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HEALTH POLICY PROJECT

HIV

Overview

The Health Policy Project (HPP) builds capacity around the world for improved health policy, advocacy, and governance. HPP works with host-country partners to:

- Strengthen the capacity of government leaders to serve as effective stewards of health programs
- Build local capacity to advocate for a supportive HIV policy environment
- Design policies based on evidence of client needs and programs that work
- Strengthen the efficiency and effectiveness of national HIV programs
- Engage people living with HIV (PLHIV), key populations, women, and civil society groups in the policy process
- Facilitate multisectoral cooperation to plan and carry out HIV programs
- Enhance policy and program monitoring and accountability

- Develop policy decision-making tools and use analytical models to understand resource needs, and assess system efficiencies, policy impacts, and equitable access to antiretroviral therapy

HPP also assists countries to improve health outcomes by addressing barriers due to stigma and discrimination, gender inequalities, socioeconomic status, operational issues, and other factors that prevent people from seeking the HIV prevention, treatment, and care services they need. All our efforts are designed to increase country ownership of the AIDS response.

Improving Policy Environment for Key Populations at Higher Risk

Meeting the prevention, care, and treatment needs of these key populations and engaging them in the policy process is crucial to maximizing the impact of HIV policies and programs. HPP expands evidence-based analysis and advocacy resources to address the needs of key populations as part of an overall effort to strengthen HIV policy and prevention.

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Monitoring HIV Policy and the Policy Process

HPP strengthens the capacity of governments, individuals, and civil society organizations to play a vital role in policy development, implementation, and monitoring to bolster national efforts in the response to HIV.

Reducing HIV-Related Stigma and Discrimination in Healthcare Settings

HPP supports greater integration of efforts to reduce stigma and discrimination into health policies and programs. Measuring stigma and developing training protocols in healthcare settings are a major focus within that broader effort.

Maximizing Efficiency and Effectiveness (E²)

The need to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness—also known as E²—of HIV programs has never been clearer. HPP is working to develop an E² methodology that helps close the gaps in HIV financing and produce better program results.

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As part of its advocacy work, HPP partners with prominent Jamaican HIV activist Ainsley Reid, the national response coordinator for the Greater Involvement of People living with AIDS (GIPA) National Capacity Building Program.

Promoting Evidence-based Responses for Women and Girls

The global HIV epidemic has fallen particularly hard on women and girls. With funding from PEPFAR, HPP is collaborating with the Public Health Institute to increase use of evidence in HIV policymaking and programming for women and girls under the What Works for Women and Girls program. See www.whatworksforwomen.org.

How to Work with Us

For over 40 years, Futures Group has managed large and complex international health and development projects for a range of major development players, achieving significant results on the ground in more than 100 countries. Host-country partners with interest in receiving project assistance should contact their USAID Mission. All Missions may participate through field support. For information on how to work with the Health Policy Project please contact:

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