

Rapporteur's report:

Panel 3: Universal Access, forced displacement and humanitarian situations

- Chair: *Dr Tedros Adhanom, Minister of Health of Ethiopia*
- Keynote: *Professor Walter Kälin, Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons*
- Speakers: *Cyriaque Niyigaba, Africa Humanitarian Action*
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Highlights

- Issues faced in contexts still affected by armed conflict, natural disasters
- Social and community networks fall apart
- Institutional presence and support break down (health, education and legal)
- Sexual violence and abuse common leading to much higher likelihood of contracting HIV
- Access to health systems and inclusion in national strategies severely compromised as a result

Barriers to Universal Access

- Loss of employment/livelihoods
- Focus on access to food, water, sanitation and shelter and basic needs
- Language/ethnicity/IDP/refugee status trigger discrimination
- Fear of accessing services – medical, security
- Inability to meet documentary/bureaucratic requirements
- Lack of respect for privacy of displaced persons in provision of services
- IDP/refugee PLHIV expelled from communities under threat of death

Examples of successful programmes or policies to address these barriers

Solutions	Actors
Introduction of legal mechanisms for rights protection	Government security forces; community leaders
Test and diagnostic services brought to IDP settlements	Civil society; government
Establishment of medication network to prevent interruptions of ART	PLHIV networks; civil society; government

Conclusions and Recommendations

- Inter-sectoral approach (civil society, UN and Gov)
- Differentiated and sustainable approach in National HIV Response Plans
- Strategies at all levels to include prevention of sexual violence
- Ensure comprehensive services (prevention, treatment, care and support) are available to refugee/IDP camps or bureaucratic barriers are removed
- *Livelihoods strategies* to be linked-up to capacity building efforts among refugees/IDPs
- Include HIV focus in emergency contingency planning
- Advocacy at all levels with strengthening of local associations of PLWHA is key