The U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief

Overview of the PEPFAR’s Prevention activities for MSM
• 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

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

• 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

- 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

• 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
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
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

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

- 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