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Linking HIV/AIDS and sexual and reproductive health (SRH) programmes has the potential to significantly curtail the AIDS epidemic. Furthermore, it also addresses the unmet need and rights of women and men living with HIV/AIDS to SRH services. Well over 75% of HIV infections are acquired sexually, or through transmission during pregnancy, labour, delivery, or breastfeeding. The presence of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) other than HIV increases the risk of HIV transmission. Aside from these obvious direct associations, many of the same root causes affecting SRH status also affect HIV/AIDS. Gender inequality, poverty, stigma and discrimination and marginalization of vulnerable groups affect and are affected by HIV/AIDS and SRH status.

This annotated inventory contributes to strengthening linkages between HIV/AIDS and SRH programmes by providing access to relevant programming tools for fostering such linkages, and pointing out gap areas where tools need to be developed.

It reviews tools that link HIV/AIDS with SRH programmes (sexual health, maternal health, family planning and STI management) and conversely, that link SRH with HIV/AIDS programmes (prevention, treatment, care and support). The inventory is not intended to be exhaustive, and should be viewed as a ‘living document’ that will be updated as new tools become available.

This inventory is complementary to “Sexual and Reproductive Health & HIV/AIDS: A Framework for Priority Linkages” published in October 2005 by WHO, UNFPA, UNAIDS and IPPF.

The publications in the inventory have been selected based on a framework for key linkages between SRH and HIV/AIDS programmes consisting of four main domains:

1. Learn HIV status and access services
2. Promote safer and healthier sex
3. Optimize the connection between HIV/AIDS and STI services
4. Integrate HIV/AIDS with maternal and infant health

Cross-cutting issues concerning the creation of an enabling environment underpin the framework and include:

- human rights
- community involvement and participation
- mechanisms to address structural determinants (e.g. gender equality, elimination of gender-based violence, access to services)

The inventory is an online-only resource and can be accessed through the following websites:

WHO: www.who.int
UNFPA: www.unfpa.org
IPPF: www.ippf.org
UNAIDS: www.unaids.org
INTRODUCTION

Linking HIV/AIDS and sexual and reproductive health (SRH) programmes has the potential to significantly curtail the AIDS epidemic and support has recently been galvanized to identify and further exploit these linkages. There is an inherent association between HIV/AIDS and SRH since well over 75% of HIV infections are acquired through sexual transmission, or through transmission during pregnancy, labour and delivery, or during breastfeeding. The presence of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) other than HIV increases the risk of HIV transmission. Aside from these obvious direct associations, many of the same root causes affecting sexual and reproductive health status also affect HIV/AIDS. Gender inequality, poverty, stigma and discrimination and marginalization of vulnerable groups affect and are affected by HIV/AIDS and sexual and reproductive health status.

On 7 June 2004, UNFPA and UNAIDS in collaboration with Family Care International, convened a high level global consultation of ministers, parliamentarians, ambassadors, leaders of United Nations and other multilateral agencies, donor organization officials, community and nongovernmental organization leaders, young people, and people living with HIV. The New York Call to Commitment on Linking HIV/AIDS and Sexual and Reproductive Health that emanated from this consultation challenges both the SRH and HIV/AIDS communities to examine how they can better integrate their activities. The call to commitment followed a consultation convened by WHO and UNFPA to examine the linkages between family planning and prevention of mother-to-child transmission that culminated in The Gion Call to Action on Family Planning and HIV/AIDS in Women and Children. It reflects consensus on the need for better linkages within the context of the objectives and actions agreed at the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in Cairo in 1994.

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ORGANIZATION OF RESOURCES

Publications have been organized into the following categories:

• Policy/Advocacy: Includes, among others, major global advocacy papers, statements, parliamentary hearings, position papers that - often in reference to the ICPD and other global goals - provide the rationale for the need for global action on linking SRH/HIV/AIDS

• Programme guidance: Intends to assist, in particular, programme managers, with translating advocacy and policy into practice

• Research, Reviews, Discussion papers, Service delivery: Discusses in detail advantages and disadvantages of linkages, feasibility of different types of linkages; or results of large-scale research studies with regional/global relevance

• Service delivery: Intends to assist programme managers in implementing appropriate services when considering linkages with other service areas

• Capacity building: Includes tools that strengthen linkages with a focus on tools for building the skills of service providers and capacity of community members

• Monitoring and Evaluation: Assists with the assessment of various aspects of programmes, focusing on SRH and HIV/AIDS

• Glossary: Provides reference to clear and consistent international definitions of key terms in SRH and related work in HIV/AIDS

Materials with potential for inclusion that are not available on the web (i.e. missing links or need to order) or are forthcoming soon are listed at the end of this inventory.

SELECTION OF RESOURCES

This inventory is the result of an extensive search for literature/resources/tools concerning linkages of sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and HIV/AIDS. Search strategies included:

• Communication with participants of an informal working group on linking HIV/AIDS and SRH (UN agencies, donors and NGOs) and discussion of relevant resources and additional informants

• Communication with UNFPA regionally-based staff

• Communication with staff members from NGOs and international organizations working in the area that have been suggested by other contacted people/working group participants

• Search of websites from NGOs and International Organizations with experience in SRH and HIV/AIDS

• Review of existing inventories concerning SRH and HIV/AIDS

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3. Optimize the connection between HIV/AIDS and STI services
4. Integrate HIV/AIDS with maternal and infant health

Cross-cutting issues concerning the creation of an enabling environment underpin the framework and include human rights, community involvement and participation, as well as mechanisms to address structural determinants (e.g. gender equality, elimination of gender-based violence, access to services).

In order to focus on materials that are relevant to strengthening linkages, those publications that most clearly address the four main domains or cross-cutting issues have been included in the inventory; the selection has not always been easy as by definition HIV is an STI and therefore part of SRH.

IDENTIFICATION OF GAPS

Based on the review of a vast number of documents and discussions with the people contacted during this exercise, the following gaps in resources/publications supporting the programming of linkages between SRH/HIV/AIDS have been identified:

Technical issues:

• Expansion of SRH services in sex work settings

• Detection and management of cervical cancer, including among HIV positive women

• Integration of antenatal syphilis screening and treatment with PMTCT services

Cross-cutting issues:

• Key SRH/HIV services for adolescents in different prevalence settings

• Involving young men in reproductive health: how to increase their access to services

• Addressing SRH in HIV programmes

Policy/Advocacy:

• At country level: Better advocacy and policy guidance for integrating SRH with HIV

• Financing and donors: advocacy materials for working with donors to secure funding in order to facilitate development of linked and horizontal programming in addition to vertical programme approaches

Programme guidance:

• Country-specific resources that take into account the context of local health systems, public policy priorities and AIDS and SRH responses

• Some existing tools appear abstract and may not be useful at operational level; there is a need for more tools focusing on implementation
ways to build and reinforce these linkages. This Glion Call to Action reflects the consensus of the first consultation in May 2004 which focused on the linkage between family planning and prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission. The call is set within the context of the objectives and actions agreed at the Care International Conference on Population and Development.

The Glion Call to Action on Family Planning and HIV/AIDS in Women and Children

Organization: Several UN agencies, NGOs and research institutions
Year: 2004
Length: 6 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, programme managers
Language: English
Summary: The linkages between sexual and reproductive health and HIV/AIDS must be strengthened in order to achieve internationally agreed development goals. United Nations agencies have initiated a series of consultations to identify

Commission on Population and Development; thirty-eighth session

Organization: United Nations
Year: 2005
Length: 3 pages
Region: N/A
Target audience: Policy makers, programme managers
Language: English
Summary: This publication contains one of the two main resolutions on population that were adopted at the 38th session of the Commission on Population and Development. It emphasizes the need to integrate the goal of universal access to reproductive health by 2015 in strategies to attain the world’s development goals. Such access should be part of efforts to eradicate poverty, improve maternal health, reduce infant and child deaths, promote gender equality and combat HIV/AIDS. In order to fight AIDS cost-effectively it is necessary to strengthen linkages and coordination between HIV/AIDS and reproductive health and include them in national development and poverty eradication plans. This would make anti-HIV/AIDS efforts more relevant and reduce the infection’s impact on families and communities.

In a separate resolution on HIV/AIDS governments are urged to take measures to increase the ability of adults and adolescents to protect themselves from HIV/AIDS by providing health care, including sexual and reproductive health, and prevention education. This resolution is accessible at the following link: http://www.unfpa.org/news/releted_docs/CPD-38th-HIV-AIDS-Resolution.doc

Commission on Population and Development; thirty-eighth session

Organization: International Women’s Health Coalition
Year: 2005
Length: 4 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, programme managers
Language: English
Web-link: http://documents.un.org/default.asp
Summary: This document makes reference to the hallmarks of the ICPD Programme of Action with regard to linkages of sexual and reproductive health services with family planning, maternal health, sexual health and the prevention and treatment of sexually transmissible infections, including HIV/AIDS, as well as to the ‘New York Call to Commitment: Linking HIV/AIDS and Sexual and Reproductive Health’ which reinforces the need for such linkages. In its statement, Family Care International calls for key issues that need to be addressed in order to achieve the ICPD goals of stemming the HIV/AIDS pandemic and ensuring sexual and reproductive health for all. They encompass human rights, participation of young people, the linkages of SRH programmes with HIV programmes and, vice versa, HIV services with SRH services.

Commission on Population and Development; thirty-eighth session

Organization: Population Action International
Year: 2005
Length: 3 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, programme managers
Language: English
Web-link: http://documents.un.org/default.asp
Summary: This statement illustrates the feminization of HIV/AIDS that has taken place despite the goals set at the ICPD over a decade ago. IWHC urges that a response to the feminization of the epidemic needs to include, among others, reproductive health services, including family planning, safe motherhood, services for the prevention and treatment of STIs and services that treat and prevent gender based violence. Two primary avenues of AIDS policies are suggested: (1) the broadening of HIV/AIDS strategies to encompass sexual and reproductive health and rights services for the vast majority of girls and women who are not core group transmitters; (2) the promotion and support of comprehensive sexuality education, not just HIV/AIDS education. This will require work with policy makers, and the epidemiologists and economists, and forging new partnerships. It will also require leadership, time, and resources.
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policies; and increased funding.

and evaluation; upgrading the competency and capacity of

women and adolescents. The report calls for policymakers

potential is often not recognized at the programme and

management of sexually transmitted infections; and

testing and condom promotion; information and advice on

actions points in order to improve the sexual and reproductive

health of all women, regardless of age, religion, culture,

etnicity or sexual orientation, are provided.

Issues In Brief: The role of reproductive health providers in preventing HIV

Organization: The Alan Guttmacher Institute, IPPF, UNAIDS, UNFPA

Year: 2004

Length: 4 pages

Language: English

Target audience: Policy makers, programme managers

Web-link: http://www.unfpa.org/publications/detail.cfm?ID=202&filterListType

Summary: This publication discusses the capacity of reproductive health service providers to fully integrate reproductive health services into their services. The report outlines how providers of reproductive health services have the knowledge and skills that would enable stepped-up interventions for HIV prevention. These services could provide: HIV counselling, testing and condom promotion; information and advice on the management of sexually transmitted infections; and use of pregnancy prevention as HIV prevention. Conclusions show that integrating HIV and reproductive health services in both directions seems an obvious aim, but that this potential is often not recognized at the programme and policy level. It remains largely untapped due to financial shortfalls and the reluctance to acknowledge the sexuality of women and adolescents. The report calls for policymakers and programme managers to work together to find ways of delivering these closely interrelated services more efficiently. Steps to achieve this coordination would include: identification of suitable approaches; an assessment of how to move forward in terms of planning, logistics, monitoring and evaluation; upgrading the competency and capacity of personnel, and the systems; advocacy for better policies; and increased funding.

AIDS, sex and reproduction. Integrating HIV/AIDS and sexual and reproductive health into policies, programmes and services

Organization: SHARE-NET, WFP and STOP AIDS NOW!

Year: 2004

Length: 12 pages

Region: Global

Target audience: Policy makers, programme managers

Language: English

Web-link: http://www/share-net.nl/assets/images/lobby_paper_integr_AIDS_and_SRH.pdf

Summary: This document has been drawn up to expand knowledge and understanding about the necessary integration of HIV prevention, treatment and care of people living with HIV/AIDS, plus sexual and reproductive health and rights. The chapters briefly explain the concepts of gender and sexuality as they are at the basis of sexual and reproductive health and susceptibility to HIV/AIDS. Main international agreements

made with respect to these subjects are reviewed and the rights-based context needed for effective integration is described. This paper also discusses current threats and opportunities on integrating both fields and concludes with recommendations on how to ensure effective integration of sexual and reproductive health and rights and HIV/AIDS.

Women and HIV/AIDS: Confronting the Crisis

Organization: UNFPA, UNAIDS, UNIFEM

Year: 2004

Length: 64 pages

Region: Global

Target audience: Policy makers, programme managers

Language: English


Summary: This report concludes that women are bearing the brunt of the HIV/AIDS epidemic and that strategies to reverse it cannot succeed unless women and girls are empowered to reclaim their rights. The report documents the devastating and often invisible impact of AIDS on women and girls, and provides recommendations for improving the situation for women and girls while recognizing the increasing importance of reproductive health services in the prevention and treatment of HIV.

Preventing HIV/AIDS through family planning

Organization: EngenderHealth

Year: 2004

Length: 2 pages

Region: Global

Target audience: Policy makers, programme managers

Language: English


Summary: Family planning has been a successful public health intervention and significantly improved global health, including reduction of unintended pregnancy, child mortality, and maternal deaths. Given adequate funds and political support, voluntary, family planning programmes yield important health, social, and economic benefits. This policy brochure highlights that family planning services contribute in well-documented ways to HIV prevention and should be recognized as an essential strategy for reducing the toll of the HIV/AIDS pandemic, especially among women, as these services have the skills, human resources, and infrastructure critical to reducing vulnerability to HIV/AIDS. Consequently, HIV prevention and care programmes have the opportunity and responsibility to help individuals make informed decisions about family planning. Respecting the unmet demand for family planning among young people provides a particular opportunity to mitigate unsafe sex.

The missing link! Parliamentary hearings linking sexual and reproductive health and HIV/AIDS. Hearing report executive summary and recommendations


Year: 2004

Length: 16 pages

Region: Global

Target audience: Policy makers, programme managers

Language: English


Summary: This document summarizes the parliamentary hearings on linking sexual and reproductive health and HIV/AIDS from April 2004. It provides a number of recommendations on how to strengthen the links between sexual and reproductive health services and HIV/AIDS services. SRH and HIV are naturally linked; it is requested in the report that no funding should be made available to programmes that prevent integration or cooperation between the two fields. Moreover, it is argued that all policy should be based on Cairns’ COPD programme of action and that the review of the Millennium Development Goals must acknowledge the role of SRH services. Increasing multilateral collaboration and coordination; addressing the specific needs of women, men, and young people, as well as those living with HIV and AIDS; addressing human resource issues; and increasing cooperation between parliamentary and civil society leaders and organizations are key in implementing linkages. The full report (34 pages) on the Parliamentary hearings linking sexual and reproductive health and HIV/AIDS also available at:

http://www.appg-popdevrh.org.uk/Publications/Linking

The following documents submitted to the Parliament Hearing discuss the need, advantages and disadvantages of integration of reproductive health services and HIV/AIDS services. These reports/reviews can also be found at the same website as the full report. Key papers include:


ICW vision papers: HIV positive women Access to care treatment and support

Organization: ICW
Year: 2004
Length: 8 pages each
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, programme managers
Language: English, French, Spanish

Summary:
This document presents a unique call to action for policy makers, at global, national and local levels. There are many innovative responses by the global community and HIV positive women and girls worldwide. They show that quality of life does not end with an HIV diagnosis, but that given the right support, HIV positive women and girls can thrive and play a vital role in society, in families, and in prevention and support programmes. Drawing on evidence from ICW research, training, and workshops, this document highlights the many challenges which HIV positive women everywhere face on receiving a positive diagnosis, and confirms the strong need for our advocacy work in these three key areas. The report begins by drawing together the experiences of HIV positive women from around the world, and illustrates the analysis of the key issues using quotes from positive women and girls. It ends with recommendations for policy makers.

Women and girls need access to AIDS treatment and protection from violence

Organization: WHO
Year: 2004
Length: 2 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, programme managers
Language: English
Web-link: http://www.who.int

Summary:
This press statement was released on World AIDS day in 2004 which was calling on countries to set specific national targets for treatment of women and girls and to take measures to ensure equitable access to AIDS prevention and treatment services. To ensure that this is achievable, barriers to access need to be addressed. The integration of HIV/AIDS services with SRH services, such as family planning and antenatal care, is seen as helpful in addressing women’s different needs and reducing stigma.

Visibility, Voices and Visions: A Call for action from HIV positive women to policy makers

Organization: ICW
Year: 2004
Length: 24 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers
Language: English, French and Spanish

Summary:
This report begins by drawing together the experiences of HIV positive women from around the world, and illustrates the analysis of the key issues using quotes from positive women and girls. It ends with recommendations for policy makers.

An analysis of family planning content in HIV/AIDS, VCT, and PMTCT policies in 16 countries

Organization: The POLICY Project
Year: 2004
Length: 32 pages
Region: mainly Sub-Saharan Africa
Target audience: Policy makers, programme planners
Language: English

Summary:
Despite some attempts to integrate family planning with sexually transmitted infection and HIV/AIDS services, policies and programmes continue to treat them as unrelated areas of intervention. Furthermore, international attention to the HIV/AIDS pandemic has overshadowed attention to family planning, particularly in Africa where the HIV/AIDS epidemic is most acute. Yet family planning is closely related to two components of HIV/AIDS services: prevention of mother-to-child transmission and voluntary counseling and testing. Is there a role for family planning in the context of HIV/AIDS programmes? This paper analyzes how international guidelines, national HIV/AIDS policies and PMTCT and VCT policies have addressed family planning in 16 high-HIV prevalence countries. It also describes major gaps in the various countries’ policy environment.

Sexual and reproductive health and rights: A position paper

Organization: DFID
Year: 2004
Length: 24 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, programme planners
Language: English

Summary:
This document sets out DFID’s position on sexual and reproductive health and rights and its views of the future. The strategy firmly commits DFID to the ICPD Programme of Action. It highlights that sexual and reproductive health services are integral to HIV prevention, building on family planning promotion and support programmes. Similarly, AIDS services offer an important opportunity to increase access to sexual and reproductive health services, including for women and men affected by HIV.

Progress in reproductive health research, No 67

Organization: UNFPA, UNAIDS, WHO
Year: 2004
Length: 8 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, programme planners
Language: English
Web-link: http://www.who.int/reproductive-health/hrp/progress/re.pdf
Summary: This issue of ‘Progress’ looks at some of the matters that need to be addressed in order to improve sexual health. Topics include cross-cutting issues such as traditional sexual practices and violence related to sexuality and gender. Experiences so far in integrating sexual health into primary health care services - including sexual and reproductive health services - are discussed. The article reviews current policy recommendations for family planning services with regard to promotion of dual protection and its implications for family planning services. The article suggests that despite consensus about its importance, integration remains fragmented and vertical programmes—such as for HIV/AIDS, family planning or antenatal care—remain the prevailing model of service provision in many countries. Potential barriers to such efforts are discussed and strategies to integrate aspects of sexual health into MCH services are provided. These include provision of VCT for HIV infection; education about HIV prevention, condom use and dual protection; education about the prevention of STIs, and their management, including screening for syphilis; and prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV infection. The article also points to a gap in more far-reaching programmes that aim to meet men’s own sexual and reproductive health needs.

Protecting young people from HIV and AIDS: the role of health services

Organization: UNAIDS, UNFPA, UN Office of Drug and Crime, YouthNet, WHO
Year: 2004
Length: 36 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, programme planners, programme managers
Language: English
ISBN: 92 41592478

Summary: This publication is based on a global consultation in 2003 that WHO held in collaboration with UNAIDS, UNFPA, UNICEF and YouthNet, on the health services response to the prevention and care of HIV/AIDS among young people. It makes reference to the global goals on young people and HIV/AIDS. The report reviews the evidence for effectiveness for a number of interventions delivered through a range of different service providers, including information and counselling, use and distribution of condoms for sexually active young people; STI treatment and care; harm reduction and measures to decrease transmission through IDU and access to HIV testing, care and support. A set of recommendations as to how to accelerate global and regional action towards internationally recognised goals on HIV and youth in countries is provided. Linkages of reliable information and services with SRH services, including pregnancy prevention, STI diagnosis and management, HIV testing, treatment and support are identified as appropriate form of service.

Integrating HIV and safe abortion care: Vision, guiding principles and recommendations for action

Organization: Ipas
Year: 2003
Length: 2 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, programme managers
Language: English

Summary: This publication outlines Ipas’s vision and guiding principles to integrate HIV, safe abortion and related reproductive-health policies, research and programmes to improve services for women living with HIV and women seeking abortion or post-abortion care. Ipas makes specific recommendations for action for organizations that provide HIV, abortion or reproductive health-related services.

Global consultation on the health services response to the prevention and care of HIV/AIDS among young people. Achieving the global goals: access to services

Organization: WHO, UNAIDS, UNFPA, Youthnet
Year: 2004
Length: 76 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, programme planners, programme managers
Language: English
ISBN: 924159132 3

Summary: An inventory of tools need to be taken into consideration when developing national services for young people are identified. Issues that will be addressed. In particular, the last five years have seen expanded governmental action to improve women’s reproductive health and promote their rights. This publication argues that more work still needs to be done in order for reproductive rights to be recognized as basic human rights. An overview of the state of women’s reproductive rights, looking at eight critical areas that affect these rights, is provided: (1) population, reproductive health and family planning; (2) contraception; (3) abortion; (4) HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs); (5) harmful traditional practices such as female circumcision and genital mutilation; (6) sexual violence and coercion; (7) marriage and family law; and (8) reproductive rights for adolescents. For each of these, the concept of basic human rights, the impact of law and policy, the legal developments since 1995, and policy recommendations, are discussed. This publication also identifies issues in putting into practice reproductive rights and makes detailed recommendations how these issues can be addressed.

Global mobilization for HIV prevention - A blueprint for action

Organization: Global HIV Prevention Working Group
Year: 2002
Length: 30 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, programme managers, donors
Language: English
Web-link: http://www.kff.org/hivaids/hv061004pkg.cfm

Summary: This publication advocates for comprehensive sexual health and HIV education as a sound strategy in promoting safer sex and thus prevention of HIV and STIs among young people. It is based on a review of studies on the impact of sexual health education. The findings show that sexual health and HIV education does not promote promiscuity amongst young people; quality sexual health and HIV education reduces levels of pregnancy and STIs, including HIV, and reduces stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV and AIDS. In addition, condoms - used correctly and consistently - are effective in preventing HIV infection among young people who are sexually active. This publication urges that if sexual health programmes are to have maximum impact, they should begin before the sexual activity begins and sexual behaviour patterns start to form.

Promoting a rights-based approach to women’s sexual health

Organization: Center for Reproductive Rights
Year: 2003
Length: 38 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, programme managers
Language: English
Web-link: http://www.reproductiverights.org/pdf/rr24x1.pdf

Summary: Women’s reproductive rights are central to the more general debate on women’s status that has taken place worldwide over the past ten years. In particular, the last five years have seen expanded governmental action to improve women’s reproductive health and promote their rights. This publication argues that more work still needs to be done in order for reproductive rights to be recognized as basic human rights. An overview of the state of women’s reproductive rights, looking at eight critical areas that affect these rights, is provided: (1) population, reproductive health and family planning; (2) contraception; (3) abortion; (4) HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs); (5) harmful traditional practices such as female circumcision and genital mutilation; (6) sexual violence and coercion; (7) marriage and family law; and (8) reproductive rights for adolescents. For each of these, the concept of basic human rights, the impact of law and policy, the legal developments since 1995, and policy recommendations, are discussed. This publication also identifies issues in putting into practice reproductive rights and makes detailed recommendations how these issues can be addressed.

Dying to learn: Young people, HIV and churches

Organization: Christian Aid
Year: 2003
Length: 24 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, programme planners, programme managers
Language: English, French, Spanish and Portuguese

Summary: This policy paper describes the relevance of SRH for development and encourages integration of certain areas from the field of SRH within the development of focus strategies. Topics include counselling for STI/HIV in family planning; dual protection; provision of HIV tests within safe motherhood programmes and treatment of STI within family planning and pregnancy care. Recommendations for implementation of policies are provided. Case studies from several countries show different approaches to promoting reproductive health.

Sexual and Reproductive Health - A policy paper of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development (BMZ)

Organization: BMZ
Year: 2003
Length: 32 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, programme managers
Language: English

Summary: This brochure outlines Ipas’s vision and guiding principles to integrate HIV, safe abortion and related reproductive-health policies, research and programmes to improve services for women living with HIV and women seeking abortion or post-abortion care. Ipas makes specific recommendations for action for organizations that provide HIV, abortion or reproductive health-related services.
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Young people and HIV/AIDS - Opportunity in crisis

Organization: UNICEF, UNAIDS, WHO
Year: 2002
Length: 48 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, programme planners, programme managers
Language: English

Summary: This publication makes a compelling case for the need to focus on young people as a central component of national AIDS control programmes. It includes a range of statistics, detailed tables of national and regional data that clearly show young people are at the centre of the epidemic, and explain why they are particularly vulnerable to HIV/AIDS. A ten-step strategy for accelerated action to prevent HIV/AIDS among young people is outlined; it includes fighting silence and stigma, increasing access to care interventions such as information, skills and services, decreasing young people’s vulnerability and ensuring that they have opportunities to participate. Comprehensive youth-friendly clinics for the prevention of HIV and other STIs are needed and should include access to condoms and voluntary counselling and testing for HIV; for young women who are pregnant and HIV positive, the clinics provide information and services to help them avoid transmitting HIV to their infants.

Exploring common ground: STI and FP

Organization: WHO/RHR (multi-organisation)
Year: 2001
Length: 23 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, programme managers
Language: English

Summary: This document summarizes the proceedings of a consultation addressing dual protection at the global level as well as in countries of the former Soviet Union and some of the Central and Eastern Europe/Commonwealth of Independent States and Baltic States. It includes in the Annex a joint WHO/UNAIDS/UNFPA statement on dual protection against unwanted pregnancy and STI, including HIV. It details the need for reproductive health services to include/strengthen components regarding the prevention of HIV and other STIs while continuing to aim for reducing unwanted pregnancy and maternal mortality. All reproductive health programmes must ensure that providers and users understand condom effectiveness. Population groups for which dual protection is particularly important (such as sex workers, young people and PLWHA) are identified.

Adolescent-friendly health services - an agenda for change

Organization: WHO
Year: 2000
Length: 32 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, programme managers
Language: English, French, Spanish, Portuguese

Summary: This technical update provides a concise summary of critical issues in the control of sexually transmitted infections. It describes the magnitude of the problem and the rationale for integrating STI management in primary health and other health centres. The document outlines the reasons for the continued spread of STI (and HIV) and the factors hindering effective prevention and care. The essential components of the public health package for STI prevention and care are discussed.

Boys in the picture

Organization: WHO
Year: 2002
Length: 44 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, programme managers
Language: English

Summary: This publication is an important opportunity for prevention and care of issues associated with SRH and HIV. Health services need to link with other key services for adolescents, so that they become part of a supportive structure that protects young people against dangers, and helps them to build knowledge, skills and confidence. This document explains why it is important that service providers address the problems of adolescents to make health services relevant and attractive. It shows how some professionals are breaking down barriers between health services and young people to enlist adolescents as champions of their own health. The characteristic of adolescent-friendly health services are spelled out in this document.

Sexually transmitted diseases: policies and principles for prevention and care

Organization: UNAIDS, WHO
Year: 1997
Length: 47 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, programme managers
Language: English
Web-link: Not available on-line; order from http://www.who.int/reproductive-health/

Summary: This document outlines the recommended policies and principles for prevention and care services for sexually transmitted infections. It highlights the need for close coordination with national AIDS programmes. A multifaceted approach to prevention and care is described; the approach chosen also seeks to respect the human rights of persons with STI. Strategies for primary and secondary prevention are described. The document examines the constraints to acceptability of STI clinics and means of overcoming the constraints.
**Summary:**
This module outlines the clinical and managerial recommendations for women living with HIV, related to family planning, care in pregnancy, childbirth and the postpartum, the prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV infection, prevention and treatment of reproductive tract infections, and management of other sexual and reproductive health problems. The guidance builds on existing evidence on the delivery of interventions through linkages between HIV/AIDS services and sexual and reproductive health services. This publication is an invaluable tool for all those who aim to provide comprehensive services to women with HIV.

**Reproductive tract and sexually transmitted infections programme guidance tool – Technical documents and country reports.**

**Organization:** WHO/RHR, Population Council, Horizon

**Year:** Forthcoming 2005

**Length:** 75 pages

**Region:** Global

**Target audience:** Programme planners, health managers, providers

**Language:** English

**Web-link:** http://www.who.int/reproductive-health/

**Summary:**
The Programme Guidance Tool (PGT) is an action-oriented process designed to enable decision makers to set goals and directions to prioritize interventions for addressing the problem of reproductive tract infections (RTIs), including sexually transmitted infections. It is a planning tool that identifies the management, technical, sociocultural, and economic issues that affect the ability of a health system to deliver effective interventions for RTI prevention and care. The first set of documents in the PGT Kit outlines the steps needed to implement the RTI PGT nationally or sub-nationally and provides a step-by-step guide to the assessment phase resulting in identification of strategic recommendations. In addition, the results of evaluating national and sub-national implementation of the PGT are provided. Additional modules may be added in the future, to further facilitate the use of the PGT at country level. Although this guide does not explicitly provide guidance to linking SRH and HIV/AIDS, it may be useful as a "blueprint" for developing programmes focusing on such linkages.

**HIV Prevention in maternal health services: Programming Guide and Training Guide**

**Organization:** UNFPA, EngenderHealth

**Year:** 2004

**Length:** 150 pages

**Region:** Global

**Target audience:** Programme planners, health managers, doctors

**Language:** English

**ISBN:** 0-89714-694-8

**Web-link:** http://www.unfpa.org/upload/lib_pub_file/319_filename_hiv_prevention_mh_program_gde.pdf

**Summary:**
These guides can be used to strengthen the integration of HIV prevention into maternal health services and build the capacity of health workers to address the prevention needs of pregnant and postpartum women. Programme planners, health managers, and trainers using these guides will, according to their needs, be able to plan, design and monitor HIV prevention interventions for pregnant and postpartum clients and train health providers to ensure they have the capacity to deliver HIV/AIDS services. The programming guide also includes a key messages card for providing direction on what HIV prevention messages to adapt and integrate into various HIV prevention interventions.

**Integrating HIV Voluntary Counselling and Testing services into reproductive health settings. Stepwise guidelines for programme planners, managers and service providers**

**Organization:** IPPF, UNFPA

**Year:** 2004

**Length:** 150 pages

**Region:** Global

**Target audience:** Programme planners, health managers, providers

**Language:** English, Russian

**ISBN:** 0-89714-690-5

**Web-link:** http://www.unfpa.org/upload/lib_pub_file/245_filename_hiv_publication.pdf

**Summary:**
This guide provides sexual and reproductive health programme planners, managers, and providers with the information necessary to integrate voluntary counselling and testing for HIV within their sexual and reproductive health services. It offers an entry point for early care and support for those infected with HIV and prevention of mother to child transmission. VCT also plays a role in reducing stigma and discrimination. The cost of establishing VCT services within existing SRH settings is lower than establishing them in freestanding sites.

**HIV prevention in the era of expanded treatment access**

**Organization:** Global HIV Prevention Working Group

**Year:** 2004

**Length:** 22 pages

**Region:** Global

**Target audience:** Programme planners, health managers, providers

**Language:** English


**Summary:**
This report aims to provide guidance on one critical aspect of the global response to AIDS - the need to integrate HIV prevention into health care settings, and adapt HIV prevention strategies in the era of increased access to HIV treatment. An overview of opportunities for HIV prevention in the health care setting is provided. Among the health care settings identified are STI treatment clinics, reproductive health and family planning clinics, PMTCT centres as well as prenatal settings. HIV prevention should be integrated into each step in the health care process. In addition to the detailed recommendations on integration, it will also be essential to scale up access to the full array of proven prevention...
Mainstreaming HIV/AIDS into our sexual and reproductive health and rights policies, plans, practices, and programmes

Organization: IPPF
Year: 2004
Length: 27 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Programme planners, health managers, providers
Language: English
Web-link: http://www.ippf.org/ContentController.aspx?ID=7570

Summary: Mainstreaming HIV/AIDS into the operations and programmes of organizations across the world represents a challenge that requires creativity and commitment. This is especially true for organizations, like sexual and reproductive health organizations, that have mandates to work with communities and clients and that have enormous potential to reach and serve populations at risk of HIV infection. A checklist and a set of seven tools have been developed for use by relevant organizations to assist them in mainstreaming HIV/AIDS into their services and programmes.

Guidelines for HIV/AIDS interventions in emergency settings

Organization: Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC)
Year: 2004
Length: 100 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, programme managers, organizations operating in emergency settings
Language: English

Summary: These guidelines have been developed to respond to the growing concern for the development of a more specific response to HIV/AIDS in crises. The purpose of these Guidelines is to enable governments and cooperating agencies, including UN Agencies and NGOs, to deliver the minimum required multi-sectoral response to HIV/AIDS during the early phase of a crisis. The prevention and management of sexual violence, safe delivery, HIV/AIDS prevention and care are discussed extensively in this publication.

The medical eligibility criteria for contraceptive use, 3rd edition

Organization: WHO
Year: 2004
Length: N/A
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, programme managers, scientific community
Language: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Portuguese, Russian, Romanian, Spanish
ISBN: 92 4 1542648
Web-link: http://www.who.int/reproductive-health/publications/MEC_3/me.pdf

Summary: This document is one of WHO’s two evidence-based guidelines on contraceptive use. It reviews the medical eligibility criteria for use of contraception, offering guidance on the safety of use of 19 different methods for women and men with specific characteristics or known medical conditions, including infection with HIV. It is the companion guideline to WHO’s ‘Selected Practice Recommendations for Contraceptive Use’. These documents are intended to support national programmes in the preparation of service delivery guidelines. A description of changes from the prior [2nd] edition and their significance for women living with HIV and/or receiving ART and for related programmes can be found in the Info/Reports (http://www.inforforhealth.org/inforeports/mec/index.shtml) issue on the Medical Eligibility Criteria produced by the INFO Project at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health/Center for Communication Programmes. These documents stress that oral contraceptives do not protect against STI/AIDS and inconsistent and correct use of condoms is recommended, either alone or with another suitable contraceptive method.

Antiretroviral drugs for treating pregnant women and preventing HIV infection in infants. Guidelines on care, treatment and support for women living with HIV/AIDS and their children in resource-constrained settings

Organization: WHO
Year: 2004
Length: 49 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Programme planners, health managers, providers
Language: English
ISBN: 92 4 159209 5

Summary: These guidelines present recommendations for the use of antiretroviral drugs for treating pregnant women and preventing HIV infection in infants in resource-constrained settings. It contains a summary of the scientific rationale and programmatic considerations for these recommendations. By addressing issues of efficacy, safety, drug resistance and feasibility the document is intended to guide the selection of antiretroviral regimens to be included in programmes to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV. Moreover, it is intended to support and facilitate antiretroviral treatment for pregnant women and women of reproductive age who have indications for treatment. The guidelines may also be useful for other health service providers as specific recommendations are provided for the most frequently encountered clinical situations. These guidelines do not particularly address integration of services but contribute to the improvement of services addressing HIV in the context of maternal and newborn health.

Emergency scale-up of antiretroviral therapy in resource-limited settings: technical and operational recommendations to achieve 3 by 5

Organization: UNAIDS, WHO
Year: 2004
Length: 41 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Programme planners, health managers, providers
Language: English, French
ISBN: 92 4 159138 2

Summary: This report from a WHO/UNAIDS international consensus meeting on technical and operational recommendations to emergency scale-up of ART is aimed at those implementing antiretroviral therapy programmes in resource-limited countries. Recommendations and priority actions that are required to deliver ART are identified. The essential package of care and prevention services necessary to support ART addresses the need for strengthening existing HIV prevention services while ART is introduced (such as HIV voluntary counselling and testing; promotion of safer sex and condoms; syndromic management of STI; and PMTCT). People living with HIV/AIDS should receive key prevention services and commodities including condoms, counselling in sexual and reproductive health and choice; HIV voluntary counselling and testing; family planning; syndromic management of STI; and PMTCT.

How to integrate gender into HIV/AIDS programmes: Using lessons learned from USAID and partner organizations

Organization: Policy Project
Year: 2004
Length: 47 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, Programme planners, programme managers
Language: English
Web-link: http://www.policyproject.com/pubs/manuals/HowToIncompleteGendHIV.pdf
Effective sexual health promotion: a toolkit for Primary Care Trusts and others working in the field of promoting good sexual health and HIV prevention

Organization: UK Department of Health
Year: 2003
Length: 64 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Programme planners, health managers, providers
Language: English
Web-link: http://www.dh.gov.uk/AssetRoot/84/07/96/03/84079669.pdf

Summary: This Toolkit aims to provide a range of practical, usable tools for those working in the field of sexual health promotion and HIV prevention, which can be adapted to particular work settings, client groups and service users. It covers levels of confidence, experience and skills. Objectives of sexual health include increasing access to, and the effective use of, condoms and contraception, emergency contraception and abortion services; increasing access to psychosexual and sexual health support services, as well as to FP and STI testing. Although it is designed for the UK the toolkit suggests practical strategies and is therefore a good starting point for other countries. It aims to provide a range of practical, usable tools for both health managers and providers.

**Family planning/HIV integration – Technical guidance for USAID-supported field programmes**

Organization: USAID
Year: 2003
Length: 19 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Programme planners, health managers, providers
Language: English

Summary: This guidance includes new suggestions and findings regarding effective integration approaches for both FP and HIV/AIDS programme managers. The document includes technical insights regarding FP/HIV integration and provides the reader with the most recent thinking about integrated programme design and implementation. Best practices for the integration of FP and HIV/AIDS activities are illustrated. This guidance is periodically updated and reviewed as new evidence is presented.

Programme recommendations for the prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV: A practical guide for managers

Organization: UNICEF, Population Council/Horizons
Year: 2003
Length: 108 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Programme planners, health managers, providers
Language: English
Web-link: http://www.popcouncil.org/pdfs/horizons/pmtctunicefevalprogmr.pdf

Summary: This guidance provides specific information and recommendations for improving and scaling-up prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV (PMTCT) programmes, based on what programme managers and evaluators identify as successful strategies. The guidance is divided into four chapters, discussing the components introduced into the PMTCT programme; components strengthened by the PMTCT programme; systems; as well as scale-up. Components that need to be strengthened include primary HIV prevention, antenatal care, safe labour and delivery, family planning and care and support for women, partners and their children.

Report of the global conference “Reaching men to improve reproductive health for all”

Organization: International HIV/AIDS Alliance
Year: 2003
Length: 31 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Programme planners, health managers, providers
Language: English

Summary: This publication is a report on a conference in September 2003, organised by USAID’s interagency Gender Working Group in Washington DC. The report addresses issues such as attitudes to masculinity, strategies for reaching older men, and reproductive health work with men. It includes case studies of programmes in Nigeria, South Africa and Pakistan. The report addresses issues such as attitudes to masculinity, strategies for reaching older men, and reproductive health work with men. It includes case studies of programmes in Nigeria, South Africa and Pakistan. It also includes case studies of programmes in Nigeria, South Africa and Pakistan. It also includes case studies of programmes in Nigeria, South Africa and Pakistan.

**HIV/AIDS prevention guidance for reproductive health professionals in developing-country settings**

Organization: Population Council, UNFPA
Year: 2002
Length: 60 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Programme planners, health managers, providers
Language: English
Web-link: http://www.popcouncil.org/pdfs/hivaidsguidance.pdf

Summary: This document is designed to provide an overview of the issues of HIV/AIDS, challenges, and opportunities around integrating a broad range of HIV/AIDS interventions into existing reproductive and sexual health programmes and services, and to provide some practical guidance for programme managers.

Integrating PMTCT into existing maternal, child and reproductive health programmes

Organization: Pathfinder International
Year: 2003
Length: 22 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Programme planners, health managers, providers
Language: English
Programme guidance on counselling for STI/HIV prevention in sexual and reproductive health settings for counsellors, health workers and educators and all those working in STI/HIV/AIDS

Organization: IPPF
Year: 2002
Length: 55 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Programme planners, health managers, providers
Language: English
Web-link: www.ippf.org

Summary:
This report is aimed at all those who are concerned about integrating STI/HIV prevention in family planning work and who do counselling in this field. It provides information, ideas and suggestions for those who work with clients (young people, male and female clients, individuals and couples) and who want to improve their knowledge and skills in counselling in STI/HIV prevention, safer sex, pre and post HIV antibody testing and other issues related to the subject. Depending on the needs, the reader may use this guide in different ways. Some may find information on particular issues of interest to them, others may use the guide to improve their counselling skills, or as a training tool for their staff. The rationale for the involvement of family planning providers in STI/HIV counselling is provided. Specific issues for clients in different situations, including those who are abused in sexual relationships, are discussed. One chapter addresses counselling on the prevention of HIV transmission to pregnant women, mothers and their children.


Organization: WHO Regional Office for Europe
Year: 2002
Length: 20 pages
Region: Eastern Europe and Central Asia
Target audience: Programme planners, health managers, providers
Language: English and Russian

Summary:
This report summarizes a meeting addressing trends in sexually transmitted infections (STI) and possible reasons for their decline, the role of high-risk behaviour, and progress in, obstacles to and perspectives on care for and the prevention of STI in the newly independent states (NIS) of the former USSR. Recent and continuing changes in case management, problems with the implementation of syndromic treatment, surveillance and the integration of services are discussed. In particular, services for STI and for HIV/AIDS should work closely together; successful examples of such cooperation and ways to share positive experience are provided. The need to promote the use of condoms for the prevention of both STI/HIV/AIDS and unplanned pregnancies (i.e., dual protection) was emphasized. Based on an analysis of countries’ achievements in controlling the STI epidemic and remaining problems, detailed recommendations on future action and its implementation are made. These addressed, among others, primary STI prevention as an integral part of dermatovenerological services; the role of reproductive health in primary prevention; the role of condoms in dual protection; improved STI control through syndromic approach for certain groups or difficult to reach zones (in particular for vulnerable groups such as sex workers); integration of prevention and care of STI and HIV/AIDS and prevention of unwanted pregnancies; integration of STI case management into various medical services, as well as improved STI/HIV surveillance.

Programming for male involvement in reproductive health. Report of the meeting of WHO regional advisors in reproductive health

Organization: UNDP, UNFPA, WHO, World Bank
Year: 2002
Length: 169 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, programme managers
Language: English
Number: WHO/FCH/RHR/02.3
Web-link: http://www.who.int/reproductive-health/publications/rhr02_3_male_involvement.pdf

Summary:
This report provides a review of many aspects of the involvement of men in programmes aimed at improving reproductive health. Presentations from the meeting are included, covering the following issues: programming for men in prevention and care of sexually transmitted infections; programming for men in family planning; programming for men in promoting safe motherhood; targeting men for improving the reproductive health of both partners, and lessons for future programmatic directions. The document contains a summary of the lessons learnt and provides recommendations for research and programmatic needs.

Sex work and HIV/AIDS: Technical update

Organization: UNAIDS
Year: 2002
Length: 19 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Programme planners, health managers, providers
Language: English
Web-link: http://www.unaids.org

Summary:
This document focuses on the challenges in the protection of those involved in sex work. The Technical Update identifies effective key strategies, including the need to make available STI prevention and care services to sex workers; involving sex workers in condom promotion and safer sex education; as well as outreach work linked with mobile STI and reproductive health services. Providing care for sex workers living with HIV/AIDS should include - among other life style issues - counselling addressing HIV/STI and prevention from re-infection.

The strategic approach to improving quality of care in reproductive health services

Organization: WHO
Year: 2002
Length: N/A
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, programme planners, health managers
Language: English
Web-link: http://www.who.int/reproductive-health/strategic_approach/index.htm

Summary:
This strategic approach uses interdisciplinary methodology for national policy and programme development from the perspective of technology introduction. It considers a range of approaches: improving the provision of existing services using currently available or under-utilized technologies; removing inappropriate or unsafe technologies; introducing new technologies; and promoting appropriate health-seeking behaviour among clients and potential clients of reproductive health services. Although the Strategic Approach was initially developed and used to target contraceptive choice and improve quality of care in family planning services, its comprehensive nature and flexibility led several countries to adapt it and apply it to other specific areas of reproductive health services—maternal and neonatal health care, adolescent reproductive health, reproductive tract infections (RTIs) and abortion care as well as a broader range of reproductive health services. WHO is currently working with partners to adapt the methodology and develop tools to assist countries in strategic planning and programming for comprehensive reproductive health services.

A framework to assist countries in the development and strengthening of national and district health plans and programmes in reproductive health.

Organization: WHO
Year: 2001
Length: 11 pages (with an 80-page Annex of meeting presentations)
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, programme managers
Language: English
Web-link: http://www.who.int/reproductive-health/publications/RHR_02_2/RHR_02_2.pdf
http://www.eldis.org/static/DDS15008.htm

Summary:
With the growing pandemic of HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections in many countries of the world, the need for governments to focus on reproductive health has become an urgent matter. This meeting report presents a framework for a strategic plan on how to identify, quantify and intervene on priority reproductive health issues. Specifically, it outlines the processes of: deciding on priorities, identifying and involving stakeholders, describing the reproductive health problem, developing plans for intervention and undertaking monitoring and evaluation. Enclosed in the annex are several papers that document country experiences and research updates on strategies to strengthen and develop reproductive health plans.

The female condom: a guide for planning and programming

Organization: UNAIDS, WHO
Year: 2000
Length: 80 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Programme managers
Language: English, French
Number: WHO/RHR/00.8; UNAIDS/00.12E
Web-link: http://www.who.int/reproductive-health/publications/RHR_00_8/

Summary:
In developing an introduction strategy it is important to think strategically, and see the female condom as one of a range of methods that an individual or couple could use to prevent pregnancy and/or STIs, including HIV/AIDS. This guide is intended to help design, implement and monitor the introduction of the female condom in different settings. The
Voluntary counselling and testing for HIV infection in antenatal care: Practical considerations for implementation

**Organization:** WHO  
**Year:** 1999  
**Length:** 27 pages  
**Region:** Global  
**Target audience:** Policy makers, programme managers  
**Language:** English  
**Number:** WHO/HIS/00.05  
**Web-link:** Not available online; for further details email: hiv-aids@who.int

**Summary:**
This document discusses each step in the planning and implementation of HIV testing and counselling in antenatal care. It describes in detail the advantages of VCT. Most of the document deals with the critical practical issues relating to VCT provision for example, the minimum conditions for acceptable, accessible and affordable services. The advantages and disadvantages of the various possible sites for establishing VCT services are considered.

A tool to assess program capacity: Adding services to manage reproductive tract infections

**Organization:** PATH  
**Year:** 1999  
**Length:** 48 pages  
**Region:** Global  
**Target audience:** Programme planners, programme managers  
**Language:** English  
**Web-link:** http://www.path.org/files/RHR1-RetnoTract.pdf

**Summary:**
PATH developed and field tested a programme capacity assessment tool for managers of primary health programmes to help them determine whether they can integrate some level of reproductive tract infection services (including HIV) into their existing family planning services. The tool allows programme managers to assess their capability to offer four progressively complex levels of service: (1) prevention and information and condoms; (2) syndromal diagnosis and treatment; (3) expanded clinical examination for diagnosis and treatment; and (4) basic laboratory testing for diagnosis and treatment. This report includes the tool and results of field tests of the tool in India and the Philippines.

**The male latex condom**

**Organization:** WHO  
**Year:** 1998  
**Length:** A collection of materials  
**Region:** Global  
**Target audience:** Programme managers, health service providers  
**Language:** English  
**Number:** WHO/RHT/FPP/PB.15  
**Web-link:** Not available on-line; order from http://www.who.int/reproductive-health/publications/Abstracts/male_latex_condom.html

**Summary:**
This consists of a compendium of materials addressing programmatic and quality assurance issues relevant to the production, procurement, promotion, distribution, and use of the male latex condom.

**Integrating STD/HIV services into reproductive health services**

**Organization:** Management Sciences for Health  
**Journal:** The Family Planning Manager, Volume 3, Number 3  
**Year:** 1994  
**Length:** 22 pages  
**Region:** Global  
**Target audience:** Programme planners, programme managers  
**Language:** English  
**Web-link:** http://erc.msh.org/TheManager/English/V3_N3/V3_N3_En_Issue.pdf

**Summary:**
This issue of "The Manager" presents a systematic approach to strategic and operational issues that are critical for successfully integrating STI/HIV/AIDS activities into sexual and reproductive health services. Strategic issues include assessing the need for STI/HIV activities, the magnitude and risk of STIs in clients and the catchment area population, and selection of suitable activities for integration. Operational issues concern determination of the scope and extent of integration and assessing the management capacity to implement integration of STI/HIV and reproductive health services.
Summary: The ICPO or “Cairo” consensus of 1994 formally endorsed the notion that family planning should be embedded within a broader package of SRHR services, including prevention of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) such as HIV, the linkage of human rights and service provision approaches; the idea of comprehensive, client-focused programming, and the primacy of national leadership in defining essential packages of reproductive health services. None of these concepts was new. ICPO built on a broad range of pilot projects, country-based policy innovations and advocacy campaigns around the world. But the Cairo consensus was a global spark that set off countless new multilateral and national initiatives, extending these crucial concepts and programmes worldwide. This paper assesses how SRH and HIV/AIDS services have been linked, barriers to linkages and indicates potential approaches.

Sexually transmitted infections among adolescents - The need for adequate health services

Summary: This document presents a review of the literature documenting existing experience with the provision of STI services for adolescents. It aims at clarifying the advantages and disadvantages of different service delivery options for the detection and treatment of STIs. It indicates that although increasing efforts have been made to improve adolescent sexual and reproductive health, most emphasize the provision of information and counselling and/or family planning. Project approaches to the prevention of STIs have varied widely, from basic reproductive health to more comprehensive service models. The review highlights that gender, human rights and ethical concerns are critically important for formulating relevant and effective policies and interventions to address reproductive health needs of HIV positive women. A set of recommendations is intended to help improve reproductive health care for women living with HIV/AIDS. It provides new information for those working in the field of maternal health and family planning.

Can this marriage work? Linking the response to SRH and the response to HIV/AIDS

Summary: Mother-to-child transmission is the main way children become infected with HIV worldwide. To date, the primary approach to the prevention of mother-to-child transmission has been to identify HIV-infected pregnant women by voluntary counselling and testing for HIV and then provide antiretroviral therapy to them during delivery and then to their newborn infants. Many HIV-positive births could be prevented, however, by simply preventing unintended pregnancies among infected women. Furthermore, increasing contraceptive use to prevent such pregnancies appears to be at least as cost-effective as providing nevirapine to HIV-infected mothers. This review summarizes the literature on integrating family planning services with other services to prevent HIV-positive births. Key messages provide a rationale and implications for programmes.

Integrating Services

Organization: Family Health International
Journal: Network, Volume 23, Number 3
Year: 2004
Length: 31 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, programme planners, health managers
Language: English

Summary: Integrating family planning and HIV services potentially can maximize performance of existing services and minimize the number of people who do not obtain the health care they need. But much remains unknown about how best to integrate services and what impact such integration will have on reproductive health outcomes, such as preventing HIV infection and unintended pregnancy. This issue of Network, an overview of current thinking about integration, is the first of a series of publications intended to encourage health professionals to ask questions or share their experiences in regard to service integration. Case studies illustrate four efforts under way to integrate family planning and HIV services.

Family planning and the prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV - A Review of the Literature

Organization: Family Health International
Year: 2004
Length: 50 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, programme planners, health managers
Language: English
Web-link: http://www.fhi.org/en/RH/Pubs/books/Reports/Impmtct.htm

Summary: The global public health community has mobilized to design and provide essential PMTCT services: voluntary counselling and testing, infant feeding counselling, outreach to communities and families, and a short course of antiretroviral therapy. In most cases, the implementation approach has been to incorporate PMTCT into services that already reach pregnant women and women of childbearing age: antenatal care, obstetrical care, and maternal/child health. However, the complexity of introducing PMTCT into existing health services is particularly challenging in resource-poor settings. This report reviews field experiences with the integration of family planning and PMTCT services. It provides evidence and recommendations for developing effective strategies for appropriately promoting family planning within PMTCT programmes.

Family planning and PMTCT services: Examining interrelations, strengthening linkages - A Research Summary

Organization: Population Council/ Horizons
Year: 2004
Length: 8 pages
Region: Africa*
Target audience: Programme planners, health managers, providers
Language: English
Web-link: http://www.popcouncil.org/horizons/rssum/ptmctlp.html

Summary: This summary focuses on findings from Horizons studies on the extent to which voluntary counselling and testing and PMTCT programmes address family planning, and vice versa. In Kenya and Zambia, the acceptability, operational barriers, costs, and impact of pilot PMTCT services are documented. This summary also draws on data from a Horizons study in Uganda that tested a strategy for the integration of HIV counselling into health services, including family planning, and from a recent evaluation of United Nations-supported pilot PMTCT projects in 11 countries (*in addition to 8 African countries, pilots were performed in Honduras, India and Ivory Coast). Strengths and gaps in service delivery as well as programme implications are identified.
Integrating family planning and voluntary counselling and testing services in Kenya
Organization: Family Health International
Year: 2004
Length: 2 pages
Region: Africa
Target audience: Programme managers, providers
Languages: English

Summary: This technical brief summarizes the key points of Kenya’s move to develop and implement a strategy for providing family planning services at all VCT centres in the country. The findings may be useful for other organizations interested in integration of services, and include 1) Integration of FP and VCT services is expected to allow more comprehensive services provision, expand access to services and make services more cost-effective; 2) Research demonstrating the feasibility of integrating FP into VCT has led the government of Kenya to develop a national integration strategy, highlighting four levels of integration (Level I, provision of condoms and pills, up to level IV, provision of the full range of contraceptive methods); 3) The role of government leadership, an effective task force, and stakeholder commitment facilitated development and implementation of strategy.

A behaviour change perspective on integrating PMTCT and safe motherhood programmes - A discussion paper
Organization: The CHANGE Project
Year: 2003
Length: 54 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Programme planners, health managers, providers
Languages: English

Summary: This paper reviews and assesses the contributions made to date by sexual and reproductive health services to HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment, mainly by services for family planning, sexually transmitted infections and antenatal and delivery care. It also describes other sexual and reproductive health problems experienced by HIV-positive women, such as the need for abortion services, infertility services and cervical cancer screening and treatment. The paper shows that sexual and reproductive health programmes can make an important contribution to HIV prevention and treatment, and that STI control is important both for sexual and reproductive health and HIV/AIDS control. It concludes that more integrated programmes of sexual and reproductive health care and STI/HIV/AIDS control should be developed which jointly offer certain services, expand outreach to new population groups, and create well-functioning referral links to optimize the outreach and impact of what are to date essentially vertical programmes.

Consultation on STD interventions for preventing HIV: what is the evidence?
Organization: UNAIDS, WHO
Year: 2003
Length: 54 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy maker, programme managers, health care providers
Language: English
Number: UNAIDS/03.04E; WHO/HIS/2000.02; WHO/RHR/03.06

Summary: This is a review of the evidence on the interrelationship between HIV and other sexually transmitted infections. It provides a comprehensive analysis of the role of STI control in HIV prevention. Several programmatic and policy issues are considered. Recommendations are given, based on the findings of the review that aim to facilitate the use of evidence-based decisions in programming. Further research needs are identified.

Men and Reproductive Health Programmes: Influencing Gender Norms
Organization: The Synergy Project (USAID)
Year: 2003
Length: 58 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Programme planners, health managers, providers
Language: English

Summary: This review describes programmes specifically designed to change social norms related to gender roles. Identifying these programmes and the strategies that made them successful has implications for future gender-related reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, and maternal and child health programming because they may serve as models to be adopted, scaled up, or replicated elsewhere. Findings from evaluations are presented; the information provided herein attempts to compile information necessary to describe the best-evaluated approaches to altering entrenched gender norms. The paper does not specifically address linkages of services but provides useful information for gender-sensitive programming.

Integration of sexual and reproductive health services: a health sector priority
Organization: Marge Berer
Journal: Reproductive Health Matters, 11 (22): 615
Year: 2003
Length: 10 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, programme planners, health managers
Language: English
Web-link: N/A

Summary: This paper discusses in depth the rationale for integration, and the need for integration of policies and programmes. Integration from the health systems perspective is reviewed and the influence of HIV/AIDS on integrated service delivery elaborated. It is argued that that STI prevention with MCHIP- FP would be logical and valuable but the response has been insufficient; four arguments for this statement are provided. Progress in the past decade is assessed and future perspectives outlined briefly.

The contribution of sexual and reproductive health services to the fight against HIV/AIDS - A review
Organization: Askew, Ian and Marge Berer
Journal: Reproductive Health Matters, 11 (22): 51-73
Year: 2003
Length: 23 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, programme planners, health managers
Language: English
Web-link: http://www.popcouncil.org/pdfs/frontiers/journals/AskewBerer.pdf

Summary: This paper reviews and assesses the contributions made to date by sexual and reproductive health services to HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment, mainly by services for family planning, sexually transmitted infections and antenatal and delivery care. It also describes other sexual and reproductive health problems experienced by HIV-positive women, such as the need for abortion services, infertility services and cervical cancer screening and treatment. The paper shows that sexual and reproductive health programmes can make an important contribution to HIV prevention and treatment, and that STI control is important both for sexual and reproductive health and HIV/AIDS control. It concludes that more integrated programmes of sexual and reproductive health care and STI/HIV/AIDS control should be developed which jointly offer certain services, expand outreach to new population groups, and create well-functioning referral links to optimize the outreach and impact of what are to date essentially vertical programmes.

HIV Voluntary Counseling and Testing: An essential component of preventing Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV
Organization: Population Council/Horizons
Year: 2003
Length: 8 pages
Region: Africa (with global relevance)
Target audience: Programme planners, health managers, providers
Language: English
Web-link: http://www.popcouncil.org/pdfs/horizons/pmtctvct.pdf

Summary: This research summary focuses on VCT in the antenatal care setting, examining service utilization by pregnant women, their perceptions of services, client outcomes as a result of undergoing HIV counselling and testing, and strategies for
The report discusses the experience of integrating HIV-related care into existing maternal and child health programs. Key findings include the importance of addressing barriers and challenges, scaling-up, and the special case of low prevalence countries. The report concludes with the presentation of key findings and recommendations for integrating HIV/AIDS into existing maternal and child health programs.

**Evaluation of United Nations-supported pilot projects for the prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV**

**Organization:** UNICEF, Population Council/Horizons

**Year:** 2003

**Length:** 47 pages

**Region:** Africa, Central America, South-East Asia (with global relevance)

**Target audience:** Programme planners, health managers, providers

**Language:** English

**Web-link:** [http://www.popcouncil.org/pdfs/herizons/pmtctunicefevalvoruv.pdf](http://www.popcouncil.org/pdfs/herizons/pmtctunicefevalvoruv.pdf)

**Summary:** This overview report presents key findings from an evaluation of UN-supported pilot PMTCT projects in eleven countries. Key findings discuss feasibility and coverage, factors contributing to programme coverage, programme challenges; scaling-up; the special case of low prevalence countries; and recommendations.

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**Summary:** This paper outlines some operational possibilities that are available to family planning and reproductive health services for addressing reproductive tract infections, including HIV. It is argued that prevention—including the provision of barrier methods and counselling regarding disease transmission and risk—is a proactive and necessary step that all reproductive health and family planning services can and should take.

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**Summary:** This paper presents the results of a literature review performed to identify priorities in research on how to best configure integrated services. An urgent need for research exists in three areas. The first is the development and testing of strategies that, instead of adding STI-related activities to existing family planning and antenatal care programmes, seek to reorient the goals of routine consultations towards protection against the dual risks of unwanted pregnancy and infection and involvement of clients in deciding the outcome of the consultation. Second, strategies that reach male partners and facilitate access by adolescents to sexual and reproductive health services need to be developed and tested.

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implementing the integration of component services for reproductive health

Author: S. Mayhew, L. Lush, J. Cleland and G. Walt
Year: 2000
Length: 11 pages
Region: Africa/with global relevance
Target audience: Programme planners
Language: English
Web-link: N/A
Summary (adapted from abstract): This report considers how effectively the integration of the management of STIs/HIV with maternal and child health - family planning services has been implemented. Quantitative and qualitative data re used to illustrate the difficulties faced by the implementers of reproductive health programmes in four African countries. Findings reveal that there is a critical need to re-examine the focus on family planning services and the nature of the processes by which managers implement reproductive health policies. Implications of findings for policy and programme direction are discussed.

What about boys? A literature review on the health and development of adolescent boys

Organization: WHO
Year: 1999
Length: 58 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, programme planners, health managers, providers
Language: English
Summary: This literature review sheds light on how adolescent and girls differ in their health and development needs and what implications these differences have for health interventions. The document takes a gender approach and while assessing the gender specific needs of adolescent males, it provides ideas into how to improve the health and development of adolescent boys and girls.

HIV in pregnancy: A review

Organization: WHO, UNAIDS
Year: 1999
Length: 69 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Programme planners, health managers, providers
Language: English and French
Web-link: http://www.who.int/reproductive-health/publications/RHR_99.15
Summary: This publication reviews available literature on HIV in pregnancy. It is divided into three main sections: The first section summarizes the knowledge of HIV in pregnancy, transmission of HIV from mother to child, and interventions to prevent transmission. The need for promotion of safer sex, adequate treatment of STI, VCT during ANC, and access of HIV positive women to appropriate contraceptive methods and termination of pregnancy is highlighted. The second section provides guidelines on the management of HIV positive women during pregnancy, delivery and post-partum. In section three guidelines for infection control and safe working conditions particularly tailored to HIV in pregnancy are listed. A comprehensive list of references provides additional information for those who are interested in more details.

Integrating STI management into family planning services: What are the benefits?

Organization: WHO
Year: 1999
Length: 78 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, programme planners, health managers, providers
Language: English
Web-link: http://www.who.int/reproductive-health/publications/RHR_99.10_integrating_stis_into_fp_services/RHR_99.10_abstract.htm
Summary: This review documents the available experience in the integration of management of sexually transmitted infections, including HIV, into family planning services. It clarifies the public health benefits of this integration, highlighting operational changes. Types of integrated approaches are explained in more detail and an overview of elements of STI/FP integration provided.

Literature review for the Symposium on male participation in sexual and reproductive health: New paradigms

Organization: AVSC International and IPPF/ Western Hemisphere Region
Year: 1999
Length: 82 pages
Region: Latin America
Target audience: Policy makers, programme planners, providers
Language: English and Spanish
Web-link: http://www.ippfwhr.org/publications/download/monographs/mi_samp_litrev_e.pdf
Summary: This publication is a summary of studies and published research about gender equity and male participation in sexual and reproductive health in Latin America and reflects the main themes of this review are gender and masculinity; masculinity, male sexuality; adolescent sexuality; men’s knowledge and attitudes and how these influence sexual and reproductive health, including STDs, HIV, and AIDS; violence; and fatherhood. This review is formatted to be a reference tool for reproductive health care and family planning practitioners, activists, and policymakers.

Integrating STI/HIV Management Strategies into Existing MCH/FP Programmes: Lessons from Case Studies in East and Southern Africa

Organization: The Population Council
Year: 1997
Length: 54 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, programme planners
Language: English
Web-link: http://www.popcouncil.org/pdfs/frontiers/sphivintegrat/IntegrMgmt97.pdf
Summary: The purpose of this paper is to provide empirical evidence to assist policymakers, programme managers and donors in deciding whether or not to pursue a strategy of service integration. It is argued that a strong rationale exists for developing and testing interventions that integrate STI/HIV control services with existing MCH/FP services. However, a number of equally serious concerns about the feasibility, acceptability, effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of integrating the two separate services exist. Some of the key arguments for and against integrating these two services are presented in summary form in the paper. The results of a few, selected case studies of efforts in addressing the main principles of STI control in east and southern Africa are presented. The case studies document the application of these principles in the context of female clients attending MCH/FP clinics. A prototype model for integrating STI/HIV services into MCH/FP programmes is suggested. Lessons learned provided useful practical information.

Integrating STI/HIV Management Strategies into Existing MCH/FP Programmes - Africa OR/TA Project II Programme Brief

Organization: UNAIDS, WHO
Year: 1997
Length: 39 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Programme planners, health managers, providers
Language: English
Summary: This brief brochure reports the results of four programmes that were undertaken to integrate STI/HIV services into existing maternal and child health and family planning programmes. The prototype model for integrated services may be useful for guiding development of integration strategies in other settings.

Female condom can play an important role in promoting sexual and reproductive health

Organization: UNAIDS, WHO
Year: 1997
Length: 39 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Programme planners, health managers, providers
Language: English
Summary: This joint World Health Organization and UNAIDS paper examines the merits of the female condom and asks what role it has to play in the promotion of sexual and reproductive health. The paper outlines a clear public health rationale for introducing the female condom. This emphasizes effective protection against both pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases; greater control for women, which can contribute to their sense of empowerment; and acceptability to some
Linking SRH and HIV/AIDS - An inventory of tools

Christopher J. Elias and Ann Leonard

Current Issues in Public Health; 1(5):191-7

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Experiences on inter-sectoral collaboration

Organization: Bridging Gaps

Year: N/A

Length: N/A

Region: sub-Saharan Africa

Target audience: Programme planners, health managers, providers

Language: English

Web-link: http://www.phs.ksi.se/hcarr/bg/intersect.html

Summary: This publication addresses initiatives that attempted collaboration between biomedical and traditional health care providers for HIV/AIDS and STI prevention, education and counseling in six African countries. This is done in order to improve the quality of STI/HIV/AIDS care in both sectors. The paper highlights that traditional healers in sub-Saharan Africa tend to be the first “professionals” consulted by people with an STI, including HIV. Healers are more easily accessible geographically and provide a culturally accepted treatment. They have credibility, acceptance and respect among the population they serve, thus form a critical part of the health care delivery system. Traditional healers’ knowledge after a training course had significantly improved regarding STIs increasing risk for HIV; condoms protecting against HIV, the causes of genital discharge and ulcers; STD complications; and the modes of HIV transmission and prevention.

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Access to Life: Access to partnerships

Organization: IPPF

Year: N/A

Length: 12 pages

Region: Global (several regions)

Target audience: Programme managers, providers

Language: English

Web-link: http://www.ippf.org

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IPPF medical and service delivery guidelines for sexual and reproductive health services

Organization: IPPF

Year: 2004 (3rd edition)

Length: 434 pages

Region: Global

Target audience: Programme planners, managers, trainers, providers

Language: English


Summary: These Guidelines are intended to improve the knowledge, skills, and confidence of service providers in the delivery of high-quality sexual and reproductive health services. Based on a client-rights approach, the Guidelines offer up-to-date evidence-based guidance on a range of sexual and reproductive issues, including family planning and the role of condoms, integration of STI/HIV counselling and cervical cancer screening. The Guidelines have been extensively updated and made consistent with the World Health Organization’s 'Medical Eligibility Criteria for Contraceptive Use' and Selected Practice Recommendations for 'Contraceptive Use' [see separate entry in this inventory]. The Guidelines can be used as a guide for the delivery of services; reference document for assessing quality of care, training instrument or tool for supervision. The recommendations are also relevant to community-based services and can be used for developing materials for these workers/volunteers - best done at the local level.

Guidelines for the management of sexually transmitted infections

Organization: WHO

Year: 2003 (revised edition)

Length: 98 pages

Region: Global

Target audience: Programme planners, programme managers, providers

Language: English

ISBN: 92 4 156426 3


Summary: This newly revised publication provides treatment recommendations for comprehensive management of patients with sexually transmitted infections in the broader context of control, prevention and care programmes for STIs and HIV. It covers both the syndemic approach to the management of patients with STI symptoms, and the treatment of specific STIs. It also provides information on the notification and management of sexual partners and on STIs in children. This publication may be useful for programme managers at national or district levels that are responsible for the planning and implementation of reproductive health programmes of any kind, including programmes concerned with FP, MCH, STI, or HIV/AIDS and the integration of STI management.

Synergising HIV/AIDS and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights – A Manual for NGOs

Organization: AIDSGNET

Year: 2005

Length: 118 pages

Region: Global

Target audience: Programme Planners, Programme Managers

Language: English

Web-link: http://www.manual.aidsnet.dk

Summary: This manual provides guidance on how NGOs can integrate HIV/AIDS related issues with those of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). This is a practical, easy-to-use reference piece giving answers to specific questions and how to deal with issues in practice. The manual introduces key terms and definitions, as well as the rationale for integration and then considers important factors to consider and practical advice.
**HIV Prevention in maternal health services - Training guide**

Organization: UNFPA, EngenderHealth  
Year: 2004  
Length: 127 pages  
Region: Global  
Target audience: Programme managers, providers  
Languages: English  

Summary: This guide can be used to strengthen the integration of HIV prevention into maternal health services and build the capacity of health workers to address the prevention needs of pregnant and postpartum women. Programme planners, health managers, and trainers using this guide will, according to their needs, be able to plan, design and monitor HIV prevention interventions for pregnant and postpartum clients and train health providers to ensure they have the capacity to deliver HIV/AIDS services. The document also includes a key messages card for providing direction on how HIV prevention messages to adapt and integrate into various HIV prevention interventions.

**Condom Requirements - a computer program for projecting condom requirements**

Organization: The Futures Group, UNFPA  
Year: 2004  
Length: 69 pages  
Region: Global  
Target audience: Policy makers, Programme managers  
Language: English  

Summary: This publication provides a programme to forecast national condom requirements for both family planning and HIV/AIDS prevention. It focuses on the critical groups at risk in the population. Policy models are designed to answer a number of ‘what if’ questions relevant to entities as small as local providers of primary health care services and as large as international development assistance agencies. The ‘what if’ refers to factors that can be changed or influenced by public policy. The manual begins with a discussion of what the model does and why someone would want to use it. It also explains the data decisions and assumptions needed before the model can be run and possible sources for the data. It defines the data inputs and outputs. The manual contains a tutorial, information on the methodology behind the model, a glossary, and a bibliography.

**Family Planning Plus: HIV/AIDS basics for NGOs and family planning programme managers - Integrating reproductive health and HIV/AIDS.**

Organizations:  
- Centre for Development and Population Activities (CEDPA)  
- EngenderHealth  
- Population Activities (CEDPA)

Year: 2003  
Length: 204 pages  
Region: Global  
Target audience: Programme planners, programme managers, providers  
Language: English  

Summary: This manual provides both NGO staff and communities at large with a deeper understanding of the dynamics and impact of HIV/AIDS. It also sensitizes participants to the issues and challenges faced by people living with HIV/AIDS. Topics include modes of transmission and prevention, cultural and social factors contributing to the spread of HIV/AIDS, health issues of the immune system and disease progression, and strategies for coping and living with HIV/AIDS.

**Female condom and dual protection: Training for community-based distributors and peer educators**

Organization: Centre for Development and Population Activities (CEDPA)  
Year: 2003  
Length: 87 pages  
Region: Global  
Target audience: Service providers, family planning trainers  
Language: English  
Web-link: [http://www.cedpa.org/publications/dualprotection/dualprotection_all.pdf](http://www.cedpa.org/publications/dualprotection/dualprotection_all.pdf)

Summary: This curriculum aims at teaching community members how to contribute to the reduction of unintended pregnancy and STIs. Strategies that help delay initiation of sexual activity, delay age of marriage, or support a decrease in numbers of sexual partners improve the reproductive health of individuals and communities. This two-day curriculum is intended for family planning trainers who are incorporating the female condom and dual protection into the program of their community level workers. It is expected that this curriculum will be used by community-based distributors, community health workers, peer educators, traditional birth attendants, and other community level workers. This resource is organized as an update or continuing education and includes practice sessions with the female and male condom using checklists.

**Comprehensive reproductive health and family planning - Training curriculum. Module 16: Reproductive health services for adolescents**

Organization: Pathfinder International  
Year: 2002  
Length: 230 pages  
Region: Global  
Target audience: Service providers  
Languages: English  

Summary: This training manual is designed to prepare participants to provide quality reproductive health services to adolescents. Providers are sensitized to the needs of adolescents and are prepared to tailor reproductive health services so that they are youth-friendly. The module puts particular emphasis on dual protection against HIV and pregnancy, safer sex, counselling, providing care to the pregnant adolescent, and dealing with issues of gender, sexual abuse, and sexual orientation.
Gender or sex: who cares? Skills-building resource pack on gender and reproductive health for adolescents and youth workers

Organization: ipas
Year: 2001
Length: 96 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Service providers, young people
Language: English, Spanish

Summary:
The curriculum is for training young people and youth workers on gender in relation to HIV, with special focus on violence, STIs, unwanted pregnancy, and unsafe abortion, thereby addressing the root causes of HIV. It illustrates how an educational workshop can link HIV to other areas of reproductive health. A Creole Haitian version is available from: Lody Auguste, APROSIFA, 122 Route des Dalles, Carrefour Feuilles, Port-au-Prince, Haiti; e-mail: aprosifa@freeway.com

The contraceptive forecasting handbook for family planning and HIV/AIDS prevention programs

Organization: FPLM/John Snow International and the DELIVER Project
Year: 2000
Length: 216 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Programme managers (procurement and logistics management), donors
Language: English

Summary:
This publication is a reference book for forecasting commodity needs for family planning and HIV/AIDS prevention programs. Topics range from general methodological considerations over data search and alternative techniques for preparing forecast consumption to special considerations in forecasting a new program for addition of a new service. Strategies for forecasting condom needs in HIV/AIDS prevention programs are provided, and procedures for calculating quantities of contraceptives discussed.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Framework for monitoring and evaluating HIV interventions - A Guide for partner organisations

Organization: Christian Aid
Year: 2005
Length: 10 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, programme managers
Languages: English
Web-link: http://www.christianaid.org.uk/hivaid/

Summary:
This framework is designed to be used by organisations who want to measure the impact of their HIV interventions either as a specific stand-alone project or as part of a wider programme. The aim is to provide a pre-prepared package of tools, designed for specific types of intervention, which can be used for the purposes of monitoring and evaluating. This publication is not specifically focused on integration of SRH and HIV/AIDS services but terms such as mainstreaming, integration (of HIV services) and focused HIV interventions are explained. For each type of project there is an M&E plan which gives suggestions of which tools might be helpful in monitoring and evaluating that particular type of project. A toolkit for monitoring and evaluating HIV interventions (25 pages) constitutes the second part of this publication and is available at the same web-link.

Fulfilling reproductive rights for women affected by HIV - a tool for monitoring achievement of Millennium Development Goals

Organization: Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE), International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS (ICW), Ipas, Pacific Institute for Women’s Health (PIWH)
Year: 2004
Length: 13 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, programme managers
Languages: English, French, Spanish

Summary:
This provides guidance on M&E of national programmes for the prevention of HIV infection in infants and young children. It complements existing M&E guides, including Monitoring the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS Guidelines on construction of core indicators (UNAIDS, 2002), in which there are two indicators on programmes for the prevention of HIV infection in infants and young children. It is principally aimed at national MTCT prevention programme managers and reproductive health and HIV/AIDS programme managers. Its purpose is to determine the level of success of programmes for the prevention of HIV infection in infants and young children, to identify areas where further support is required and to inform adaptation and scaling-up strategies.

How gender-sensitive are your HIV and family planning services?

Organization: IPPF/WHO
Year: 2004
Length: 4 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Programme planners, health managers, providers
Language: English

Summary:
This guide identifies a set of indicators, methods for measuring them, and their strengths and limitations. Their proposed in this document can serve as a tool for such an exercise. Data to answer the questions can be gathered through both qualitative and quantitative means; in some cases, answers can be found simply by reviewing available documents and interviewing staff of organizations involved in HIV/AIDS work. By linking the questions to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), reasonably comparable data across countries and regions can be collected for presentation at national and international venues where HIV/AIDS policies and programs are formulated and reviewed.

National guide to monitoring and evaluating programmes for the prevention of HIV in infants and young children

Organization: UNAIDS, WHO, USAID, UNICEF, CDC, UNFPA
Year: 2004
Length: 25 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, national programme managers
Languages: English
ISBN: 92 4 159184 6

Summary:
This guide identifies a set of indicators, methods for measuring them, and their strengths and limitations. Their purpose is to help in planning and monitoring HIV prevention programmes for young people. The indicators are organized into four chapters in accordance with a logic model linking programmatic action to expected outcomes and, ultimately, to epidemiological impact. This guide is intended for use by programme managers at the national level, particularly managers of national AIDS programmes. It may also be useful for programme managers and planners at sub-national levels who seek to align their measurement efforts with national ones or those who intend to add/integrate HIV prevention services into existing services.

National AIDS programmes. A guide to indicators for monitoring and evaluating national HIV prevention programmes for young people

Organization: UNAIDS, WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, USAID, the World Bank, Measure DHS, FHI
Year: 2004
Length: 80 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, national programme managers
Languages: English
ISBN: 92 4 159257 5

Summary:
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Measuring access to reproductive health services - Report of WHO/UNFPA Technical Consultation; 2-3 December 2003

Organization: WHO, UNFPA
Year: 2004
Length: 16 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, national programme managers
Languages: English
Number: WHO/RHR/04.11

Summary: WHO and UNFPA convened a technical consultation in December 2003 that defined a small number of indicators, to facilitate reporting on progress towards achievement of the goal of universal access to reproductive health care, both for monitoring the IPCD Programme of Action and as part of reporting on MDGs. This publication summarizes the consultation and describes the set of indicators that were defined at the Consultation. The Consultation was mindful of the relevance of the key components of reproductive health; family planning; maternal and newborn care; prevention and management of unsafe abortion; prevention and management of reproductive tract and sexually transmitted infections (RTI/STIs), including HIV/AIDS; and promotion of healthy sexuality. This is reflected in the selection of indicators in the publication.

Reproductive health indicators for global monitoring - Report of the second interagency meeting

Organization: WHO (multi-agency)
Year: 2001
Length: N/A
Region: Global
Target audience: National programme managers
Languages: English
Number: WHO/RHR/01.19
Web-link: http://www.who.int/reproductive-health/publications/rhr_01_19/en/

Summary: This report reviews monitoring experiences with the current set of reproductive health indicators and proposes the addition of two HIV indicators. The HIV indicators are 'HIV prevalence in pregnant women' and 'Knowledge of HIV-related prevention practices'. Programmatic experiences are presented and each indicator is discussed according to a standard set of selection criteria. Research and development priorities are identified.

STI/HIV integration checklist

Organization: IPPF/WHR
Year: 2002
Length: 6 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Programme managers, providers
Languages: English, Spanish

Summary: This publication is a self-evaluation tool to explore if and to what degree gender-sensitive STI/HIV prevention strategies have been integrated into sexual and reproductive health programmes on the organizational, programmatic and service-delivery levels. By administering the checklist, an organization will be able to identify programmatic components necessary to achieve STI/HIV integration into SRH; institutional areas in need of strengthening; resources, materials and training needed for integration; and the overall institutional role with respect to STI/HIV service delivery. The checklist is a user-friendly evaluation instrument that can initially be applied to assess the degree of STI/HIV integration and then used as a tool to monitor progress towards achieving integration.

Reproductive health indicators for global monitoring - Report of the second interagency meeting

Organization: UNAIDS
Year: 2000
Length: 51 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Programme managers
Languages: English, Spanish, French, Russian
Number: UNAIDS/00.09E

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Costing guidelines for HIV prevention

Organization: UNAIDS
Year: 2000
Length: 136 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Programme planners, health managers
Languages: English

Summary: The specific aim of these Guidelines is to encourage and enable managers of HIV prevention projects (those who are planning to integrate these services) and programmes to conduct cost analysis, they can be used to assess projects/programmes at national, regional, district and community levels. Cost analysis is a tool that can provide useful insights into the functioning of projects, as well as being a key component of cost-effectiveness analysis. Within HIV prevention, cost analysis has the potential to help managers at project level decide upon the most appropriate way to deliver a particular strategy. It will assist managers in providing an overview of the total amount of resources that are needed to begin or continue a project, assessing the use of different inputs (such as staff or equipment) within a project, and assisting in discussions about the relative efficiency and equity of projects; guiding discussions about the most appropriate mix and volume of preventive strategies and the best way to allocate resources; providing an idea of the extent of resources required for scaling-up or replicating interventions.

A positive woman's survival kit

Organization: ICW
Year: 1999
Length: 48 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Policy makers, programme managers
Languages: English, French, Spanish and Russian, Urdu, Thai, Kiswahili; Portuguese (available online in English and Spanish)
Web-link: http://www.icw.org/icw/Surival%20Kit.pdf

Summary: The Survival Kit has been produced by and for women living with HIV and AIDS. This kit is primarily aimed at women in countries with few resources; therefore it does not focus on treatments which are not widely available. The first part of the kit focuses mainly on the voices of positive women. The second part consists of Fact Sheets which provide HIV-positive women with more information on specific subjects. A Positive Woman's Survival Kit has been produced in and distributed to thousands of women across the globe. The Survival Kit is also used by HIV positive women in many parts of the world when running workshops for other HIV positive women.

Self-assessment module on integrating STI/HIV/AIDS services into sexual and reproductive health programmes

Organization: IPPF/WHR
Year: 2000
Length: N/A
Region: Global
Target audience: Programme managers, providers
Languages: English, Spanish
Web-link: http://www.ippfwhr.org/publications/publication_detail_e.asp?PubID=21

Summary: This tool is useful to evaluate the capacity of nongovernmental and governmental organizations. It assesses decision-making, organizational commitment, and institutional capacity to integrate STI/HIV/AIDS prevention and care services into a sexual and reproductive health environment. Each module includes easy-to-follow instructions, the questionnaire, guidelines for creating an Action Plan and an extensive literature review on the topic.

Tools for evaluating HIV voluntary counselling and testing

Organization: UNAIDS
Year: 2000
Length: 51 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Programme managers
Languages: English, Spanish, French, Russian
Number: UNAIDS/00.09E

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Selecting reproductive health indicators: a guide for district managers

Organization: WHO
Year: 1997
Length: 49 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: District level programme managers
Languages: English, French
Number: WHO/RHT/HRP/97.25

Summary: This is a short guide to assist district level managers (charged with responsibility for co-ordinating and integrating reproductive health services, providing specific reproductive health services, or collecting information to evaluate reproductive health programmes) with the selection of reproductive health indicators from the vast array currently proposed. The guide lists a series of criteria which should be applied to any indicator before it is selected for monitoring. The document suggests the steps that need to be taken...
to facilitate the process of identifying and selecting a set of indicators. Assessing the prevalence of syphilis among pregnant women; the extent of domestic violence against women; prevalence of STIs (including HIV); and management of STI are identified as integral areas of reproductive health services.

GLOSSARY

IPPF Glossary on sexual and reproductive health

Organization: IPPF
Year: 2004
Length: 56 pages
Region: Global
Target audience: Programme planners, health managers, providers
Language: English
Web-link: http://www.ippf.org/

Summary:
This glossary aims to provide IPPF member associations and other sexual and reproductive health organizations with an easy reference to clear and consistent international definitions of key terms, phrases and words that are commonly used in related work. Key terms related to HIV prevention, treatment and care are included in this publication.

(Footnotes)
1 SRH programmes include sexual health, maternal health, family planning and STI management.
2 HIV/AIDS programmes include those that address prevention, treatment, care and support.
4 AVSC International has changed its name to EngenderHealth.
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