

# UNAIDS STRATEGY REVIEW: Focus Group Synthesis template

**Country:** Kenya

**Organizer:** UNAIDS

**Date of discussion:** 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020

**REPORT**  
**UN JOINT TEAM ON HIV FGD MEETING**

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Please use the template to organize your feedback from the session. Please keep responses succinct and as clear as possible to ensure our synthesis is a reflection of the focus groups hosted.

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*Section one: Information about the focus group (to be completed by host of Focus Group)*

**Organization leading discussion: UNAIDS Kenya Office**

**Date of discussion: 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

**Theme to be discussed: Kenya progress with Fast track targets**

**Participants (types of organizations participating):**

- **UN Joint Team on HIV, Kenya**

**Country, regional or global focus: Country focus**

*Introducing the theme*

*Please enter the main characteristics of the theme being explored in 5 sentences (please share the presentation if possible by email)*

- Challenges with implementation of current strategy – fast track targets
- What needs to be prioritized in the next 5 years?
- What are the barriers that COVID 19 has introduced in the response
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**Section one: People centered response to HIV -key emerging issues**

<b>REACHING THE PEOPLE</b>	
<b>What has worked well</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adaptation to social media and use of cell phones for messaging</li> <li>• Involvement of clients in decision making since a lot of them know their rights</li> <li>• One stop shop model clinic for PWUDs – has gotten rid of discrimination thus improvement of service provision</li> <li>• Working with CSOs that consists mainly of peers</li> <li>• Innovation within the HIV programmes especially in KP programmes</li> <li>• Integration of services for the AYP</li> <li>• Targeted approach to specific populations</li> <li>• Focus on sustained support towards a strong CSO movement in terms of access to justice and know your rights movement</li> </ul>
<b>Gaps and challenges</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not everyone is reached through messaging via social media</li> <li>• Beneficiaries lacking capacity to run and manage their own programmes e.g. PWUDs</li> <li>• Kenya not categorizing prisoners as key and vulnerable populations despite the GF guidelines classifying them as key and vulnerable population</li> <li>• Difficulty of AYPs accessing condoms</li> </ul>
<b>What has not worked well</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIV prevention among PWUDs and prisoners hasn't worked well</li> <li>• CSE in schools</li> <li>• PMTCT in the country has lost its momentum</li> <li>• Government becoming evasive towards promotion of human rights</li> </ul>
<b>What needs to be done differently</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To capacitate beneficiaries to be able to run their own programmes e.g. PWUDs</li> <li>• To improve HIV prevention in prison and among PWUDs</li> <li>• To see how to target AYPs better in prevention programmes</li> <li>• To dispense UBRAF funds biennially rather than yearly</li> <li>• To advocate for CSE in schools</li> <li>• To continue working on AYP's accessibility to condoms</li> <li>• Reenergizing prevention agenda especially among the young people by enhancing traditional and non-traditional way of communication</li> <li>• Human centered approaches to be included in the next strategy</li> <li>• To come up with strategic interventions for low and medium burden regions in the country and regionally</li> </ul>

<b>STRUCTURES THAT RESPOND TO HIV</b>	
<b>What has worked well</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordination within the UN Joint team</li> <li>• UNJT, development partners and government working together</li> </ul>
<b>Gaps and challenges</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resources are skewed at national level</li> </ul>

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<b>What has not worked well</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responding as one UN to development partners, stakeholders, and government</li> <li>• Ensuring counties take up the service delivery model</li> <li>• UNJT being segmented in supporting national processes</li> <li>• Functionality of human rights within NACC and NASCOP</li> </ul>
<b>What needs to be done differently</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relaunch the efforts of integration of the UN Joint Team</li> <li>• To ensure there is efficiency of in terms of how structures work both at national and county level</li> <li>• Ensure resources are allocated at county level</li> <li>• To have a coordinated approach as one UN in supporting national processes</li> <li>• To come up with recommendations of accountability framework among the PRs and IP to ensure resources are reaching the people</li> <li>• To ensure GF dialogues are inclusive of people that need to be reached</li> <li>• Need to deliberate efforts in humanitarian context</li> </ul>

<b>CONTEXTUAL ENVIRONMENT</b>	
<b>What has worked well</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Done well in the outer rings of policy, community engagement and organizational support</li> </ul>
<b>Gaps and challenges</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shift from HIV to Covid 19</li> </ul>
<b>What has not worked well</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ring fencing of resources</li> </ul>
<b>What needs to be done differently</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To chart new territories where little or no achievement has been made within the HIV programme</li> <li>• To reflect on how the new UN reforms will affect the HIV response</li> <li>• To look at the cost effectiveness of some of the programmes since Covid 19 began</li> </ul>

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

<b>What are the key recommendations back to UNAIDS in terms of the strategy specifically?</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To document what has worked well</li> <li>• To consider integration of programmes with partners to accommodate areas that may not be funded</li> </ul>