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UNAIDS COVID-19 Response

Applying Lessons and investments from the HIV response

Engaging communities
Ensuring HIV service continuity
Promoting community-led responses and community innovations
COVID & HIV in SSA—THE COST OF INACTION is HIGH!

HIV services must be maintained...

Suspension of prevention of mother to child transmission services for 6 months could result in dramatic increases in new HIV infections among children in 2020/2021

Impact of the COVID-19 on the availability and cost drivers of HIV commodities

- Assessing the impact of the lockdowns on the value chain of antiretroviral medicines – up to 225 mill USD extra financial costs for ARVs produced in India

- Monitoring intelligence from manufacturers and countries
  - Logistics for exports and imports
  - Production sites
  - Product specific issues
  - Cost drivers of antiretroviral medicines due to COVID-19 impact

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**PRESS RELEASE**

COVID-19 could affect the availability and cost of antiretroviral medicines, but the risks can be mitigated

UNAIDS study shows that the impact on production and logistics caused by COVID-19 could have a significant effect on antiretroviral therapy supply worldwide, but steps taken now could lessen the damage done.

**GENEVA, 23 June 2020** – A new analysis by UNAIDS has revealed the potential impacts that the COVID-19 pandemic could have in low- and middle-income countries around the world on supplies of the generic antiretroviral medicines used to treat HIV.

The UNAIDS survey discovered that the lockdowns and border closures imposed to stop COVID-19 are impacting both the production of medicines and their distribution, potentially leading to increases in their cost and to supply issues, including stock outs over the next two months.
What people need---ASK THEM

- Activating networks of PLHIV, KPs for priorities and ongoing engagement

- What do you need?
  - COVID-19 Information
  - COVID-19 Prevention Tools
  - HIV Medications & Service Continuation
  - Social & Economic Supports
  - Mental Health Supports

- Partnered on rapid assessments with networks of people living with HIV and partners in **82 countries**, already **completed in 20 countries** and underway in another 38.

- Similar assessments are being conducted among key populations most vulnerable to HIV, with **11 countries complete**, 26 underway and many in the planning stages.

- This exercise is ensuring involvement of various organizations from **community-led organizations & networks in collaboration w NACs, MoH, Cosponsors etc**
For example, the LAC rapid assessments:
- Conducted in 28 countries in the LAC region
- 2300 people responded to the rapid assessment
- The assessment showed that many people lack multi-month HIV treatment in Latin America
- 56% of respondents believe that they could suffer physical, psychological or verbal violence due to living with HIV during the COVID-19 pandemic
Tailored communication tools for PLHIV

- Communication tools informed by PLHIV identified needs in rapid assessments based on current evidence on COVID and HIV
Accelerating Policy to Implementation: Multi-month Dispensing of HIV Treatment

- What proportion of PLWHIV on treatment are currently receiving 3-month MMD or more?

- There are several barriers—both real and perceived—that are overcome-able
  - Policies
  - National ARV Stocks
  - Site-level stock confidence
  - Provider willingness
  - Client demand

- Also needed: flexibility around pick-ups, community dispensing, home delivery

National policies on frequency of antiretroviral medicines pick-up for people who are stable on antiretroviral therapy, 2020
HIV Service Continuation
Attention, Agility, and Innovation

• Policy—Implementation—Action for Differentiated Service Delivery (DSD), community-led delivery, self-testing, harm reduction, prevention (below)

• Strategic Consideration of mitigating the impact of COVID-19 on key-population focused HIV programs

• Maintaining and prioritizing HIV Prevention in the time of COVID-19

• Condoms and lubricants in the time of COVID-19
Community innovation on ART delivery - Love on Wheels: e-bikes to ensure continuity of HIV services to key populations in Philippines

- The NGO Project Red Ribbon in partnership with the Manila Social Hygiene Clinic and Treatment Hub launched the “Love on Wheels” initiative at the Manila Social Hygiene Clinic in Manila, in collaboration with UNAIDS and the Department of Health-Metro Manila Center for Health and Development (DOH-MMCHD).

- As part of the initiative, Project Red Ribbon mobilized resources to buy e-bikes and other bicycles which they then donated to the Manila Social Hygiene Clinic to ensure continuity of HIV services to key populations.
Lessons Learned from HIV for COVID-19

- Rights in the time of COVID-19: Lessons from HIV for an effective, community-led response

- Six Concrete Measures to support women and girls in all their diversity in the context of COVID-19 (includes addressing Gender-based Violence GBV)

- Lessons Learnt from HIV Prevention for preventing COVID-19 in LMICs

- UNODC, WHO, UNAIDS, OHCHR Joint Statement on COVID-19 in prisons and other closed settings
Human Rights and Community-led engagement

- **Political Voice**: Sex Workers, LGBTI People, Prisoners, Migrants
  - Misuse and abuse of emergency powers
- In-country responses to human rights abuses
  - Monitoring of Human Rights Principles during COVID-19
- Community-led organizations as ESSENTIAL service providers
- Access to Medicines:
  - Partnership to Acceleration COVID-19 Testing (Africa CDC)
- People’s Vaccine

**PRESS RELEASE**
UNAIDS and MPact call on governments and partners to protect, support and respect the human rights of LGBTI people during the response to COVID-19
GENEVA, 27 April 2020—UNAIDS and MPact Global Action for Gay Men’s Health and Rights are extremely concerned that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people are being singled out, blamed, abused, incarcerated and stigmatized as vectors of disease during the COVID-19 pandemic. UNAIDS and MPact are also deeply troubled that this discriminatory action is compounding the challenges that LGBTI people already face in accessing their rights, including safe and quality health services.

**PRESS STATEMENT**
UNAIDS calls on Hungary to respect the rights of transgender people
GENEVA, 8 May 2020—Both international and European human rights bodies have affirmed the right of people to legally change their gender and name to match their gender identity, recognizing that the right is fundamental to the enjoyment of many other rights. UNAIDS is therefore concerned that the Government of Hungary is proposing to remove the right of the people of Hungary to legally change their gender on legal documents.

**PRESS STATEMENT**
UNAIDS condemns misuse and abuse of emergency powers to target marginalized and vulnerable populations
GENEVA, 9 April 2020—UNAIDS is deeply concerned by reports that the COVID-19 epidemic is being used as an excuse to target marginalized and vulnerable populations, restrict civil society space and increase police powers. In particular, UNAIDS is extremely concerned by reports of new laws that restrict rights and freedoms and target criminalized groups in a manner that will harm the rights and health of people living with or vulnerable to HIV.
Greater UN Mobilization

GLOBAL:
• Secretary General’s Task Team on the immediate social and economic response to COVID-19
  • Community-led infrastructure and investments for resilient communities
    • Governance/Planning, Service Delivery, Monitoring/Accountability

FIELD:
• Fighting for Community-led Orgs at the COVID planning tables
• Promoting HIV sensitive country COVID-19 response plans
• Coordinating UN joint teams and specialized thematic task forces/teams---especially multi-sectoral and community elements