- Hostile Media
- Homophobia

SAFETY & SECURITY
Safety & Security Measures

- Theory of change (best and worst case scenarios)
- Security assessments
- Security budgets (alarms, guards, etc)
- Community designed and adapted work plans
- Emergency contingency budget (safety and security back up)
- The IHAA had Rapid Response Team linked to in-country mechanisms
- Constant communication
- Southern-led regional learning and support
“What makes me proud about the SHARP programme is that we did what everyone thought was impossible”

- Dennis, Icebreakers, Uganda
Successes and Legacy

- Reached 14,900 MSM (nearly six-fold increase)
- Increased access and uptake of services
- Improved quality services and trained health care providers
- New and strengthened partnerships and referral pathways
- Improved organisational and programming capacities of partners
- Increased partners profiles and ability to advocate using own data
- Succeeded in attracting funding to support scale up
- Contributed to horizontal African MSM community expert network
Interactive Learning Site:
www.aidsalliance.org/MSM-sexualhealth

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Acknowledging the bravery, dedication, expertise and hard work of LGBT activists and all those committed to providing everyone with HIV and other services

Thank you!!