Seychelles Report NCPI

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**Describe the process used for NCPI data gathering and validation:** ANALYSIS AND SUMMARY OF RESPONSES TO NATIONAL COMPOSITE POLICY INSTRUMENTS (NCPI) QUESTIONNAIRE (PART "A" AND "B") PURPOSE OF NCPI REVIEW PROCESS

The process aims to gather information to know the progress, challenges on overall policy, strategy, legal and programmes implementation environment for the HIV/AIDS response in Seychelles. The National Composite Policy Instruments (NCPI) relates to critical enablers, i.e. those elements that entail supportive and protective policy and legal environment for scale up of national multi sectoral HIV/AIDS Prevention, Treatment and Care and Support. It is part of UNGASS reporting exercise which is a commitment by the member states under the terms of the 2011 Political Declaration. UNGASS emphasizes that effective national Response to HIV and AIDS should be measured by achievement of tangible, time-bound targets. Therefore, there is a need for systematic monitoring of the progress in implementing commitments.

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**Describe the process used for resolving disagreements, if any, with respect to the responses to specific questions:** A half day workshop was organised for sensitisation on the purpose, objectives and possible outcome of the exercise. There was an interactive participation where they had the opportunity for clarifications.

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**Highlight concerns, if any, related to the final NCPI data submitted (such as data quality, potential misinterpretation of questions and the like):**

The NCPI process has gathered important views on a number of areas useful in understanding the current country situation. There are consistent views from both part A and B questionnaires including remarkable progress in access to treatment services e.g. ARVs, but also limitation in treatment access to certain population groups. Generally, there are more shared than conflicting views on trends of national HIV/AIDS response. Not to say there is absolute agreement in all areas, but even yet the points teased out in this summary will require further corroboration with evidence from desk reviews of other documents, and validation considering not all respondents share same views on even some of the most pronounced trends. It is also important to acknowledge that, the sample of the participants in this process are relatively few, therefore, the views and general trends identified should only be interpreted carefully within reasonable scope and generalized only after triangulation with findings from desktop reviews of existing policy documents and validation with national stakeholders.

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**NCPI - PART A [to be administered to government officials]**
A.I Strategic plan

1. Has the country developed a national multisectoral strategy to respond to HIV?: Yes

IF YES, what is the period covered: 2012-2016

IF YES, briefly describe key developments/modifications between the current national strategy and the prior one. IF NO or NOT APPLICABLE, briefly explain why.: Target addressing concentrated epidemic

IF YES, complete questions 1.1 through 1.10; IF NO, go to question 2.

1.1. Which government ministries or agencies have overall responsibility for the development and implementation of the national multi-sectoral strategy to respond to HIV?: Ministry of Health NAtional AIDS Council

1.2. Which sectors are included in the multisectoral strategy with a specific HIV budget for their activities?

Education:

Included in Strategy: No

Earmarked Budget: No

Health:

Included in Strategy: Yes

Earmarked Budget: No

Labour:

Included in Strategy: No

Earmarked Budget: Yes

Military/Police:

Included in Strategy: No

Earmarked Budget: No

Social Welfare:

Included in Strategy: Yes
Earmarked Budget: No

Transportation: No

Included in Strategy: No

Earmarked Budget: No

Women: No

Included in Strategy: No

Earmarked Budget: No

Young People:

Included in Strategy: Yes

Earmarked Budget: No

Other:

Included in Strategy: No

Earmarked Budget: No

IF NO earmarked budget for some or all of the above sectors, explain what funding is used to ensure implementation of their HIV-specific activities?: Current National Budget

1.3. Does the multisectoral strategy address the following key populations/other vulnerable populations, settings and cross-cutting issues?

KEY POPULATIONS AND OTHER VULNERABLE POPULATIONS:

Discordant couples: Yes

Elderly persons: Yes

Men who have sex with men: Yes

Migrants/mobile populations: Yes

Orphans and other vulnerable children: Yes

People with disabilities: Yes

People who inject drugs: Yes

Sex workers: Yes

Transgender people: No
Women and girls: Yes

Young women/young men: Yes

Other specific vulnerable subpopulations: Yes

SETTINGS:

Prisons: Yes

Schools: Yes

Workplace: Yes

CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES:

Addressing stigma and discrimination: Yes

Gender empowerment and/or gender equality: Yes

HIV and poverty: Yes

Human rights protection: Yes

Involvement of people living with HIV: Yes

IF NO, explain how key populations were identified?

1.4. What are the identified key populations and vulnerable groups for HIV programmes in the country?

People living with HIV: Yes

Men who have sex with men: Yes

Migrants/mobile populations: Yes

Orphans and other vulnerable children: Yes

People with disabilities: Yes

People who inject drugs: Yes

Prison inmates: Yes

Sex workers: Yes

Transgender people: No

Women and girls: Yes
Young women/young men: Yes

Other specific key populations/vulnerable subpopulations [write in]: Yes

1.5 Does the country have a strategy for addressing HIV issues among its national uniformed services (such as military, police, peacekeepers, prison staff, etc)? Yes

1.6. Does the multisectoral strategy include an operational plan? Yes

1.7. Does the multisectoral strategy or operational plan include:

a) Formal programme goals?: Yes

b) Clear targets or milestones?: Yes

c) Detailed costs for each programmatic area?: Yes

d) An indication of funding sources to support programme implementation?: Yes

e) A monitoring and evaluation framework?: Yes

1.8. Has the country ensured “full involvement and participation” of civil society in the development of the multisectoral strategy?: Active involvement

IF ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT, briefly explain how this was organised.: Members of all committees

IF NO or MODERATE INVOLVEMENT, briefly explain why this was the case.: 

1.9. Has the multisectoral strategy been endorsed by most external development partners (bi-laterals, multi-laterals)?: Yes

1.10. Have external development partners aligned and harmonized their HIV-related programmes to the national multisectoral strategy?: Yes, all partners

IF SOME PARTNERS or NO, briefly explain for which areas there is no alignment/harmonization and why:

2.1. Has the country integrated HIV in the following specific development plans?

SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS:

Common Country Assessment/UN Development Assistance Framework: Yes

National Development Plan: Yes

Poverty Reduction Strategy: Yes

National Social Protection Strategic Plan: Yes

Sector-wide approach: Yes
Other [write in]:

: Yes

2.2. IF YES, are the following specific HIV-related areas included in one or more of the development plans?

HIV-RELATED AREA INCLUDED IN PLAN(S):

Elimination of punitive laws: No

HIV impact alleviation (including palliative care for adults and children): Yes

Reduction of gender inequalities as they relate to HIV prevention/treatment, care and/or support: Yes

Reduction of income inequalities as they relate to HIV prevention/treatment, care and/or support: Yes

Reduction of stigma and discrimination: No

Treatment, care, and support (including social protection or other schemes): Yes

Women’s economic empowerment (e.g. access to credit, access to land, training): Yes

Other [write in]:

: N/A

3. Has the country evaluated the impact of HIV on its socioeconomic development for planning purposes?: No

3.1. IF YES, on a scale of 0 to 5 (where 0 is “Low” and 5 is “High”), to what extent has the evaluation informed resource allocation decisions?: 0

4. Does the country have a plan to strengthen health systems?: Yes

Please include information as to how this has impacted HIV-related infrastructure, human resources and capacities, and logistical systems to deliver medications and children: Trained personnel National AIDS Trust Fund/non regular budget establishment of NAC by Law Free Health care system

5. Are health facilities providing HIV services integrated with other health services?

a) HIV Counselling & Testing with Sexual & Reproductive Health: Many

b) HIV Counselling & Testing and Tuberculosis: Many

c) HIV Counselling & Testing and general outpatient care: Many

d) HIV Counselling & Testing and chronic Non-Communicable Diseases: Many

e) ART and Tuberculosis: Many

f) ART and general outpatient care: Many
g) ART and chronic Non-Communicable Diseases: Many

h) PMTCT with Antenatal Care/Maternal & Child Health: Many

i) Other comments on HIV integration: Services for PWID

6. Overall, on a scale of 0 to 10 (where 0 is “Very Poor” and 10 is “Excellent”), how would you rate strategy planning efforts in your country’s HIV programmes in 2013?: 8

Since 2011, what have been key achievements in this area: - New NSP - Legal Assessment of environment - Studies (IDUS snd MSM) - KAPB

What challenges remain in this area: - New Studies amongst the Key population - Inadequate HR - Resource gap

A.II Political support and leadership

1. Do the following high officials speak publicly and favourably about HIV efforts in major domestic forums at least twice a year?

A. Government ministers: Yes

B. Other high officials at sub-national level: Yes

1.1. In the last 12 months, have the head of government or other high officials taken action that demonstrated leadership in the response to HIV?: Yes

Briefly describe actions/examples of instances where the head of government or other high officials have demonstrated leadership: - Law for inactement of NAC Law - Appointment of Key Official of NAC - Funds for free treatment (ARVs) - Audited of HIV performance

2. Does the country have an officially recognized national multisectoral HIV coordination body (i.e., a National HIV Council or equivalent)?: Yes

IF NO, briefly explain why not and how HIV programmes are being managed:

2.1. IF YES, does the national multisectoral HIV coordination body:

Have terms of reference?: Yes

Have active government leadership and participation?: Yes

Have an official chair person?: Yes

IF YES, what is his/her name and position title?: Anne Gabriel - Chief Executive Officer - National Aids Council

Have a defined membership?: Yes

IF YES, how many members?: 12

Include civil society representatives?: Yes

IF YES, how many?:
Include people living with HIV?: No

IF YES, how many?:

Include the private sector?: Yes

Strengthen donor coordination to avoid parallel funding and duplication of effort in programming and reporting?: No

3. Does the country have a mechanism to promote coordination between government, civil society organizations, and the private sector for implementing HIV strategies/programmes?: No

IF YES, briefly describe the main achievements:

What challenges remain in this area?: AIDS Control Program is still boudling as NAC secretariat. Inadequate resource to ensure wider participation and involvement.

4. What percentage of the national HIV budget was spent on activities implemented by civil society in the past year?:

5. What kind of support does the National HIV Commission (or equivalent) provide to civil society organizations for the implementation of HIV-related activities?

Capacity-building: Yes

Coordination with other implementing partners: Yes

Information on priority needs: Yes

Procurement and distribution of medications or other supplies: Yes

Technical guidance: Yes

Other [write in]: No

6. Has the country reviewed national policies and laws to determine which, if any, are inconsistent with the National HIV Control policies?: Yes

6.1. IF YES, were policies and laws amended to be consistent with the National HIV Control policies?: No

IF YES, name and describe how the policies / laws were amended:

Name and describe any inconsistencies that remain between any policies/laws and the National AIDS Control policies: Aged of consent for access to reproductive health services remains 18 years, inconsistent with legal age for marriage. Decriminalising certain practices among key population.

7. Overall, on a scale of 0 to 10 (where 0 is “Very Poor” and 10 is “Excellent”), how would you rate the political support for the HIV programme in 2013?: 9

Since 2011, what have been key achievements in this area?: Better funding support political vocal and speak positively about HIV services.
What challenges remain in this area: Some group-political, NGO, religious not fully convinced of harm reduction strategy among Key population.

A.III Human rights

1.1. Does the country have non-discrimination laws or regulations which specify protections for specific key populations and other vulnerable groups? Select yes if the policy specifies any of the following key populations and vulnerable groups:

People living with HIV: No

Men who have sex with men: No

Migrants/mobile populations: No

Orphans and other vulnerable children: No

People with disabilities: No

People who inject drugs: No

Prison inmates: No

Sex workers: No

Transgender people: No

Women and girls: No

Young women/young men: No

Other specific vulnerable subpopulations [write in]: No

1.2. Does the country have a general (i.e., not specific to HIV-related discrimination) law on non-discrimination?: Yes

IF YES to Question 1.1. or 1.2., briefly describe the content of the/laws: Employment act

Briefly explain what mechanisms are in place to ensure these laws are implemented: Tripartite Partite Comitte for HIV and AIDS( ministry of Employment)

Briefly comment on the degree to which they are currently implemented: 90%

2. Does the country have laws, regulations or policies that present obstacles to effective HIV prevention, treatment, care and support for key populations and vulnerable groups?: Yes

IF YES, for which key populations and vulnerable groups?:

People living with HIV: No
Elderly persons: No

Men who have sex with men: No

Migrants/mobile populations: Yes

Orphans and other vulnerable children: No

People with disabilities: No

People who inject drugs: Yes

Prison inmates: Yes

Sex workers: Yes

Transgender people: No

Women and girls: No

Young women/young men: No

Other specific vulnerable populations [write in]:

: No

Briefly describe the content of these laws, regulations or policies:

- Possession of illegal drugs including syringes and needles
- Loitering for CSW
- Access to services is 18 years old

Briefly comment on how they pose barriers:

- More stigmatised

A.IV Prevention

1. Does the country have a policy or strategy that promotes information, education and communication (IEC) on HIV to the general population?: Yes

IF YES, what key messages are explicitly promoted?:

Delay sexual debut: Yes

Engage in safe(r) sex: Yes

Fight against violence against women: No

Greater acceptance and involvement of people living with HIV: Yes

Greater involvement of men in reproductive health programmes: Yes

Know your HIV status: Yes

Males to get circumcised under medical supervision: No
Prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV: Yes

Promote greater equality between men and women: Yes

Reduce the number of sexual partners: Yes

Use clean needles and syringes: No

Use condoms consistently: Yes

Other [write in]:

1. In the last year, did the country implement an activity or programme to promote accurate reporting on HIV by the media?: Yes

2. Does the country have a policy or strategy to promote life-skills based HIV education for young people?: Yes

2.1. Is HIV education part of the curriculum in:

Primary schools?: No

Secondary schools?: Yes

Teacher training?: Yes

2.2. Does the strategy include

a) age-appropriate sexual and reproductive health elements?: Yes

b) gender-sensitive sexual and reproductive health elements?: Yes

2.3. Does the country have an HIV education strategy for out-of-school young people?: Yes

3. Does the country have a policy or strategy to promote information, education and communication and other preventive health interventions for key or other vulnerable sub-populations?: Yes

Briefly describe the content of this policy or strategy: SBCC Framework HTC Framework

3.1. IF YES, which populations and what elements of HIV prevention does the policy/strategy address?

People who inject drugs: Condom promotion, Drug substitution therapy, HIV testing and counseling, Needle & syringe exchange, Reproductive health, including sexually transmitted infections prevention and treatment, Stigma and discrimination reduction, Targeted information on risk reduction and HIV education, Vulnerability reduction (e.g. income generation)

Men who have sex with men: Condom promotion, HIV testing and counseling, Reproductive health, including sexually transmitted infections prevention and treatment, Stigma and discrimination reduction, Targeted information on risk reduction and HIV education, Vulnerability reduction (e.g. income generation)

Sex workers: Condom promotion, HIV testing and counseling, Reproductive health, including sexually transmitted infections prevention and treatment, Stigma and discrimination reduction, Targeted information on risk reduction and HIV
education, Vulnerability reduction (e.g. income generation)

**Customers of sex workers:** Condom promotion, HIV testing and counseling, Reproductive health, including sexually transmitted infections prevention and treatment, Stigma and discrimination reduction, Targeted information on risk reduction and HIV education, Vulnerability reduction (e.g. income generation)

**Prison inmates:** Condom promotion, Drug substitution therapy, HIV testing and counseling, Reproductive health, including sexually transmitted infections prevention and treatment, Stigma and discrimination reduction, Targeted information on risk reduction and HIV education, Vulnerability reduction (e.g. income generation)

**Other populations [write in]:**

3.2. Overall, on a scale of 0 to 10 (where 0 is “Very Poor” and 10 is “Excellent”), how would you rate policy efforts in support of HIV prevention in 2013? 8

Since 2011, what have been key achievements in this area?:

What challenges remain in this area?: Not implemented fully

4. Has the country identified specific needs for HIV prevention programmes?: Yes

If YES, how were these specific needs determined?: Evidenced based - Surveys, Best Practices, reports

If YES, what are these specific needs?: Scale up HIV AIDS Response

4.1. To what extent has HIV prevention been implemented?

The majority of people in need have access to:

- Blood safety: Strongly agree
- Condom promotion: Strongly agree
- Economic support e.g. cash transfers: Agree
- Harm reduction for people who inject drugs: Disagree
- HIV prevention for out-of-school young people: Disagree
- HIV prevention in the workplace: Agree
- HIV testing and counseling: Strongly agree
- IEC on risk reduction: Agree
- IEC on stigma and discrimination reduction: Agree
- Prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV: Strongly agree
- Prevention for people living with HIV: Strongly agree
Reproductive health services including sexually transmitted infections prevention and treatment: Strongly agree

Risk reduction for intimate partners of key populations: Disagree

Risk reduction for men who have sex with men: Disagree

Risk reduction for sex workers: Disagree

Reduction of gender based violence: Agree

School-based HIV education for young people: Agree

Treatment as prevention: Strongly agree

Universal precautions in health care settings: Agree

Other [write in]:

5. Overall, on a scale of 0 to 10 (where 0 is “Very Poor” and 10 is “Excellent”), how would you rate the efforts in implementation of HIV prevention programmes in 2013?: 7

A.V Treatment, care and support

1. Has the country identified the essential elements of a comprehensive package of HIV treatment, care and support services?: Yes

If YES, Briefly identify the elements and what has been prioritized: -ART in accordance with WHO guidelines -Free HTC/VCT

Briefly identify how HIV treatment, care and support services are being scaled-up?: - Increased compliance - Comprehensive follow up

1.1. To what extent have the following HIV treatment, care and support services been implemented?

The majority of people in need have access to...:

Antiretroviral therapy: Strongly disagree

ART for TB patients: Strongly disagree

Cotrimoxazole prophylaxis in people living with HIV: Strongly disagree

Early infant diagnosis: Strongly disagree

Economic support: Agree

Family based care and support: Agree

HIV care and support in the workplace (including alternative working arrangements): Agree
HIV testing and counselling for people with TB: Strongly disagree

HIV treatment services in the workplace or treatment referral systems through the workplace: Disagree

Nutritional care: Strongly disagree

Paediatric AIDS treatment: Strongly disagree

Palliative care for children and adults: Strongly disagree

Post-delivery ART provision to women: Strongly disagree

Post-exposure prophylaxis for non-occupational exposure (e.g., sexual assault): Strongly disagree

Post-exposure prophylaxis for occupational exposures to HIV: Strongly disagree

Psychosocial support for people living with HIV and their families: Agree

Sexually transmitted infection management: Agree

TB infection control in HIV treatment and care facilities: Agree

TB preventive therapy for people living with HIV: Agree

TB screening for people living with HIV: Agree

Treatment of common HIV-related infections: Agree

Other [write in]:

2. Does the government have a policy or strategy in place to provide social and economic support to people infected/affected by HIV?: Yes

Please clarify which social and economic support is provided: Social services assistance Community care Financial support for all categories related to HIV Orphanges Food supplementation

3. Does the country have a policy or strategy for developing/using generic medications or parallel importing of medications for HIV?: Yes

4. Does the country have access to regional procurement and supply management mechanisms for critical commodities, such as antiretroviral therapy medications, condoms, and substitution medications?: No

IF YES, for which commodities?:

5. Overall, on a scale of 0 to 10 (where 0 is “Very Poor” and 10 is “Excellent”), how would you rate the efforts in the implementation of HIV treatment, care, and support programmes in 2013?: 9

Since 2011, what have been key achievements in this area: Free treatment and management Free food supplement/artificial milk replacement Political commitment Engagement of civil society Creation of a National AIDS Trust Fund
What challenges remain in this area: Inadequate human resources Non compliant No specific legislation targeting Key population Resource gaps to develop services for key population Laws for minors to access services Centralisation of services

6. Does the country have a policy or strategy to address the needs of orphans and other vulnerable children?: Yes

6.1. IF YES, is there an operational definition for orphans and vulnerable children in the country?: Yes

6.2. IF YES, does the country have a national action plan specifically for orphans and vulnerable children?: Yes

7. Overall, on a scale of 0 to 10 (where 0 is “Very Poor” and 10 is “Excellent”), how would you rate the efforts to meet the HIV-related needs of orphans and other vulnerable children in 2013?: 9

Since 2011, what have been key achievements in this area: Family tribunal Orphanages Financial support Civil society

What challenges remain in this area: PWID especially mothers

A.VI Monitoring and evaluation

1. Does the country have one national Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) plan for HIV?: Yes

Briefly describe any challenges in development or implementation: -Inadequate HR No institutional framework

1.1. IF YES, years covered: 2012-2016

1.2. IF YES, have key partners aligned and harmonized their M&E requirements (including indicators) with the national M&E plan?: Yes, some partners

Briefly describe what the issues are: -Inadequate HR

2. Does the national Monitoring and Evaluation plan include?

A data collection strategy: Yes

IF YES, does it address:

Behavioural surveys: Yes

Evaluation / research studies: Yes

HIV Drug resistance surveillance: Yes

HIV surveillance: Yes

Routine programme monitoring: Yes

A data analysis strategy: Yes

A data dissemination and use strategy: Yes

A well-defined standardised set of indicators that includes sex and age disaggregation (where appropriate): Yes
Guidelines on tools for data collection: Yes

3. Is there a budget for implementation of the M&E plan?: No

3.1. IF YES, what percentage of the total HIV programme funding is budgeted for M&E activities?:

4. Is there a functional national M&E Unit?: No

Briefly describe any obstacles: inadequate HR

4.1. Where is the national M&E Unit based?

In the Ministry of Health?: Yes

In the National HIV Commission (or equivalent)?: Yes

Elsewhere?: No

If elsewhere, please specify:

4.2. How many and what type of professional staff are working in the national M&E Unit?

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4.3. Are there mechanisms in place to ensure that all key partners submit their M&E data/reports to the M&E Unit for inclusion in the national M&E system?: Yes

Briefly describe the data-sharing mechanisms: Periodic reports

What are the major challenges in this area?: Indequate Hr

5. Is there a national M&E Committee or Working Group that meets regularly to coordinate M&E activities?: No

6. Is there a central national database with HIV-related data?: Yes

IF YES, briefly describe the national database and who manages it.: Directorate of Epidemiology and Statistics

6.1. IF YES, does it include information about the content, key populations and geographical coverage of HIV services, as well as their implementing organizations?: Yes, but only some of the above

IF YES, but only some of the above, which aspects does it include?: Sentinel sites

6.2. Is there a functional Health Information System?

At national level: Yes

At subnational level: No

IF YES, at what level(s)?: National
7.1. Are there reliable estimates of current needs and of future needs of the number of adults and children requiring antiretroviral therapy?: Estimates of Current and Future Needs

7.2. Is HIV programme coverage being monitored?: Yes

(a) IF YES, is coverage monitored by sex (male, female)?: Yes

(b) IF YES, is coverage monitored by population groups?: Yes

IF YES, for which population groups?: All

Briefly explain how this information is used: -To re-strategize -Informed policy makers for decision making - Strategic Planning -Resource mobilisation

(c) Is coverage monitored by geographical area?: Yes

IF YES, at which geographical levels (provincial, district, other)?: District

Briefly explain how this information is used: As above

8. Does the country publish an M&E report on HIV, including HIV surveillance data at least once a year?: Yes

9. How are M&E data used?

For programme improvement?: Yes

In developing / revising the national HIV response?: Yes

For resource allocation?: Yes

Other [write in]:

: No

Briefly provide specific examples of how M&E data are used, and the main challenges, if any: Inadequate HR

10. In the last year, was training in M&E conducted

At national level?: No

IF YES, what was the number trained:

At subnational level?: No

IF YES, what was the number trained:

At service delivery level including civil society?: No

IF YES, how many?:

10.1. Were other M&E capacity-building activities conducted other than training?: No
IF YES, describe what types of activities:

11. Overall, on a scale of 0 to 10 (where 0 is “Very Poor” and 10 is “Excellent”), how would you rate the HIV-related monitoring and evaluation (M&E) in 2013?: 3

Since 2011, what have been key achievements in this area?: -Fairly

What challenges remain in this area?: - Resources - structure

B.I Civil Society involvement

1. To what extent (on a scale of 0 to 5 where 0 is “Low” and 5 is “High”) has civil society contributed to strengthening the political commitment of top leaders and national strategy/policy formulations?: 4

Comments and examples: - Multisectoral approach into the development of all national strategies including the UN team - sensitisation of top leaders

2. To what extent (on a scale of 0 to 5 where 0 is “Low” and 5 is “High”) have civil society representatives been involved in the planning and budgeting process for the National Strategic Plan on HIV or for the most current activity plan (e.g. attending planning meetings and reviewing drafts)?: 4

Comments and examples: - Active participation in planning processes - UN team supported through funding

3. To what extent (on a scale of 0 to 5 where 0 is “Low” and 5 is “High”) are the services provided by civil society in areas of HIV prevention, treatment, care and support included in:

a. The national HIV strategy?: 5

b. The national HIV budget?: 4

c. The national HIV reports?: 5

Comments and examples: 

4. To what extent (on a scale of 0 to 5 where 0 is “Low” and 5 is “High”) is civil society included in the monitoring and evaluation (M&E) of the HIV response?

a. Developing the national M&E plan?: 4

b. Participating in the national M&E committee / working group responsible for coordination of M&E activities?: 4

c. Participate in using data for decision-making?: 4

Comments and examples: - Member of national committees

5. To what extent (on a scale of 0 to 5 where 0 is “Low” and 5 is “High”) is civil society representation in HIV efforts inclusive of diverse organizations (e.g. organisations and networks of people living with HIV, of sex workers, community based organisations, and faith-based organizations)?: 4

Comments and examples: - Members of National Committees - Partnership in programme implementation
6. To what extent (on a scale of 0 to 5 where 0 is “Low” and 5 is “High”) is civil society able to access:

   a. Adequate financial support to implement its HIV activities?: 4

   b. Adequate technical support to implement its HIV activities?: 4

**Comments and examples:** - Mobilisation of resources - Implementation of programmes

7. What percentage of the following HIV programmes/services is estimated to be provided by civil society?

   **Prevention for key-populations:**
   - People living with HIV: 25-50%
   - Men who have sex with men: <25%
   - People who inject drugs: <25%
   - Sex workers: <25%
   - Transgender people:
     - Palliative care: <25%

   **Testing and Counselling:** 51–75%

   **Know your Rights/ Legal services:** 51–75%

   **Reduction of Stigma and Discrimination:** 51–75%

   **Clinical services (ART/OI):** <25%

   **Home-based care:** <25%

   **Programmes for OVC:** 25-50%

8. Overall, on a scale of 0 to 10 (where 0 is “Very Poor” and 10 is “Excellent”), how would you rate the efforts to increase civil society participation in 2013?: 7

   **Since 2011, what have been key achievements in this area:** - Provision of technical support - Support in national activities

   **What challenges remain in this area:** - Resource gaps

**B.II Political support and leadership**

1. Has the Government, through political and financial support, involved people living with HIV, key populations and/or other vulnerable sub-populations in governmental HIV-policy design and programme implementation?: Yes
IF YES, describe some examples of when and how this has happened: - Involved actively into the designation of national strategies

**B.III Human rights**

1.1. Does the country have non-discrimination laws or regulations which specify protections for specific key populations and other vulnerable subpopulations? Circle yes if the policy specifies any of the following key populations:

**KEY POPULATIONS and VULNERABLE SUBPOPULATIONS:**

- People living with HIV: No
- Men who have sex with men: No
- Migrants/mobile populations: No
- Orphans and other vulnerable children: Yes
- People with disabilities: Yes
- People who inject drugs: No
- Prison inmates: No
- Sex workers: No
- Transgender people: No
- Women and girls: Yes
- Young women/young men: Yes
- Other specific vulnerable subpopulations [write in]: No

1.2. Does the country have a general (i.e., not specific to HIV-related discrimination) law on non-discrimination?: Yes

IF YES to Question 1.1 or 1.2, briefly describe the contents of these laws: - Not directly related to HIV

Briefly explain what mechanisms are in place to ensure that these laws are implemented:

Briefly comment on the degree to which they are currently implemented:

2. Does the country have laws, regulations or policies that present obstacles to effective HIV prevention, treatment, care and support for key populations and other vulnerable subpopulations?: Yes

2.1. IF YES, for which sub-populations?

**KEY POPULATIONS and VULNERABLE SUBPOPULATIONS:**
People living with HIV: No

Men who have sex with men: Yes

Migrants/mobile populations: Yes

Orphans and other vulnerable children: No

People with disabilities: No

People who inject drugs: Yes

Prison inmates: Yes

Sex workers: Yes

Transgender people: Yes

Women and girls: Yes

Young women/young men: Yes

Other specific vulnerable populations [write in]:

: No

Briefly describe the content of these laws, regulations or policies: - Disparity in age of consent to sex and parental consent to services - PWID- Possession of illigal drugs and other related parapilia -Criminalisation key population

Briefly comment on how they pose barriers: -parental consent for minors -Delay in disclosure including testing

3. Does the country have a policy, law or regulation to reduce violence against women, including for example, victims of sexual assault or women living with HIV?: Yes

Briefly describe the content of the policy, law or regulation and the populations included.: There are national structures preventing such act

4. Is the promotion and protection of human rights explicitly mentioned in any HIV policy or strategy?: Yes

IF YES, briefly describe how human rights are mentioned in this HIV policy or strategy: - All can access treatment care and support

5. Is there a mechanism to record, document and address cases of discrimination experienced by people living with HIV, key populations and other vulnerable populations?: No

IF YES, briefly describe this mechanism:

6. Does the country have a policy or strategy of free services for the following? Indicate if these services are provided free-of-charge to all people, to some people or not at all (circle “yes” or “no” as applicable).

Antiretroviral treatment:
Provided free-of-charge to all people in the country: Yes
Provided free-of-charge to some people in the country: No
Provided, but only at a cost: No

HIV prevention services:

Provided free-of-charge to all people in the country: Yes
Provided free-of-charge to some people in the country: No
Provided, but only at a cost: No

HIV-related care and support interventions:

Provided free-of-charge to all people in the country: Yes
Provided free-of-charge to some people in the country: No
Provided, but only at a cost: No

If applicable, which populations have been identified as priority, and for which services?:

7. Does the country have a policy or strategy to ensure equal access for women and men to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support?: Yes

7.1. In particular, does the country have a policy or strategy to ensure access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support for women outside the context of pregnancy and childbirth?: Yes

8. Does the country have a policy or strategy to ensure equal access for key populations and/or other vulnerable sub-populations to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support?: Yes

IF YES, Briefly describe the content of this policy/strategy and the populations included: Inclusive into the NSP

8.1. IF YES, does this policy/strategy include different types of approaches to ensure equal access for different key populations and/or other vulnerable sub-populations?: Yes

IF YES, briefly explain the different types of approaches to ensure equal access for different populations: Services are accessible, free of charge and acceptable to all but using is another issue

9. Does the country have a policy or law prohibiting HIV screening for general employment purposes (recruitment, assignment/relocation, appointment, promotion, termination)?: Yes

IF YES, briefly describe the content of the policy or law: Stipulated into the workplace policy 2012 - Inacted into the employment act

10. Does the country have the following human rights monitoring and enforcement mechanisms?

a. Existence of independent national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights, including human rights commissions, law reform commissions, watchdogs, and ombudspersons which consider HIV-related issues within their work: Yes
b. Performance indicators or benchmarks for compliance with human rights standards in the context of HIV efforts: No

IF YES on any of the above questions, describe some examples: -

11. In the last 2 years, have there been the following training and/or capacity-building activities:

a. Programmes to educate, raise awareness among people living with HIV and key populations concerning their rights (in the context of HIV)?: Yes

b. Programmes for members of the judiciary and law enforcement46 on HIV and human rights issues that may come up in the context of their work?: Yes

12. Are the following legal support services available in the country?

a. Legal aid systems for HIV casework: Yes

b. Private sector law firms or university-based centres to provide free or reduced-cost legal services to people living with HIV: No

13. Are there programmes in place to reduce HIV-related stigma and discrimination?: Yes

IF YES, what types of programmes?:

Programmes for health care workers: Yes

Programmes for the media: Yes

Programmes in the work place: Yes

Other [write in]:

: No

14. Overall, on a scale of 0 to 10 (where 0 is “Very Poor” and 10 is “Excellent”), how would you rate the policies, laws and regulations in place to promote and protect human rights in relation to HIV in 2013?: 5

Since 2011, what have been key achievements in this area: -Situational Analysis of the legal environment - Inactment of the workplace policy

What challenges remain in this area: -Development of national strategies - Address specific laws or regulation to address them

15. Overall, on a scale of 0 to 10 (where 0 is “Very Poor” and 10 is “Excellent”), how would you rate the effort to implement human rights related policies, laws and regulations in 2013?: 5

Since 2011, what have been key achievements in this area: none

What challenges remain in this area: -Capacity buildin on human rights-based approach to programming

B.IV Prevention
1. Has the country identified the specific needs for HIV prevention programmes?: Yes

IF YES, how were these specific needs determined?: Surveys

IF YES, what are these specific needs?: Needs to address specific needs through targeted programmes

1.1 To what extent has HIV prevention been implemented?

The majority of people in need have access to:

Blood safety: Strongly agree

Condom promotion: Strongly agree

Harm reduction for people who inject drugs: Agree

HIV prevention for out-of-school young people: Agree

HIV prevention in the workplace: Agree

HIV testing and counseling: Strongly agree

IEC on risk reduction: Agree

IEC on stigma and discrimination reduction: Agree

Prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV: Strongly agree

Prevention for people living with HIV: Strongly agree

Reproductive health services including sexually transmitted infections prevention and treatment: Agree

Risk reduction for intimate partners of key populations: Agree

Risk reduction for men who have sex with men: Disagree

Risk reduction for sex workers: Disagree

School-based HIV education for young people: Agree

Universal precautions in health care settings: Strongly agree

Other [write in]:


2. Overall, on a scale of 0 to 10 (where 0 is “Very Poor” and 10 is “Excellent”), how would you rate the efforts in the implementation of HIV prevention programmes in 2013?: 8

Since 2011, what have been key achievements in this area?: Infection Control in Hospitals - SBCC Framework - Harm reduction - MAT
What challenges remain in this area: - Out of school activities - Gap in STIs prevention - Stigma and discrimination

B.V Treatment, care and support

1. Has the country identified the essential elements of a comprehensive package of HIV treatment, care and support services?: Yes

IF YES, Briefly identify the elements and what has been prioritized: - Involvement of partners and family members

Briefly identify how HIV treatment, care and support services are being scaled-up?: - HTC decentralised - Political commitment - Creation of the National AIDS Trust fund - Free treatment and management - Being members of National HIV AIDS Boards/CCMs

1.1. To what extent have the following HIV treatment, care and support services been implemented?

The majority of people in need have access to:

Antiretroviral therapy: Strongly agree

ART for TB patients: Strongly agree

Cotrimoxazole prophylaxis in people living with HIV: Strongly agree

Early infant diagnosis: Agree

HIV care and support in the workplace (including alternative working arrangements): Agree

HIV testing and counselling for people with TB: Strongly agree

HIV treatment services in the workplace or treatment referral systems through the workplace: N/A

Nutritional care: Agree

Paediatric AIDS treatment: Strongly agree

Post-delivery ART provision to women: Strongly agree

Post-exposure prophylaxis for non-occupational exposure (e.g., sexual assault): Strongly agree

Post-exposure prophylaxis for occupational exposures to HIV: Strongly agree

Psychosocial support for people living with HIV and their families: Agree

Sexually transmitted infection management: Agree

TB infection control in HIV treatment and care facilities: Strongly agree

TB preventive therapy for people living with HIV: Strongly agree

TB screening for people living with HIV: Strongly agree
**Treatment of common HIV-related infections**: Strongly agree

**Other [write in]**:

1.2. Overall, on a scale of 0 to 10 (where 0 is “Very Poor” and 10 is “Excellent”), how would you rate the efforts in the implementation of HIV treatment, care and support programmes in 2013?: 8

Since 2011, what have been key achievements in this area:

What challenges remain in this area:

2. Does the country have a policy or strategy to address the needs of orphans and other vulnerable children?: No

2.1. IF YES, is there an operational definition for orphans and vulnerable children in the country?: No

2.2. IF YES, does the country have a national action plan specifically for orphans and vulnerable children?: No

3. Overall, on a scale of 0 to 10 (where 0 is “Very Poor” and 10 is “Excellent”), how would you rate the efforts in the implementation of HIV treatment, care and support programmes in 2013?:

Since 2011, what have been key achievements in this area:

- HTC decentralised
- Political commitment
- Creation of the National AIDS Trust fund
- Free treatment and management
- Being members of National HIV AIDs Boards/CCMs

What challenges remain in this area:

- More involvement of partners and family members