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The Health Policy Project (HPP) is committed to advancing knowledge and sharing information and best practices for reducing stigma and discrimination. Our focus on stigma and discrimination reduction is part of our overall effort to expand access to health services for those in the greatest need.

HIV

- In partnership with the Eurasian Harm Reduction Network, HPP released the [*Policy Advocacy and Analysis Decision Model for People Who Inject Drugs*](#) in June 2012. The decision model identifies the existence of restrictive, poorly written, or absent enabling policies that may serve as obstacles for programs to provide HIV counseling and testing, antiretroviral therapy, hepatitis, tuberculosis, opioid substitution therapy, and sterile needle and syringe program services for people who inject drugs. The decision model was applied as a framework for policy analysis by the Eurasian Harm Reduction Network and is already being used as an advocacy tool in several Eastern European countries.
- In partnership with the Stigma Action Network, HPP has helped increase global access to country-level data and advocacy materials on the [Stigma Action Network website](#), catalyzing action and commitment locally, regionally, and globally to reduce HIV-related stigma and discrimination through knowledge sharing, dialogue, and partnerships among diverse stakeholders.
- HPP is working with an international team of researchers to finalize tools for measuring HIV stigma and discrimination among staff who work in health facilities throughout the world. After testing a questionnaire in six countries, the team gathered to identify core survey items that worked best across widely varied settings. Additionally, the team is defining international indicators for submission to the UNAIDS Monitoring and Evaluation Reference Group for review and approval.
- HPP assistance helped to facilitate the representation of persons living with HIV (PLHIV), as well as representatives of the lesbian, bisexual, gay, and transgender community in the Global Fund's Country Coordinating Mechanism for Jamaica for the first time ever, giving a voice to key populations to become more involved in programs to reduce the spread of HIV. This helps strengthen Jamaican national policy and advocacy support for reducing gender-based violence and stigma and discrimination to reduce the spread of HIV and improve access to programs and services.
- HPP and local partners developed a training manual for building capacity in stigma reduction in St. Kitts and Nevis. This guide fills a resource gap in the Caribbean for facilitators who need standard, high-quality, material for stigma reduction training. As a result, a group of 40 facilitators have been deployed throughout the region to facilitate stigma-reduction trainings, community dialogues, and policy development around HIV and key population stigma and discrimination.