

Presentation at PCB meeting

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Rwanda National Plan

- Launched in the Rwandan parliament by HE the 1st lady – demonstrated not only high level political commitment but also increased national ownership
- Accelerated consideration of Gender issues in the national HIV response and acted as guidance to actors/partners in the area of HIV and Gender
- Capacity built to key players including Gov't staff at both central and local levels on how to mainstream Gender in HIV programming

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- Strengthened data collection system and use of gender and HIV data from both National and decentralized levels (know your epidemic from a gender perspective, Data Demand and Use at sub national levels) to inform the next NSP currently being developed
- The Plan has accelerated awareness on the link between Gender based violence and HIV, also increased service delivery like at GBV one stop center

Challenges

- **Funds:** most of the funds specified in the Plan as available are mainstreamed budget mostly from the Global Fund national strategic application, however there is a need to have specific budget for specified activities
- Certain **cultural norms and practices** limit fully the engagement of men and women in HIV and reproductive health services.

Way forward

- Fully integrate the Accelerated Plan in the next HIV NSP
- Continue to scale up gender sensitive service delivery with specific attention to key populations
- Strengthen the parliamentary network on population and Development action to address vulnerability of sex workers
- Implementing a gender responsive budgeting
- Strengthen the involvement of men and boys in reaching gender equality in order to transform harmful culture norms
- Integrate gender considerations in all HIV data collection systems and tools

Thank you



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