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#27 Stakeholder Participation in The Establishment of One-Stop Shops and Key Population-Friendly Facilities: Descriptive Lessons from the FHI 360 GF Project

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Background:



Recent epidemiologic evidence shows that HIV incidence and prevalence is highest among Key populations (KP) in Nigeria.



In addressing the barriers to accessing Antiretroviral treatment (ART) services and Sexually transmitted Infection (STI) services by KP, different HIV programs have designed differentiated service delivery (DSD) models to improve service uptake.



An effective stakeholder engagement is important to reaching the target population with quality ART and STI services.



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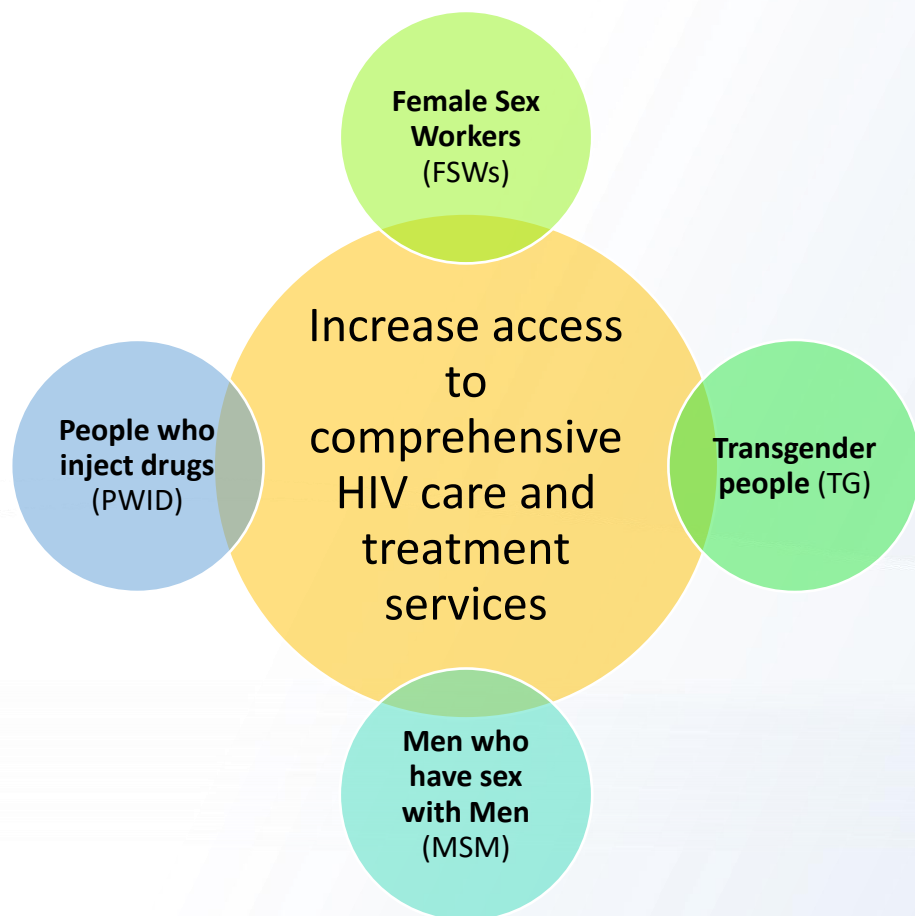
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Description:

The Global fund HIV program in Nigeria has a mandate of establishing One-stop-shops (OSS) and Key-Population friendly Health facilities (KpHF) across 10 states in Nigeria.

These centres will increase access to comprehensive HIV care and treatment services for Female Sex Workers (FSWs), Men who have sex with Men (MSM), People who inject drugs (PWID) and Transgender people (TG). The FHI360 /Principal Recipient (PR) worked with Sub Recipients (SRs) on the Global fund optimising investment for impact project to engage stakeholders at the National and Sub-national levels towards achieving this mandate.



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Methods:

At the National level, the PR engaged the National Key Population Secretariat, Federal Ministry of Health, National Agency for the control of AIDS (NACA), Network of People living with HIV/AIDS in Nigeria (NEPWHAN) and other Implementing partners and donors.

At the Sub-national level, the SRs engaged the KP secretariat, State Ministries of Health (SMoH), State agencies for Agency for the control of AIDS (SACA), State chapters of NEPWHAN, Community-based organisations (CBOs) and Health care providers (HCPs).

Methods of engagement included National and State-level meetings, advocacy visits and focused group discussions. In addition, these stakeholders were also involved in decision making processes and regularly updated with progress.

National level (PR)

- National Key Population Secretariat
- Federal Ministry of Health
- National Agency for the control of AIDS (NACA)
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- other Implementing partners and donors

Sub-national level (SRs)

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Lessons learned:

Engagement of Stakeholders led to their increased buy-in on the project activities.

In the various states, different stakeholders willingly provided support for program take-off such as creation of state KP help desks to support the KP community, provision of temporary office spaces for OSS operations, upgrade of hospital facilities to accommodate safe spaces for clients from the KP community and KP community peer referral to the OSS and KPfHF established by the project.

However, stakeholder engagement increased the lead time for take-off of OSS operations in some locations.



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Conclusion/ Next steps:

Stakeholder engagement is a critical success factor for the implementation of Key Population programs.

Adequate lead time for these stakeholder engagements should be factored in the planning of programs for the Key population.

The FHI 360 GF project will continually engage the KP community and all other stakeholders throughout the project lifecycle