THE ROLE OF COMMUNITIES IN ENDING AIDS

Community Engagement Achieves Results

Evidence from a Portfolio of Evaluations in support of

Community Engagement for Services Delivery, Advocacy and Change

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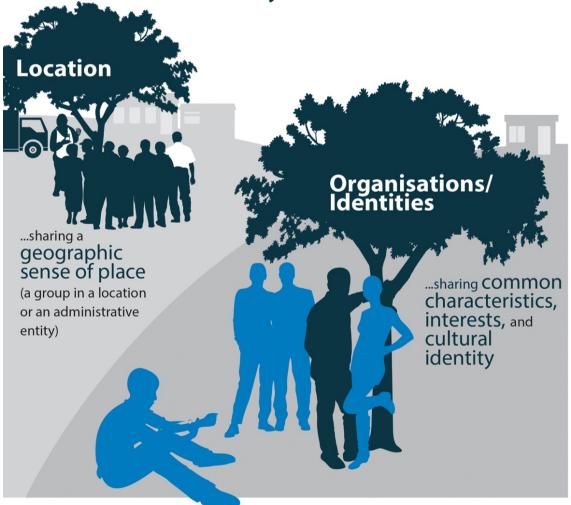
18-Study Design: Mixed-Method, Multi-Country Approach

	Experimental	Quasi experimental	Analysis of CBO funds	Qualitative studies	Cross-cutting
Burkina Faso		✓			
India		✓ (two)		Component	
Kenya (HBCT)	✓				
Kenya, Nigeria		✓ (two)	✓ two)	Component	
Lesotho				✓	
Senegal South Africa	✓				
Zimbabwe		✓	✓	✓	
Typology of community response				✓	
Funding mechanisms (global)					✓
Structure of CBOs cost in Kenya					✓
Systematic review of CBOs and OVC					✓
Total ^{7/1/16}	3	6	3	2	4 ³

Communities and the End of AIDS –The potential models for community engagement are limitless

Communities are formed by **formal (CBOs) and informal** organisations (**mothers' groups**) or a **combination of formal and informal**

Communities are defined by:



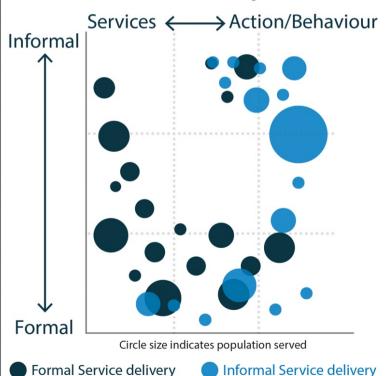
More Formal groups:

provide specific services such as treatment, care and support

More **Informal** groups

engage in information, education and BCC activities, and increasingly provide peer support for HIV

Service and behaviour impacts



Investing in community engagement for HIV care



Community engagement creates social capital—an added value...

...nurtures **collective action**, which may lead to a broad range of outcomes, such as for example, ending AIDS

Communities achieve results...

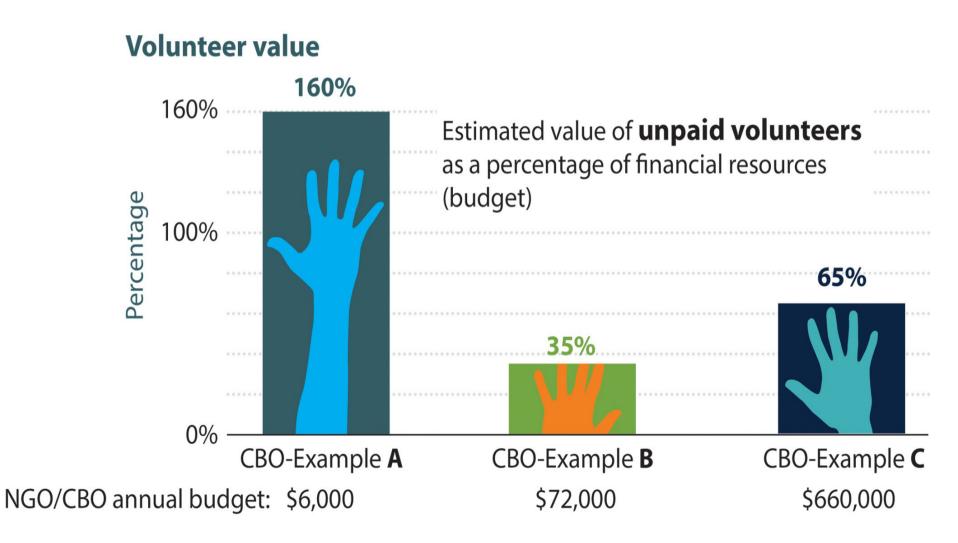
...when communities provide well targeted services in order to achieve concrete AIDS goals and targets

Investing in communities can result in efficiency gains...

...communities provide a critical bridge between households and health care and can fill gaps in service delivery outreach, such as for example, reaching rural populations

1. Social Capital: Communities and CBO/NGOs mobilize own resources to achieve results – including volunteers!

To realize social capital "non-salaried workers" would need: Remuneration, compensation and/or recognition according to CBOs in **Kenya**, **Nigeria and Zimbabwe**



Communities mobilize more resources when CBOs are present and active

Figure 3. CBOs mobilize more resources when there is a higher concentration of CBOs per 100 000 inhabitants

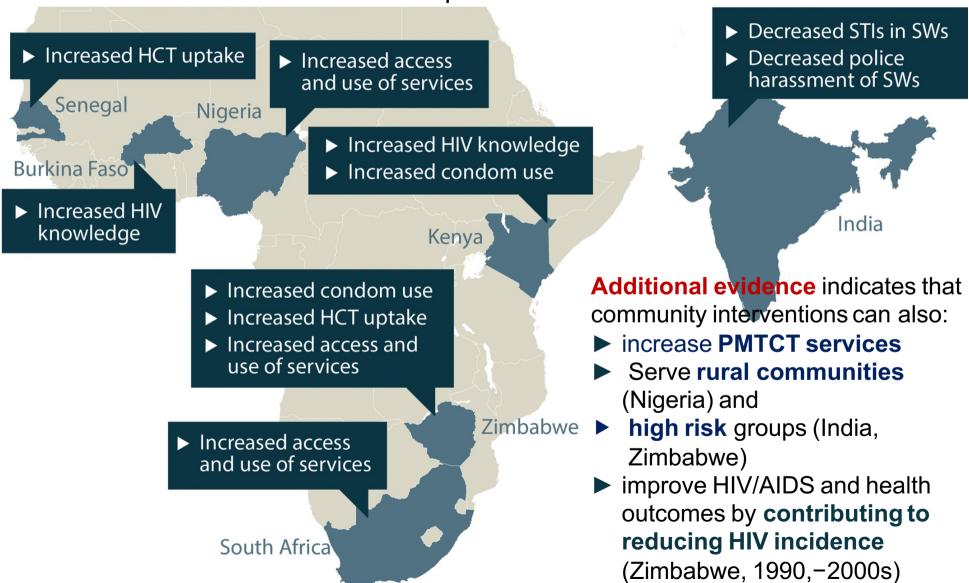


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Note: As shown in p. 14 UNAIDS Communities Deliver report.

2. Community engagement achieves results

There is **strong causal evidence** that specific community interventions can affect the course of the HIV epidemic

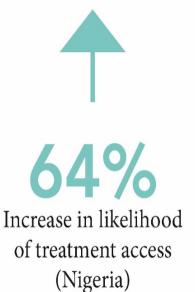


Community engagement leads to greater access to HIV prevention and treatment

Figure 1

Community engagement leads to greater access to treatment and prevention

For an increase of one community-based organization per 100 000 people







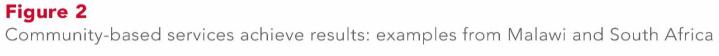
Increase in the likelihood
of using prevention services
(Nigeria)

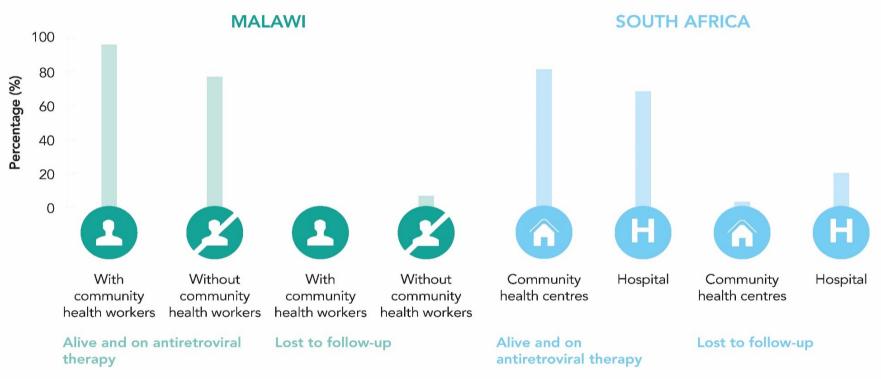
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Role of community-based services supports findings from other studies

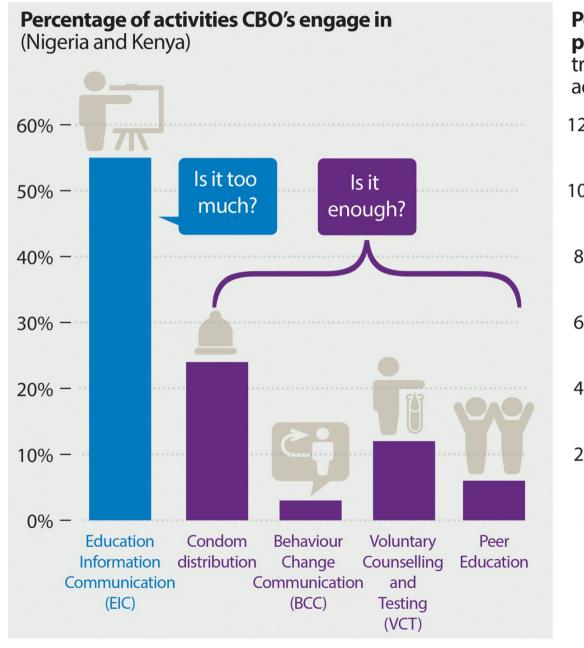


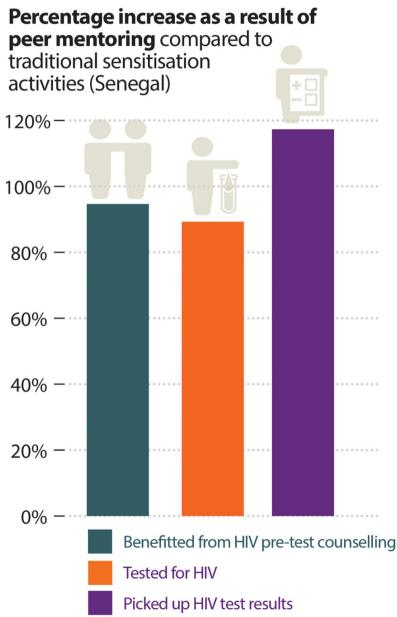


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3. Efficiencies can be improved by becoming more specific about the services to be delivered





Improving the efficiency of the HIV response in Malawi (GOM—UNAIDS—World Bank)

Analysis on-going

Literature review of findings

Based on a review of 60 papers

... on HIV costing and community based interventions

- Inconsistency in CE approaches and service modalities
- Economies of scale vs. economies of scope: e.g., study of ART interventions revealed that increasing scale <u>also</u> increased rates of loss to follow-up while integrating HTC with other health services was found to increase quality
- ▶ Burden of healthcare costs are often borne by patients → may need to shift client costs to provider costs (e.g., by reimbursing travel costs)
- ► Considerable variation in the unit cost of providing similar HIV services across different CBO service providers and settings
- IVariety of current models used to determine costs1

A Causal-logic approach to linking community engagement and support to improved HIV results

Inputs

Activities

Outputs

Outcomes

National financial inputs

- Public sector
- Private sector
- Philanthropy

International financial inputs

- Bilateral
- Multilateral
- Philanthropy

Enabling environment

- Legislation
- Policy

Community assets

- Volunteers
- Community groups

Array of varied community response activities

Capacity strengthening of civil society (CBOs, FBOs, NGOs, informal community groups) Increased resources for community response

Improved capacity of civil society institutions to assess needs, prioritize them, and implement high quality, appropriate interventions

Engaged communities

Empowered communities

Targeted interventions which based on need

Transformed social environments

Increased knowledge of HIV amongst community members

Reduced risk behaviors amongst community members

Increased use of health services

Reduced HIV incidence

Reduced HIV mortality

Reduced HIV morbidity

Improved quality of life for PLWHA

Graphic adapted from USAID

What have we learned?

THE ROAD TO RESULTS



Resources and know-how creates social capital



business

In turn, social capital facilitates coordination and cooperation

Communities and CBOs access and mobilise own resources

and use voluntaries



It has an effect on community productivity and well-being; and can increase productivity by reducing the costs of doing

Evidence shows communities and CBOs achieve results

But they don't know their epidemic—or the drivers...



...and not always their programme priority actions

Potential for expanding communities role with:

- better alignment of actions and activities with HIV priorities
- better focusing of actions to achieve desired results and efficiencies

Thank you

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Evaluation documentation at: http://stopaids.org.uk

Peer-review Journal:

AIDS Care Supplement # 1, 2012

World Bank Book Store:

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