



PEPFAR NAMIBIA STAKEHOLDERS MEETEING

January 26, 2017

MEETING SUMMARY



Summary

The PEPFAR Namibia team convened a stakeholder meeting on January 26, 2017 to launch the development of the Country Operational Plan 2017 (COP 17). Stakeholder engagement and coordinated, collaborative planning is a key tenant of PEPFAR Namibia's mission. Objectives of the meeting were:

- Review highlights of 2016 accomplishments and remaining challenges
- Discuss the HIV transmission cycle and interventions that can break the cycle
- Present what is new for COP 17 and the development process and timeline
- Brainstorm innovations to build into COP 17 through review of data and group discussions

The 112 participants included 20 representatives from the Government of the Republic of Namibia (Office of the Prime Minister, National Planning Commission, Ministry of Health and Social Services, Ministry of Gender Equality and Child Welfare, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Urban and Rural Development); 50 from civil society organizations and implementing partners; two from the private sector; seven from bilateral organizations; and 33 from U.S. Government agencies.

The agenda is included in Annex 1 and the list of participants is included in Annex 2. Summaries of each agenda item are provided below.

Welcome, Introductions, and Opening Remarks

Ms. Anne-Marie Nitschke, the Director of the Directorate of Special Programs, Ministry of Health and Social Services (MoHSS) welcomed participants and emphasized the importance of the meeting toward working together to achieve epidemic control. U.S. Ambassador delivered opening remarks to set the stage for the meeting, reflecting on participant's collective history of working together to ensure that proposed activities across all stakeholders are feasible, effective and complementary. He also emphasized the importance of using data to guide our planning and being ready to change from mitigation to maintenance of gains when we achieve the 90-90-90 targets and consider how our strategies may need to change.

Presentations

The PEPFAR team provided presentations on a range of topics including the epidemic and cycle of transmission, the importance of focusing on adolescent girls and young women, results and achievements in Fiscal Year (FY) 2016, and the COP 17 development process and timeline. The presentations are briefly summarized below and the Power Point slides are attached in Annex 3 (as a separate document).

- **The "New HIV Epidemic"**--an overview of the HIV epidemic and the cycle of transmission that demonstrates the importance of expanding interventions among youth, particularly young women in order to break the transmission cycle.

- **Adolescent Girls and Young Women**--an overview of HIV prevention among adolescent girls and young women and a description of the DREAMS (Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS-free, Mentored, and Safe) initiative.
- **PEPFAR Results and Achievements in FY 16**—data and achievements presented on testing and linkage to care; “treat all” and differentiated services models and retention; key populations; VMMC.
- **COP 17**—an overview of funding levels, development process and timeline.

Technical Breakout Groups

Breakout groups were organized to discuss recommendations for activities to address in COP 17 related to the following topics: adolescent girls and young women, testing and linking to care; treat all, differentiated treatment models and retention; key populations; and, VMMC. Discussion questions for each group are summarized below. Report backs are included in Annex 4 (as a separate document).

- **Adolescent Girls and Young Women**
 - What are you doing to target AGYM?
 - What are the challenges?
 - Where do you see opportunities to target AGYM?
 - What can we do that is additional to what we are currently doing?
 - What other questions should we be asking?
- **Testing and Linking to Care**
 - PITC—What factors limit implementation of targeted PITC
 - Index partner identification and testing—what can be done to scale up?
 - Targeting men—what needs to be done to scale up?
 - Linkages—what interventions can ensure that all tested positives are put on treatment?
 - What other questions should we be asking?
- **Treat All, Differentiated Service Models and Retention**
 - What challenges do you foresee in rolling out test and start
 - What solutions do you propose?
 - What interventions are we currently implementing to improve retention?
 - What are some of the reasons for patients not being retained in care?
 - What additional interventions can we implement to improve retention?
 - How can CSOs be better involved in treatment services?
 - What other questions should we be asking?
- **Key Populations**
 - How do we better address stigma and discrimination of key populations?
 - What can we do to improve access of HIV services at all clinics and communities?
 - How can key populations play a bigger role in the response?
 - What other questions should we be asking?

Next Steps and Closing

The PEPFAR team will share the meeting summary and presentations and will be in contact through email and smaller meetings focused on specific technical topics (e.g., DREAMS). The draft Strategic Direction Summary will be shared with stakeholders for comment the last week of March prior to submission.

Annexes

1. Meeting agenda
2. List of participants
3. Presentations (in a separate document)
4. Breakout group report backs (in a separate document)



PEPFAR/NAMIBIA STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

Thursday 26 January 2017
8:00 - 16:00

Avani Hotel

Chairs: Naemi Shoopala, PEPFAR & Peter vanWyk, HealthWorks

AGENDA

08:00 – 08:30 **Registration and Coffee**

08:30 – 08:45 **Introductions and Meeting Objectives**
Presenters: Naemi Shoopala and Peter vanWyk

SUMMARY: This session will describe meeting objectives, which include: reviewing highlights of 2016 accomplishments and remaining challenges; discussing the HIV transmission cycle and interventions that can break the cycle; presenting COP 17 planning process and changes; and brainstorming innovations to build into COP 17 through review of data and group discussions. Presenters will also review the agenda.

08:45 – 09:00 **Welcome Remarks**
Presenter: Ms. Anne-Marie Nitschke, MOHSS

SUMMARY: The Director of the Directorate of Special Programs, MOHSS will introduce the meeting.

09:00 – 09:10 **Opening Remarks from the U.S. Ambassador to Namibia**
Presenter: Thomas F. Daughton

SUMMARY: The U.S. Ambassador to Namibia will open the meeting and share some reflections on USG and GRN collaboration together on working towards ending AIDS.

09:10 – 09:20 **The “New HIV Epidemic” and its Cycle of Transmission**
Presenter: Dr. Simon Agolory

SUMMARY: Overview of the HIV epidemic, cycle of transmission and key interventions to sustain control of the epidemic.

09:20 – 09:30 **Adolescent Girls and Young Women**
Presenter: Tara O’Day

SUMMARY: Overview of preventing HIV in adolescent girls and young women and the DREAMS collaboration.

09:30 – 10:30 **PEPFAR Results and Achievements in FY16**

Testing and Linkage to Care
Presenter: Taffa Negussie and Brad Corner

“Treat All” and Differentiated Service Models/Retention
Presenter: Dr. Abeje Zegeye and Dr. Gram Mutandi

Key Populations

Presenter: Brad Corner

VMMC

Presenter: Dr. Denis Mali and Dr. Gram Mutandi

SUMMARY: This session will highlight the results and achievements through PEPFAR funded activities for FY16 and generate priority questions to discuss in group break outs.

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee and Tea Break

11:00 – 11:20 PEPFAR’s Country Operational Plan (COP) 17 - What is New?

Presenter: Lela Baughman

SUMMARY: Overview of COP 17 changes, process and timeline, country-specific guidance and funding levels, including: Impact, Treatment & Testing, Adolescent Girls & Young Women, and VMMC funds.

11:20 – 11:40 Overview of Group Break Out Session: Recommendations for the Development of 2017 Country Operational Plan

Facilitator: Dr. Bedan Gichanga

SUMMARY: Facilitator will explain the purpose of the group break out sessions, participants will be asked to identify key topics they would like to discuss in the break out discussions.

11:40 – 13:00 Group Break Out Discussions

SUMMARY: Participants will break into five groups to discuss remaining challenges and areas for focus moving forward and new ideas/innovations to consider for COP 17.

13:15 – 14:00 Lunch

14:15 – 15:30 Break Out Group Report Back and Group Discussion

Facilitator: Dr. Bedan Gechanga

SUMMARY: Each group will have 10 minutes to report back recommendations using the slide template provided, followed by group discussion and feedback.

15:30 – 15:45 Summary of Meeting and Next Steps in the Development of COP 17

Presenter: Lela Baughman

15:45 – 16:00 Closing of Meeting

Presenter: Ms. Anne Marie Nitschke


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