COVID and HIV

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COVID-19 AND HIV:
1 MOMENT
2 EPIDEMICS
3 OPPORTUNITIES

How to seize the moment to learn, leverage and build a new way forward for everyone’s health and rights
COVID-19 IMPACT

GDP decline: 3% for emerging economies and 8% for advanced economies

Global Trade decline: 32%

Extreme Poverty: 150 million

Acute food insecurity: 265 million

- Access to treatment somewhat recovered; ART initiation for new patients declined
- DSD, MMD roll out useful but incomplete; faster action than years before
- Prevention services for key populations impacted across the board
- Increased gender based violence (by 30%)
- Supply chain interrupted across the production and distribution chains

Inequalities
- Women and girls
- Key populations
- The poor
- Urban populations living in slums
- The old; the disabled

2030 | Ending the AIDS epidemic
Contributing to the COVID-19 response

Where would we be now for COVID without the HIV response so far?

- Lessons Learned
  - Community-led responses
  - Multi-sectorality & partnerships
  - Effective responses = Rights-based responses
- Infrastructure Leveraged
  - Laboratories, Data Systems, Healthcare Workers
  - HIV leaders and experts leading and shaping COVID-19 responses
- Future Systems for Health: agile, results-driven systems that address inequalities and disparities
UNAIDS Joint Program: Long history of driving Access to Medicines

- Covid-19 vaccine - Public good
- ACT – equitable global access to new COVID-19 essential health technologies
- COVAX -46 African countries eligible for financial support to purchase vaccine
- UN Technology Transfer Bank – Technology Access Partnership – Technology Access Pool
Addressing Societal Enablers: JP & Socio-Economic Responses

- **WB Group & G20** - Debt Service Suspension Initiative for poor countries—USD 5 billion

- The Joint Programme calls for enhanced social protection - globally USD 541 billion used for social protection measures

- **GFATM** - USD 1 billion to respond to COVID-19 and mitigate impact on AIDS, TB,

- **UNSDG Framework on the Immediate Socio-Economic Response** – PLWHIV, key and vulnerable populations in the focus; community infrastructure gender equality part and parcel of all aspects of response
Looking to 2021—COVID-19 & its effects are not gone yet....

- Unrelenting commitment to responding to both epidemics

- Preserve and scale up “innovations” (such as DSD, MMD; procurement and secure stocks; virtual platforms for engagement and supports)

- Promote RAPID RECOVERY/ “surge responses” to recover and accelerate (HIV Prevention, Pediatric Treatment, Girls’ Education/Back to School, GBV responses, etc)

- Promote investments for HIV, health, and societal enablers —“never has it been more clear that failure to invest in health has huge human and economic impacts”—our investments must address inequalities, target health disparities

- CLARITY: For sustainability of core elements of the HIV response, HIV must be at the pandemic tables to ensure these elements are incorporated, or risk repeated destabilizations of HIV successes