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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

Promoting multi-sectorality: Human Rights, Social and Economic Supports

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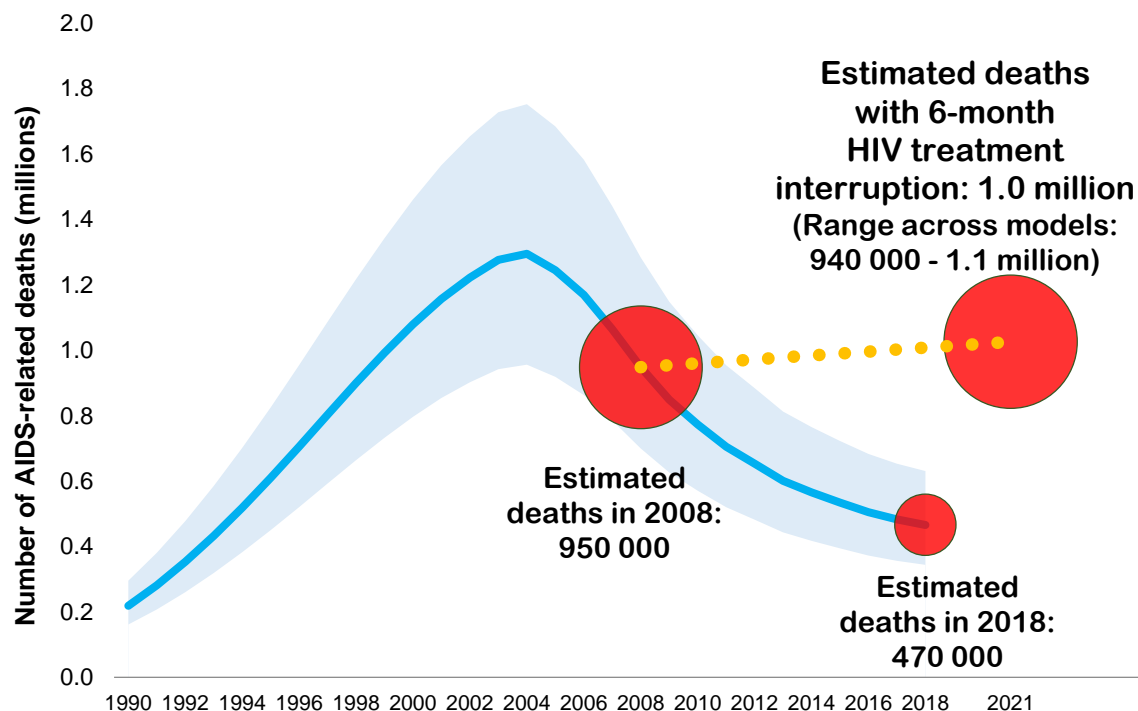


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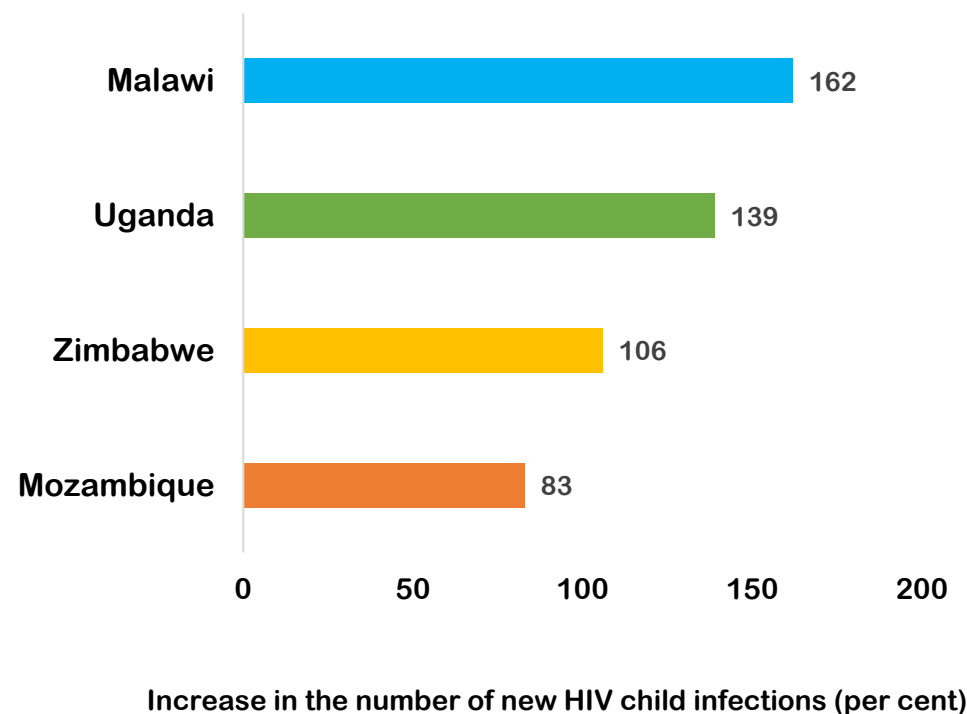


COVID & HIV in SSA—THE COST OF INACTION is HIGH! HIV services must be maintained...

Interruption of HIV treatment for 6 months could result in 1 million AIDS-related deaths in sub-Saharan Africa in 2020/2021



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



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Source: UNAIDS 2019 estimates. Projected estimated HIV related deaths and child new HIV infections derived from mathematical modelling by 5 research groups exploring a complete suspension of HIV prevention and treatment services over 3- and 6-months on HIV mortality and incidence in sub-Saharan Africa. Pre-print manuscript available at: Jewell B, Mudimu E, Stover J, et al for the HIV Modelling Consortium, Potential effects of disruption to HIV programmes in sub-Saharan Africa caused by COVID-19: results from multiple models. Pre-print, <https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.1229914.v1>.



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



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, 22 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.

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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

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High Priorities: COVID-HIV Information, HIV Treatment, Income, Safety & Human Rights

For example, the LAC rapid assessments

- conducted in 28 countries in the LAC region
- 2300 people from 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



II SURVEY ON THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 AMONG PLHIV REGIONAL RESULTS ANALYSIS June 2020



Protection against COVID-19

FINDINGS

- **31%** of the people state that **they have not received enough information on how to prevent COVID-19 transmission.**



- More than half of the people (**56%**) do not have enough personal protective equipment.



KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

- UNAIDS encourages people to follow basic protective measures against the new coronavirus, which can be found here:

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>

- UNAIDS LAC, have available communication resources (infographics and information sheets) developed for this purpose. These can be found on the website:

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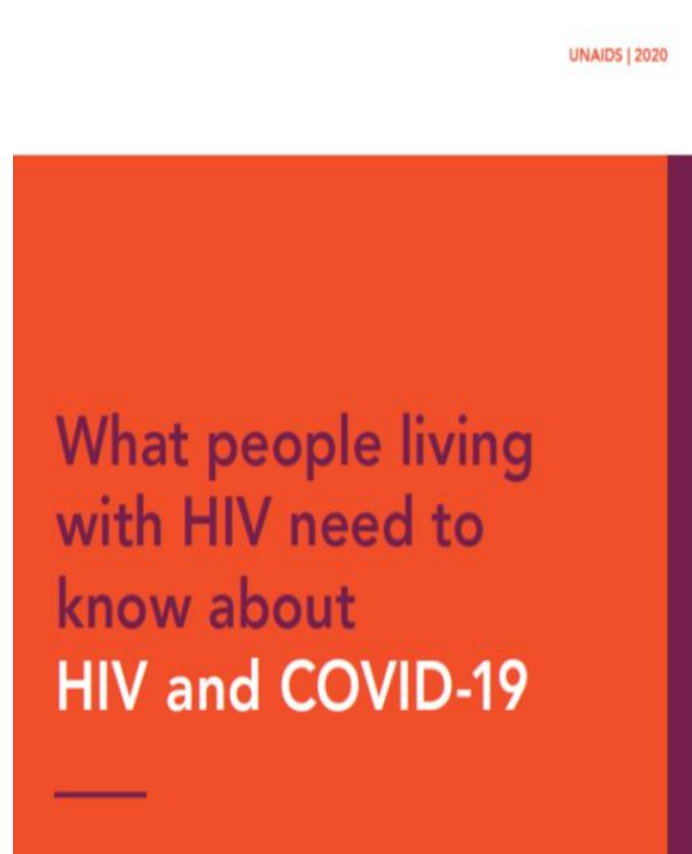


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Tailored communication tools for PLHIV

- Communication tools informed by **PLHIV identified needs** in rapid assessments based on current evidence on **COVID and HIV**



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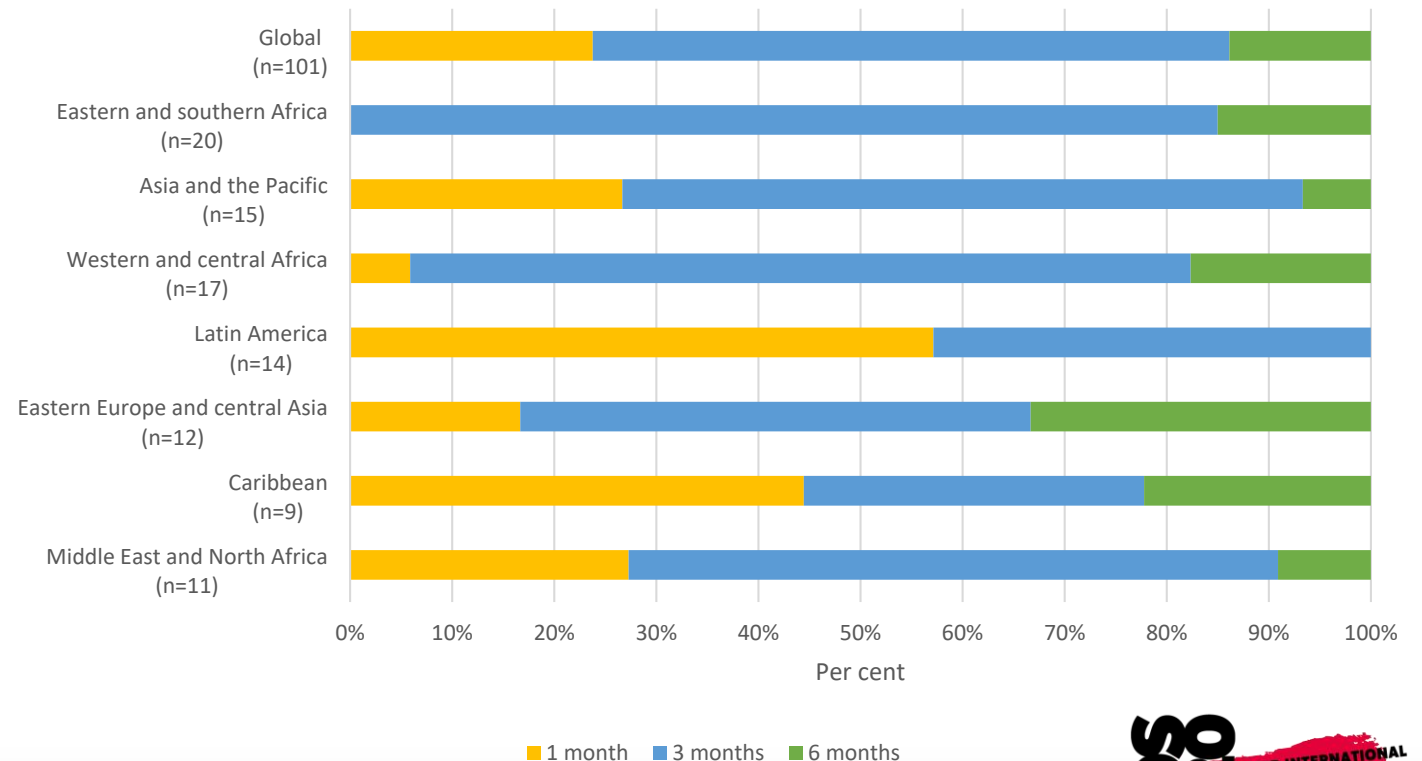
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Accelerating Policy to Implementation: Multi-month Dispensing of HIV Treatment

- 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



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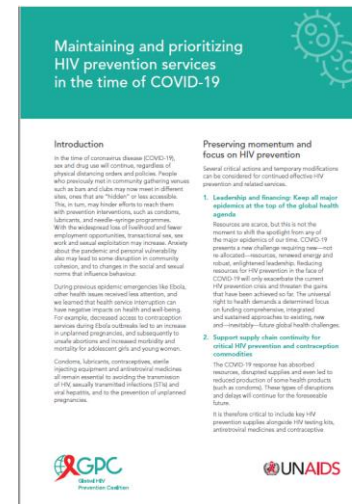
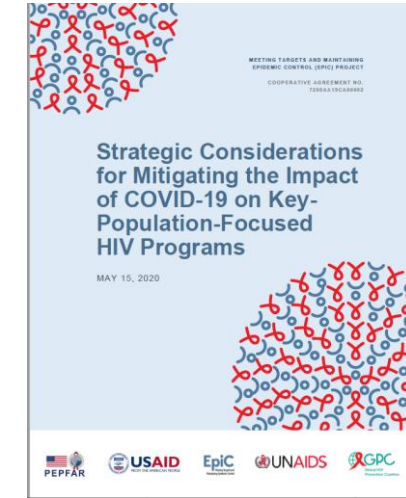


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HIV Service Continuation Attention, Agility, and Innovation

- 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



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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.



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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**

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Rights in the time of COVID-19

Lessons from HIV for an effective, community-led response.



UNODC, WHO, UNAIDS AND OHCHR JOINT STATEMENT ON COVID-19 IN PRISONS AND OTHER CLOSED SETTINGS*

We, the leaders of global health, human rights and development institutions, come together to urgently draw the attention of political leaders to the heightened vulnerability of prisoners and other people deprived of liberty to the COVID-19 pandemic, and urge them to take all appropriate public health measures in respect of this vulnerable population that is part of our communities.

Acknowledging that the risk of introducing COVID-19 into prisons or other places of detention varies from country to country, we emphasize the need to minimize the occurrence of the disease in these settings and to guarantee that adequate preventive measures are in place to ensure a gender-responsive approach and preventing large outbreaks of COVID-19. We equally emphasize the need to establish an up-to-date coordination system that brings together health and justice sectors, keeps prison staff well-informed and guarantees that all human rights in these settings are respected.

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SIX CONCRETE MEASURES TO SUPPORT WOMEN AND GIRLS IN ALL THEIR DIVERSITY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



Lessons from HIV prevention for preventing COVID-19 in low- and middle-income countries

Global HIV Prevention Working Group, April 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic is rapidly spreading across the world and including countries affected by other infectious disease epidemics, such as HIV, tuberculosis (TB) and malaria. Over the past three decades, the global HIV response has gained experience in developing effective prevention approaches. This brief seeks to provide a summary for decision-makers and health programme implementers in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) to help them make the best possible choices in preventing the virus responsible for COVID-19.

Eight strategic directions for addressing COVID-19 based on lessons from HIV prevention

This HIV response has been highly effective in mobilizing affected communities, science, political will and financing to achieve what many thought was impossible: delivering quality testing, treatment and prevention programmes in LMICs at scale, and enabling multilateral stakeholders to join forces. With support from national AIDS councils, national HIV programmes, networks of people living with HIV and other community-based organizations, countries can rapidly translate their experience into action on COVID-19.

- 1. Build strong community-led responses early on: we are all in this together**
Drawing on existing, community-led organizations, faith-based groups and local leaders as co-leaders of the COVID-19 response drives ownership and effectiveness of service delivery across communities. Just as communities did for HIV they can lead the response, reach vulnerable populations left behind by health services, identify and address stigma and discrimination, and build consensus that a public health response can be delivered while respecting human rights and gender equality.
- 2. Multisectoral coalitions: moving beyond health**
COVID-19, as with HIV, is not only about health. The approach of existing multisectoral partnerships—such as national AIDS councils and coalitions on HIV prevention—brings together government departments, affected communities, religious organizations, traditional leadership, and the business and private health sectors. Inviting the central nervous system at the country level could coordinate their support for the national COVID-19 response in a similar way to the joint UN teams on AIDS, which bring together 11 UN agencies, working to coordinate their support across multiple sectors. The joint UN teams could be leveraged or replicated in national COVID-19 responses.
- 3. Key and vulnerable populations: prioritized and not left behind in a human rights-based approach**
A critical lesson from the HIV response is that an epidemic cannot be ended without prioritizing vulnerable and marginalized populations and without guaranteeing the human rights of everyone affected by the epidemic and the response. As is the case in the HIV response, COVID-19 responses must define the different vulnerable populations, identify informal settings with high population density and limited infrastructure, understand the needs and protect the rights of vulnerable populations, and define actions with the affected populations.



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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**

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JOINT STATEMENT

Sex workers must not be left behind in the response to COVID-19

GENEVA, 8 April 2020—The COVID-19 pandemic, as with other health crises, exposes existing inequalities and disproportionately affects people already criminalized, marginalized and living in financially precarious situations, often outside social protection mechanisms. During these difficult times, the Global Network of Sex Work Projects (NSWP) and UNAIDS wish to draw attention to the particular hardships and concerns facing sex workers globally, and are calling on countries to ensure the respect, protection and fulfilment of sex workers' human rights.

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 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 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



FEATURE STORY

Five UNAIDS country directors taking the lead in the COVID-19 response



FEATURE STORY

UNAIDS helps response to food insecurity during COVID-19 outbreak in Angola

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