

Programme and Facilitator Instructions

Three-hour seminar for policy makers on the APCOM/UNAIDS “Changing Gears” Guide to Effective HIV Service Programming for gay and other men who have sex with men in Asia

Background

This document presents the programme and facilitator instructions for a three-hour workshop aimed at presenting and making senior policy makers and other busy people familiar with the “Changing Gears: Guide to Effective HIV Service Programming for Gay and other Men who have Sex with Men in Asia”.

The target audience of the Framework are senior policy makers, Government and NGO staff responsible for HIV service delivery for MSM, and other stakeholders involved in this important task.

Note: The Framework deals with MSM only. There exists separate technical guidance for setting up HIV programs for transgender people.

The Framework document has the following objectives:

- Function as a source for advocacy with donors and policy makers
- Introduce the latest science and innovations in HIV service programming for MSM
- Provide checklists to see the extent to which HIV service programming for MSM is up-to-date and comprehensive

Workshop size

It is expected that between 10 and 20 people participate in the seminar.

Duration

The seminar has a full program and will last three full hours.

Handouts

Print-outs of the Power Point presentations should be prepared beforehand, as well as printouts of the Framework document itself. Optionally, four key scientific materials have been prepared (open-source) for distribution as well. It is recommended NOT to provide the handouts before the seminar starts, as it may lead participants to be distracted during the presentations.

Preparation/finalization of the PowerPoint presentation

A PowerPoint presentation is provided. It is recommended to adapt the slides to suit the local context as well as the group. For example, the introductory presentation should contain the latest HIV prevalence, incidence and HIV service use data in the country; these slides might be added from existing presentations by the National AIDS Program, or alternatively data can be derived from the AIDS Data Hub website (www.aidsdatahub.org). The preparation of the slides could also include additional information on the legal status of homosexuality in the country/city and/or a summary of the results of qualitative studies about male-male sexual cultures.

Evaluation

A brief evaluation form is provided in the package, which can be handed out and filled in at the end of the seminar.

Proposed programme

Time	Topic	Method
9:00	<u>Background and brief introductions</u> [HIV and MSM in Asian Countries, reasons behind high incidence, today's programme]	Facilitation / lecture
9:15	<u>Data and Research</u> [HIV Service Cascade, Epi data, knowledge of barriers to services, need to reach unreached MSM, need to explore socio-cultural diversity]	PowerPoint, Checklist
9:30	Q&A	
9:45	<u>What a 21st century MSM and HIV service response looks like</u> [Comprehensive HIV service package, integrate prevention and care, promote case-management approach, professionalizing outreach, introducing/expanding access to PrEP, diversify access to HIV counseling and testing, improve online/social media based responses, support for MSM living with HIV]	PowerPoint, Checklist
10:30	Q&A	
10:45	<u>Reaching adolescent and young MSM</u> [Why reach young/adolescent MSM, the need for a multi-level approach, a proposed pilot project]	PowerPoint, Checklist
11:05	Q&A	
11:20	<u>The need for a syndemic approach</u> [What is a syndemic, a list of common syndemic factors, need for better linkages]	PowerPoint, Checklist
11:40	Q&A	
11:55	Closing remarks, evaluation	Evaluation form

Handouts

Color-printed bound copies of the "Changing Gears"-document and copies of the PPT presentation.