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# The U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief

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## Overview of the PEPFAR's Prevention activities for MSM





## Presentation Themes

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- PEPFAR's current response to Global HIV/AIDS epidemics among MSM
- Review progress and plans to address recommendations made to strengthen PEPFAR's response looking forward



## PEPFAR Support for Activities

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PEPFAR country budgets support:

- **Implementation** of a comprehensive HIV prevention package of interventions benefitting MSM and their sex partners
- **Training** to increase local capacity for delivering high-quality services for MSM and their sex partners
- **Collection and use of strategic information** including size estimation studies, disease surveillance and assessments of laws, policies and regulations that impede effective HIV prevention with MSM
- **Epidemiological, Social Science and Operational Research** to better understand HIV risk and its prevention, identifying effective interventions, defining quality and evaluating innovation
- **Commodity procurement** of condoms and condom-compatible lubricants, etc.
- **M&E** to monitor access, availability, quality, coverage and impact



## Comprehensive Definition of MSM

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- PEPFAR definition based on behavior alone
  - All men who have had sex with one or more men
  - Includes MSM who also have sex with women, male sex workers, men who only have sex with men in all-male settings
- Not based on self-identity—includes men who identify as gay, bisexual, heterosexual, or are questioning their sexual orientation
- Some transgender persons are MSM
  - Should be considered when addressing the needs of MSM and other most-at-risk populations.

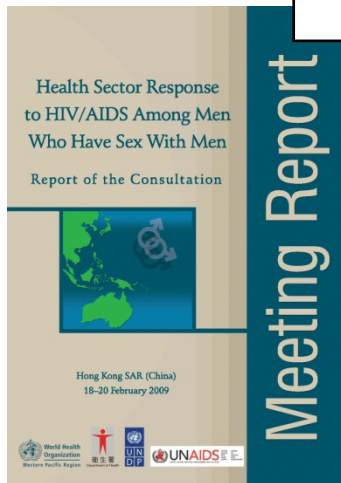
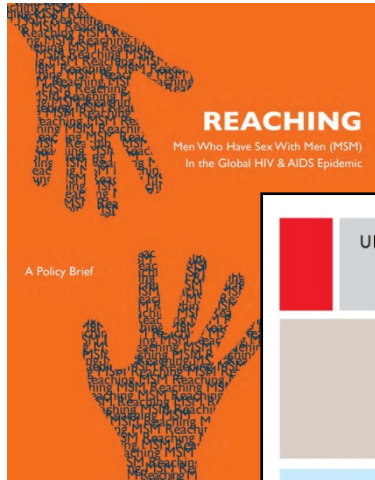


# **COMPONENTS**

**PEPFAR'S ACTIVITIES TO INCREASE ACCESS,  
EXPAND COVERAGE AND REDUCE DISEASE  
BURDEN AMONG MSM**



# Builds on International Consensus



- There is a consensus on the need to act now and essential components of response
  - World Health Organization (WHO)
  - United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
  - Joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)
  - Global Fund
  - MSM Global Forum and other NGOs



## PEPFAR's Work With MSM

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- **Establish a comprehensive package of evidence-based interventions for MSM**
- **Builds off existing work and supports best practices to optimize HIV prevention with MSM**
- **Support a human rights-based approach to prevention for MSM**
- **Formalize, strengthen and coordinate activities with key multilateral and bilateral organizations**



# Size Estimation Workshops

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- Three workshops in SSA (2010)
  - Critical for determining HIV burden
  - Planning for prevention treatment and care
  - Advocacy
- Countries focusing on MSM
  - Angola
  - Botswana
  - Kenya
  - Malawi
  - Mozambique
  - Namibia
  - South Africa
  - Sudan
  - Uganda, Zambia





## Comprehensive Package of Services

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- **PEPFAR considers the following to be core elements of a comprehensive package of HIV prevention services for MSM:**
  - Community-based outreach
  - Condom and condom-compatible lubricant distribution
  - HIV counseling and testing
  - Active linkage to health care and antiretroviral treatment
  - Targeted information, education and communication
  - Sexually transmitted infection prevention, screening and treatment



## Environments supporting HIV prevention

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PEPFAR programs should seek to create safe spaces for MSM to access evidence- and human rights-based services and ensure that services are based on:

- Equity
- Nondiscrimination
- Voluntariness
- Collaboration and involvement of affected populations
- Combating stigma or discrimination
- Do not increase risk for violence or incarceration



## Optimizing Prevention

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- **Best practices for optimizing HIV prevention with MSM include:**
  - Involving MSM
  - Ensuring confidentiality
  - Providing staff training
  - Collecting and using strategic information
  - Linking, integrating and co-locating services
  - Incorporating research advances and new technologies





## Monitoring Implementation and Impact

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- Number of countries introducing expanding programs
- Implementing a public health and human rights based approach
- Implementing core components of a comprehensive program
- Progress toward achieving high coverage and high quality interventions
- Evaluation of program effectiveness

# Thank you

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