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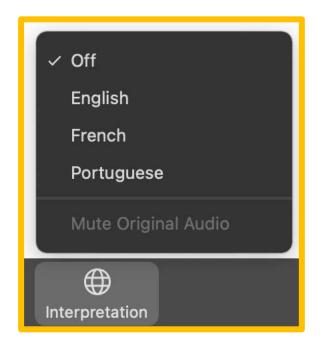
Session 9b: Key Populations 3: DSD for People who Inject Drugs

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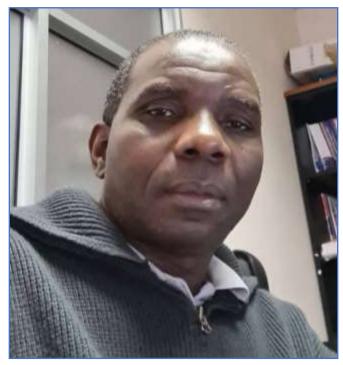


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HIV services for people who use drugs

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Topics covered

Global drug use

HIV and other consequences of drug use

Essential packages of services for people who use drugs

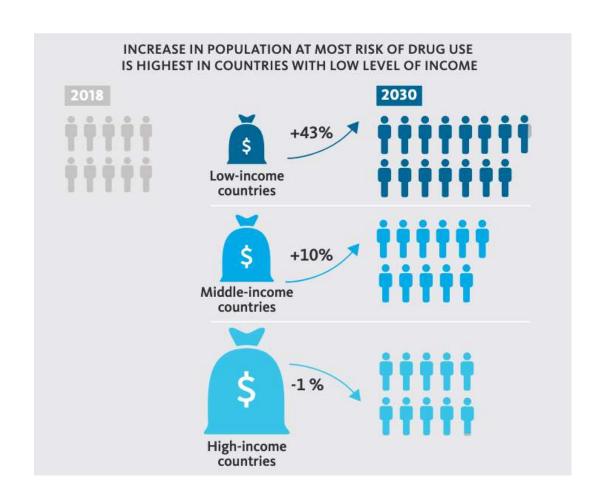
Enabling environment

Integration of services

Measuring effectiveness

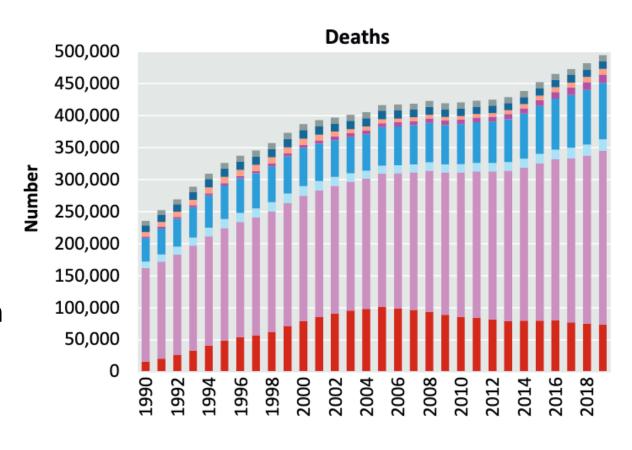
Global drug use

- 275 million people use drugs
 - 60 million located in Africa
- 36 million people suffer from drug use disorders
- 11 million people inject drugs (PWID)



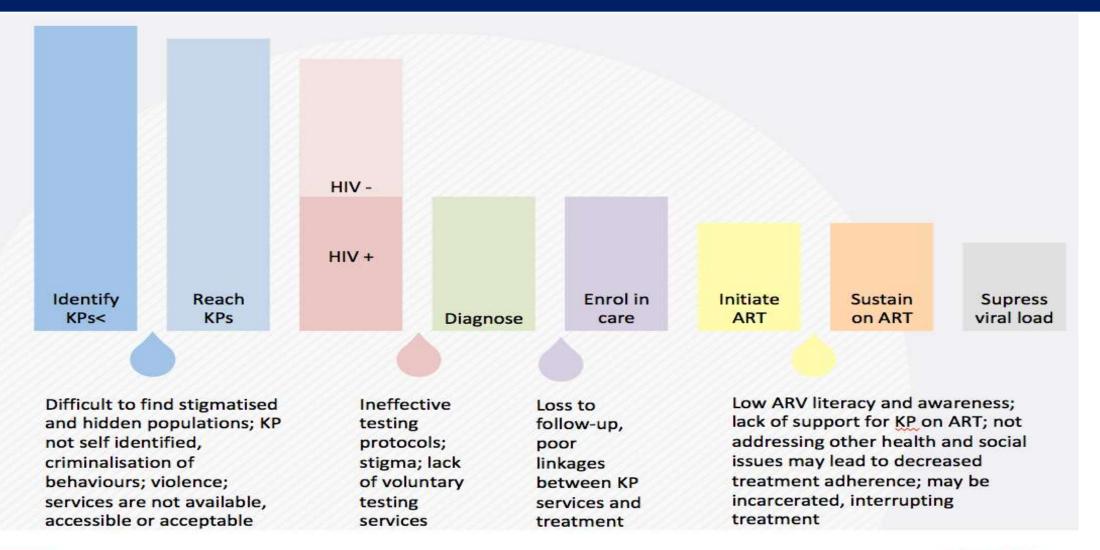
Health consequences of drug use

- Almost 500,000 drug-use related deaths
- Injecting drug use accounted for 10% of all new adult HIV infections globally
- One in eight people who inject drugs worldwide is living with HIV



Hepatitis C (liver cancer, cirrhosis and other chronic liver diseases)
 Opioid use disorders
 Cannabis use disorders
 Self-harm
 HIV/AIDS
 Other drug use disorders
 Cocaine use disorders
 Amphetamine use disorders
 Other

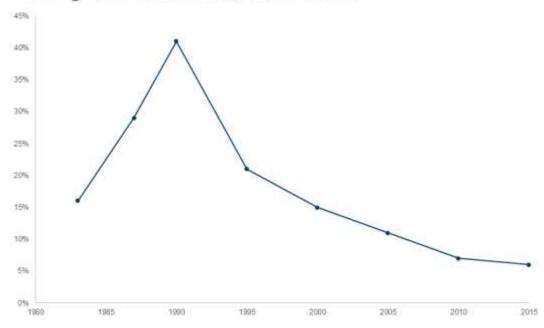
HIV and Substance Use





Rapid spread of HIV, frequent outbreaks

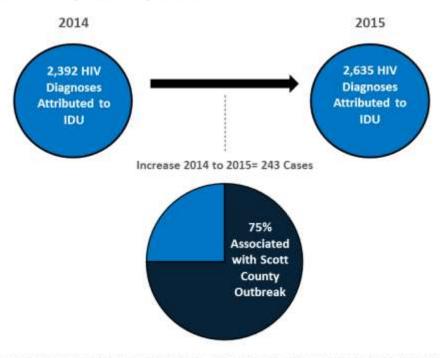
Share of HIV Infections Attributed to Injection Drug Use Overtime, 1980-2015



Source: Data through 2006 - CDC data request; Data from 2008-2015 - CDC Atlas.

Note: Methodologies used to obtain data from the two different sources may differ and may not directly compare

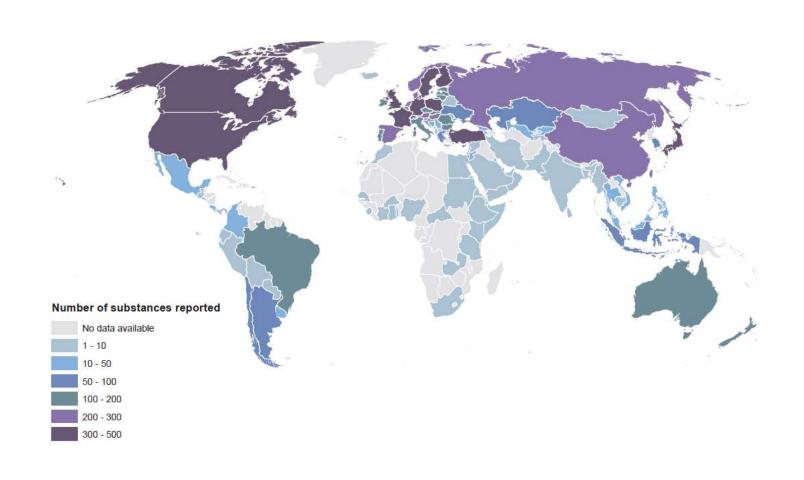
Figure 2 2014 & 2015 HIV Diagnoses and the Scott County, Indiana Opioid Epidemic



Source: CDC. Diagnoses of HIV Infection in the United States and Dependent Areas, 2015. Vol. 27; CDC. Diagnoses of HIV Infection in the United States and Dependent Areas, 2014. Vol. 26. Peter's et al. HIV Infection Linked to Injection Use of Oxymorphone in Indiana, 2014–2015. NEJM, 375-229-239, 2016.



Diversification of substances



- Purity and composition are often not known
- Side effects include agitation, aggression, acute psychosis

Essential services for prevention and treatment

For all PWIDs:

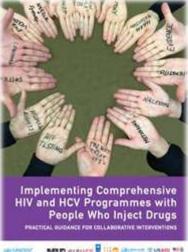
- Needle and syringe programs
- Opioid agonist maintenance therapy
- HIV testing services
- Condom and lubricant programs
- Targeted information, education and communication
- Diagnosis, prevention and treatment of TB, STIs, and viral hepatitis
- Community distribution of naloxone

For HIV-Negative PWIDs:

PrEP

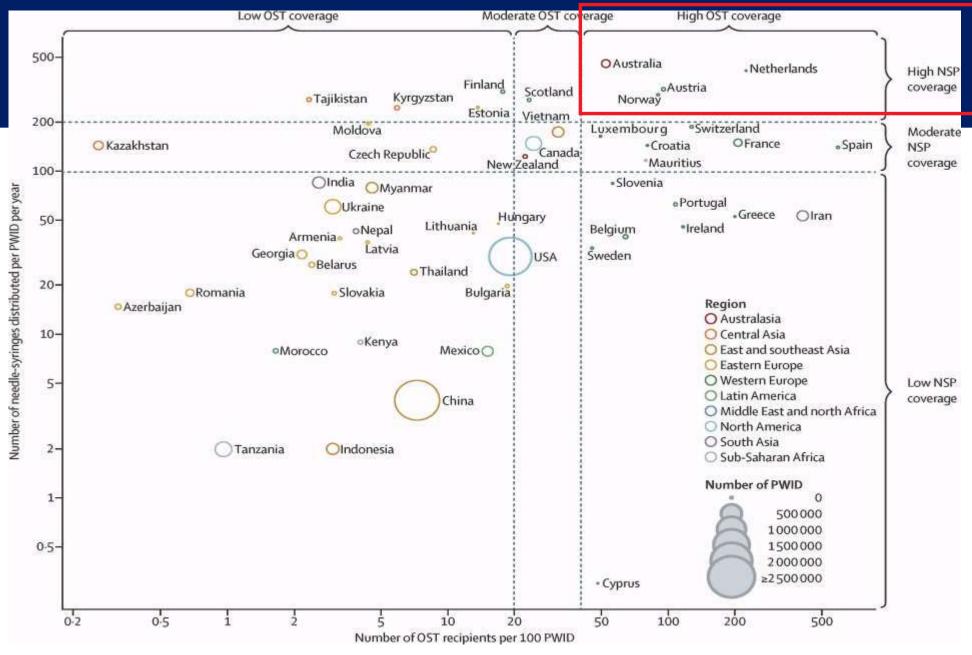
For HIV-Positive PWIDs:

- Antiretroviral therapy
- Adherence support





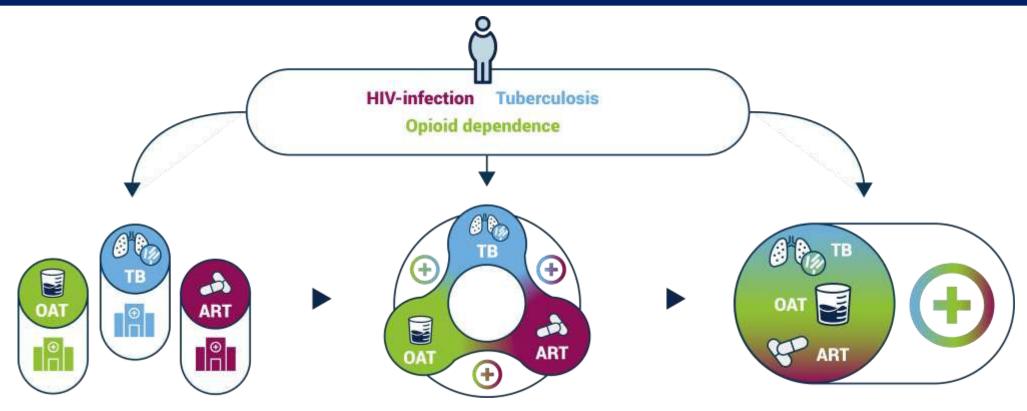




Essential strategies for an enabling environment

- Interventions to address and reduce stigma and discrimination
- Decriminalization of drug use and drug possession for personal use
- Community engagement
- User-friendly, low-threshold, and non-judgmental services
- Gender- and age-responsible programming, family-centered approach

Integration of Services



Separate

Patients receive services in different facilities

Partial integration

Specialized services integrate some key services

Full integration & co-location

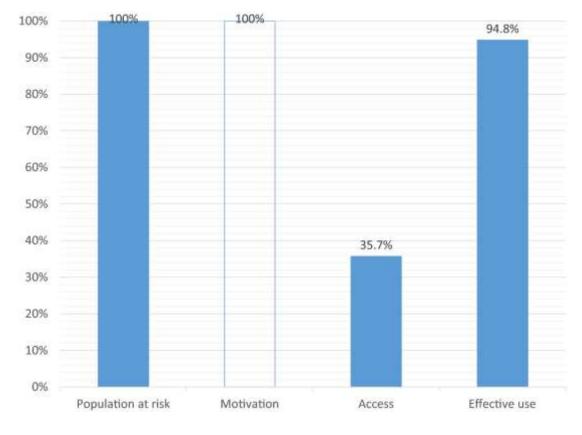
Patients receive all the required services in one site

Measuring effectiveness of HIV programs for people who use drugs

- Implementation of regular biobehavioral surveys
- Program data analysis

Population-specific HIV prevention cascades and HIV treatment cascades

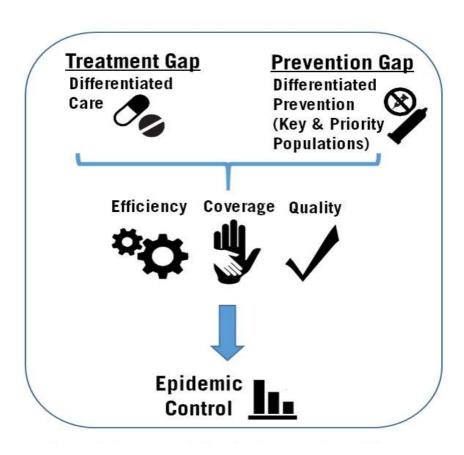
Operationalizing the HIV prevention cascade for PWID using the integrated bio-behavioural survey data from Ukraine



Journal of the International AIDS Society, Volume: 23, Issue: S3, First published: 30 June 2020, DOI: (10.1002/jia2.25509)

Conclusion

- HIV epidemic control requires achieving high coverage for prevention and treatment among people who use drugs
- Effective HIV programming includes implementation of integrated strategies including biomedical, behavioral and structural interventions
- Differentiated service delivery models for both prevention and management of HIV help to improve outcomes and make services more accesible
- Active community engagement is critical to accessing and engaging these populations
- Zero tolerance for stigma and discrimination is critical to confronting the threat of HIV among people who use drugs



El Sadr et al PLoS Med 2017

Thank you!



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YOUTHRISE NIGERIA:
APROACH TO PROVIDING HIV SERVICES FOR
PWUD/PWID

Henry Okiwu YouthRISE Nigeria 18 November 2021





YouthRISE Nigeria



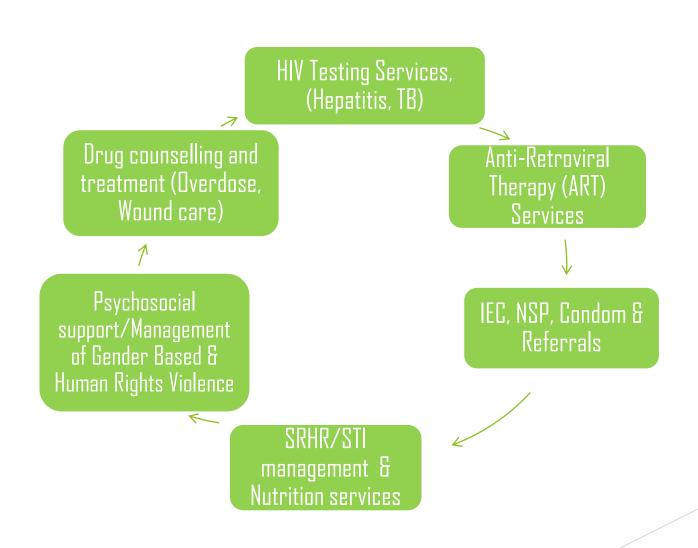
Youth Initiative for Drug Research, Information, Support and Education for reducing drug related harms

- Policy & service based nongovernmental organisation that has been at the forefront of expanding access to HIV prevention, treatment and care to people who inject drugs in Nigeria through policy advocacy and program development and implementation
- First NGO to organise a national consultative forum on the need for comprehensive response to HIV and AIDS among People Who Use Drugs in Nigeria in August 2010

- The organization is youthled policy & service-based and primarily works with people who use drugs (both injecting and non-injecting drug use) and have reached more than 6,500 PWIDs in 4 years
- We empower them through community engagement for drug & HIV prevention, treatment, care, and support
- Thematic focus: health, policy (drug), youth empowerment & research/documentation

Key Services Provided





Our Model

Differentiated service delivery-

- Our strategy is client-centred taking into cognizance the peculiarities of PWIDs
- We simplify and adapt our services to reflect the preferences and expectations of our clients in the following ways:

A) Prevention Strategy:

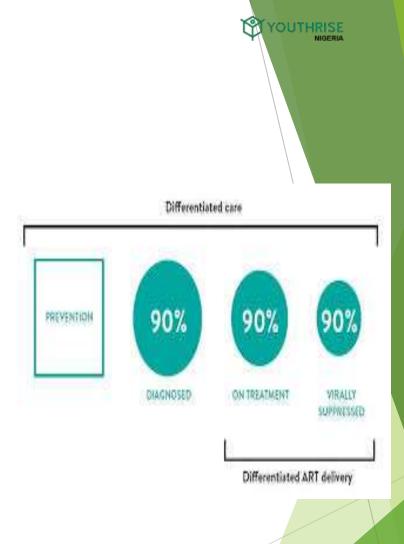
Peer-led gender sensitive cohort strategy

B) Enrolment Strategy:

- Assisted referrals/voluntary enrolment
- Mobile enrolment

C) Treatment Retention Strategy:

- Home-based care
- Mobile refill
- Support group
- D) Establishment of female only drop in center



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Differentiated Service Delivery

Definition

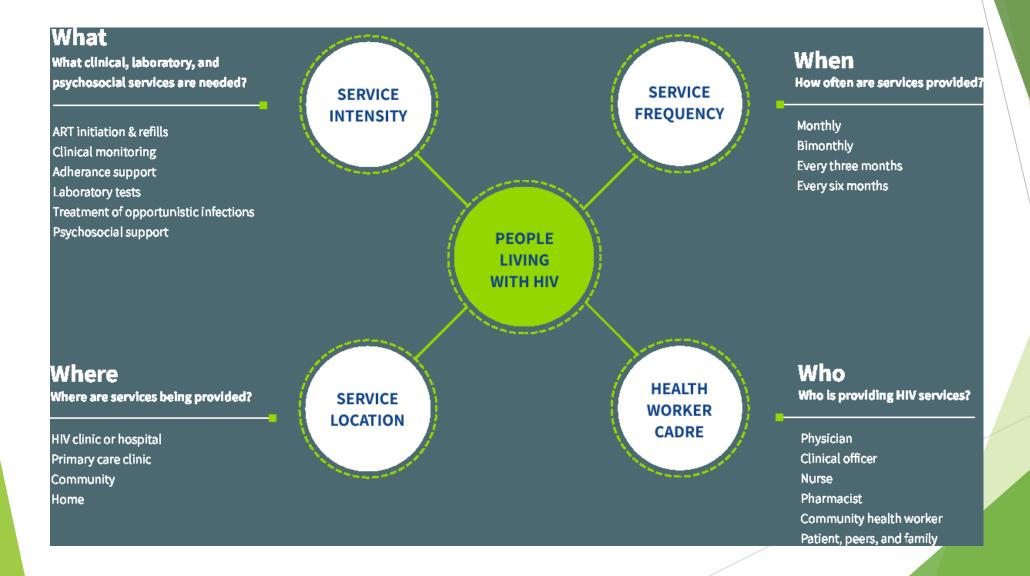
Differentiated service delivery (DSD) has been defined as "a client-centred approach that simplifies and adapts HIV services across the cascade, in ways that both serve the needs of PWID/PLHIV better and reduce unnecessary burdens on the health system".

DSD tailors HIV services to diverse groups of people living with HIV while maintaining the principles of the public health approach.

Why DSD?

- Thanging global guidelines and ambitious treatment targets have markedly increased the number of people eligible for ART. At the same time, global funding for HIV has plateaued and many countries are being asked to do more with less when it comes to HIV programming.
- A second challenge is that growing numbers of people on ART have led to overcrowding at health facilities.
- as suboptimal retention rates threaten both individual outcomes and public health goals.

How it works



Approaches to DSD



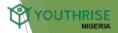
General

- Adherence Clubs
- Community ART Groups
- Multi-month scripting
- Support group
- Immediate ART Initiation
- Quick pick-up spots (closer to homes)
- Patient based interventions (appointment reminders & case managers)

YouthRISE Approach

- Support group meetings
- Mobile ART refills
- Mobile ART initiation/enrolment
- Mobile sample collection- 90%
- Mobile HIV testing community outreaches

Outcomes



- Improved community engagement and/or supplement community support services
- Peer navigation helped increase linkage
- Onsite ART initiation increased and improved linkage
- Increased convenience
- Improved motivation for treatment adherence
- Increased confidentiality
- ▶ DSD costs more for providers and & larger savings is accrued for the clients. However, positive results are yielded.

YouthRISE Role in Facilitating National Harm Reduction Program

- Concept note development & harmonization processes: Our initial concept note was integrated into the national concept note (2019)
- Provision of programmatic evidence as frontline organization working with PWIDs which serves as baseline for planning, decision making, policy engagement and program development (2014+)
- Supported the development of Key Population guidelines (2019)
- Conducted Injecting Site
 Assessment with technical support
 from Frontline AIDS
- Capacity building for workforce and participation in International Harm Reduction Academy and training of media for public sensitization and reporting alongside FMoH (2019)

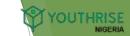
- Supported and actively participated in Technical Working Group (2019)
- Supported national study tour to Kenya (2019)
- Supported the Federal Ministry of Health in harm reduction guidelines development and Nation Drug Control Masterplan, drug offenders sentencing guidelines (2019-2020)
- Provided technical support for NSP Manual development and facilitated the delivery of special issues on gender, sexual and reproductive health and rights of young women who use drugs in Nigeria (2019-2020)
- Conducted NSP pilot in FCT (Dec 2020-Sept 2021)
- Participated in national methadone feasibility study and guidelines development (2020/2021)



Role Continued...

- Capacity building of stakeholders and Community Based
 Organizations (CBOs) on NSP implementation (religious leaders, media, police & other local stakeholders)
- Trained FCT health workers on delivery of youth-friendly delivery services to PWUD
- Consultation with bunk owners and gatekeepers in drug user community in intervention states
- Supported state entry in Global Fund sites - Oyo, Gombe and Abia states respectively
- Peer-led routine distribution of clean needles, syringes & medication by our outreach staff due to spike in injecting drug use & HIV treatment retention during COVID-19 lockdown
- Organized meeting with NACA, UNFPA and FMoWA to address GBV in informal sector (FWUD partners, IPV & violence perpetrated by larger society)

- Conducted dialogue meeting on effective drug control with high ranking officers of the Nigeria Police Force and parliamentary roundtable
- Strategic engagement with national, regional networks and the AU on the actualization of evidence-based drug policy and harm reduction, response within AU member states at its health ministers conference (2019)
- Promotion of Anti-Stigma Campaign
 WE ARE PEOPLE, with the endorsement of NOA and Support Don't Punish Campaign to change public perception on drug use and PWUDs
- Conducted prison assessment and cannabis study. Also, led other CSOs action to halt passage of punitive bills against drug offenders at the parliament.



Overview OF YouthRISE Nigeria NSP Operational Study

The national Technical Working Group on Harm Reduction in November 2020 gave approval for a NSP pilot study by YouthRISE Nigeria as part of efforts to garner evidence for scale up of NSP programs in Nigeria.

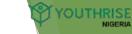
YouthRISE Nigeria conducted NSP pilot operational research among PWUD in FCT and environ in partnership with FCT Agency for the Control of AIDS (FACA). The study seeks to assess the injecting and behavioural risk practices among PWID.

Uses a cohort approach, delivering behavioural and biomedical interventions to 300 PWID selected through a cluster method across study locations for a period of 9 months (Dec 2020-Sept 2021).

Outreaches and fixed site (OSS) were approached and deployed in delivery of the pilot activities with the use of a DSD model. Other state stakeholders include FASCP, FCT-NDLEA, NPF, HALG and CHAI.

Methodology

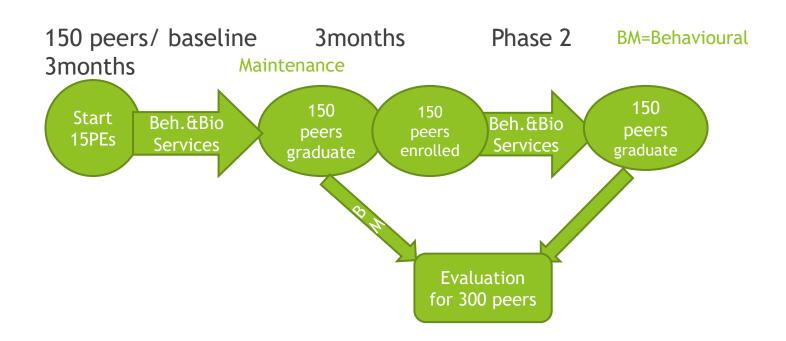
- 15 trained peer educators recruited 150 PWID through their peer network in the cohort.
- The peer educators and counsellor testers, working under supervision of the ORW/study team, ensured provision of behavioural interventions and HIV/viral hepatitis and ancillary services to peers for a period of 3months, which marks the end of a phase or cycle.
- This cycle is repeated for another 3 months while behavioural maintenance is provided to peers that graduated in the first cycle.
- Baseline assessment and final evaluation were conducted and report will be disseminated.







Strategy



Snapshot of Implemented Activities & Update



Services

- Delivery of peer-led -gender responsive preventive health education using peer manual
- Screening & testing services: HIV, Hepatitis B & C, STI and tuberculosis
- Distribution of clean needle/ injecting paraphernalia and retrieval of used equipment from study participants in cohorts
- Condom education and distribution
- Brief drug (treatment) intervention
 - Overdose and COVID-19 preventive education
- Provision of wound care and related services
- Provision of psychosocial and mental health support services
- GBV intervention
- Provision of SRH services to female drug users
- Referrals: ANC, PMTCT, drug treatment

Snapshot of Implemented Activities & Update



Activity Update

- Mapping & characterization of hotspots
- ► Injecting site assessment (Nov 2020-Jan 2021)
- Advocacy & dialogue with bunk owners (Sept 2020-2021)
- Community mobilization (Nov 2020)
- Recruitment & step down training for outreach staff: 15PEs, 3CT and ORWs (Dec 2020)
- Adaptation/development of tools (Nov/Dec 2020)
- Convened stakeholders meeting (Jan 2020)
- Protocol adaption and submission (Jan-Feb 2020)
- Refresher training for counselor testers (Dec 2020)
- State entry activities (Dec 2020-Jan 2021)
- Procurement of Naloxone (Jun-Jul 2021)
- Roll out NSP pilot, behavioural & biomedical intervention and referrals (April 2021 & after)
- Periodical monitoring & ISS by state team
- Evaluation and reporting (Oct 2020)

Outcomes

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- Acceptance of clean needles and syringes
- Reduction in drug related harm (frequency of drug use) and improved retention in HIV treatment
- Enhanced capacity of study beneficiaries
- Improved health seeking behavior and quality of life
- Increase in return rate of used injecting products
- Improved sanitation condition of injecting sites and bunk



Best Practices



- Female-led peer education cohort
- Mobile ARV refills (multi-scripting, & dispensing through community structures)
- Mobile enrolment (ART initiation)
- Mobile viral load sample collection
- Mobile outreaches
- Home based care
- Assisted referral to other services for continuum of care such ANC, postabortion care etc...
- Differentiated care delivered through PWID specific One-Stop-Shop and Dropin Centre for integrated care
- Client-led adherence/support group and drug anonymous club
- Integration of HIV/SRHR & substance use management
- Community engagement
- Sustained advocacy (police, Primary Health Care Dev. Board-PHCDB)

Some Achievements (2020-2021 Sept)

- Reached 2802 PWID with HIV services (screened for TB & STI) and about 200 ART enrolment
- 190 provided with STI treatment especially FWPUD
- ▶ 170 reached with PrEP services
- Over 400 PWID-PLHIV in care at One-Stop-Shop
- ▶ 130 provided with brief drug intervention for dependence
- ▶ 160 female PWUD provided with SRH services
- Over 800 reached with drug overdose & COVID-19 interventions
- 980 palliatives /nutritional packs distributed
- > 96% ART enrolment rate
- ▶ 94% viral suppression
- ▶ 88% treatment retention rate

Challenges

- Criminalization of drug use in Nigeria (punitive laws)
- Societal stigma faced by PWUD
- Increased cases of GBV (IPV) and rights violations, especially during COVID-19 related lock down
- Raid at intervention sites & arbitrary arrest of PWUD by law enforcement agents
- Poor health seeking behavior of PWUD (poor health outcomes due to drug use)
- Limited access to economic opportunities

Recommendations



- Scale up NSP program & finalize/pilot MAT program
- Removal of legal barriers: punitive drug laws that criminalize people who use drugs restrict access to provision and uptake of comprehensive HIV services for PWIDs
- Address societal stigma and discrimination against young people living with HIV and those who use drugs. This should also focus on those who work in healthcare settings.
- Meaningful engagement of law enforcement officers to create enabling environment



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Community Oriented Substance Use Programme (COSUP)

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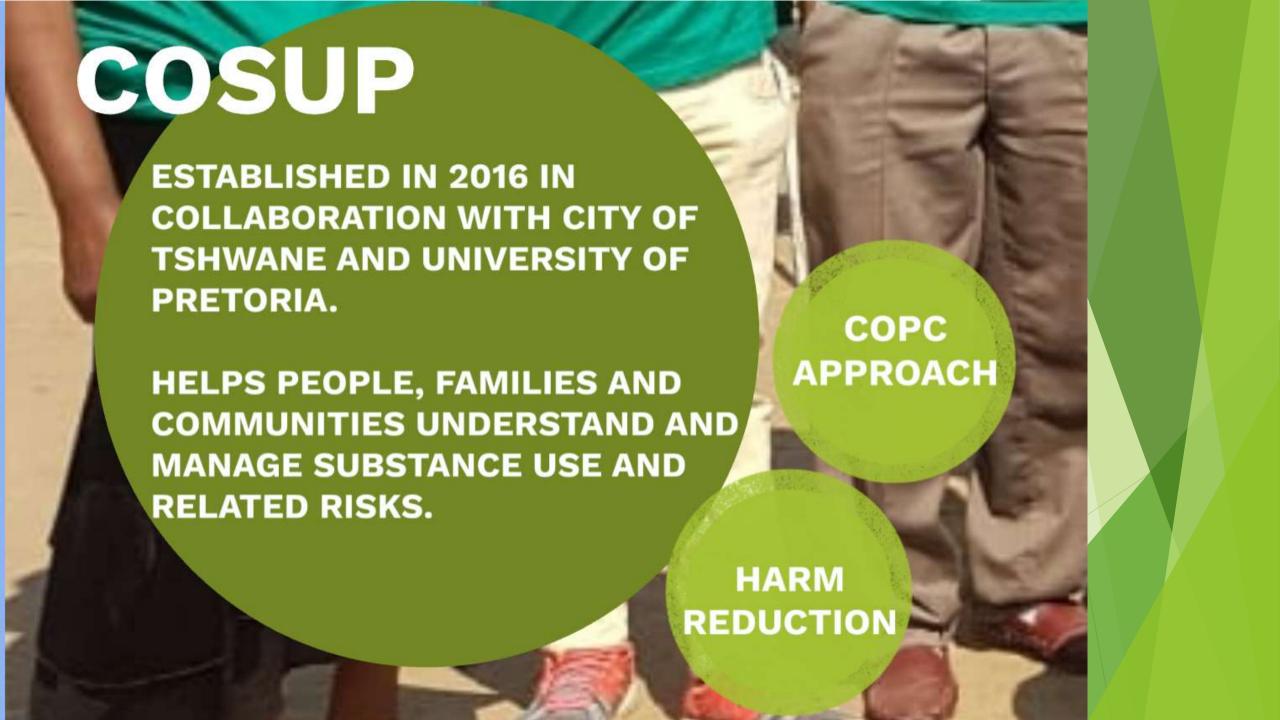






COMMUNITY ORIENTED SUBSTANCE USE PROGRAMME





WHAT DRIVES US

COMMUNITY-ORIENTED PRIMARY CARE



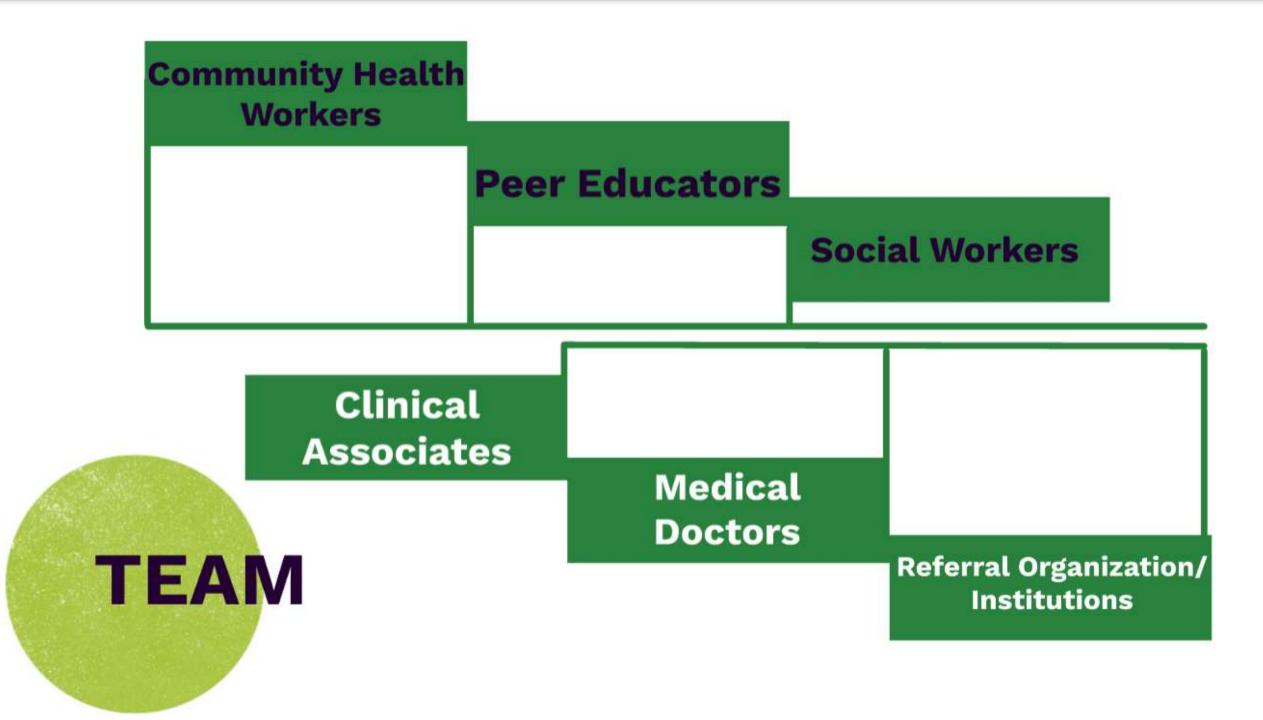
- Active partnership between health care providers and health care users.
- Designed to begin with individuals and families in their homes and their communities.
- Create opportunities to improve health, contain illness and disease

Harm Reduction

Set of practical strategies and ideas aimed at reducing negative consequences associated with drug use.

Movement for social justice built on a belief in, and respect for, the rights of people who use drugs.





COSUP SITE

16 SITES IN TSHWANE

HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

1 in hospital setting
4 in community clinic
setting

COMMUNITY BASED

11
local non-profit
organizations &
churches

SERVICE PROTOCOL

STAGE	ACTIONS		
Recruitment	Referral or walks in		
Screening	 Health screening (e.g. COVID) Peer/CHW outlines COSUP and activities. Peer/CHW administers ASSIST 3.0. 		
Baseline assessment	 First contact with social worker Social worker refers to Clinical Associate (Clin A) Clin A conducts baseline medical assessment (incl performing or referring for investigations where needed) Family/Support structures are involved where possible Social worker and Clin A discuss management options with client NSP OST Psychosocial interventions Doctor assesses eligibility for OST or if there are any other medical concerns. Questions are answered, consent and treatment contracts are signed The doctor will prescribe the appropriate dose. 		

MEDICAL CONSULTATION & MANAGEMENT

Includes

- Clinical examination.
- Health promotion.
- ► Health screening HTS, TB & COVID-19.

Special focus

- Wound care
- Mental health screening
- Referrals were necessary
- ► Emergency equipment including NALOXONE.

NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Service

- ▶ Peer educators implement & provide service
- Low threshold

Includes

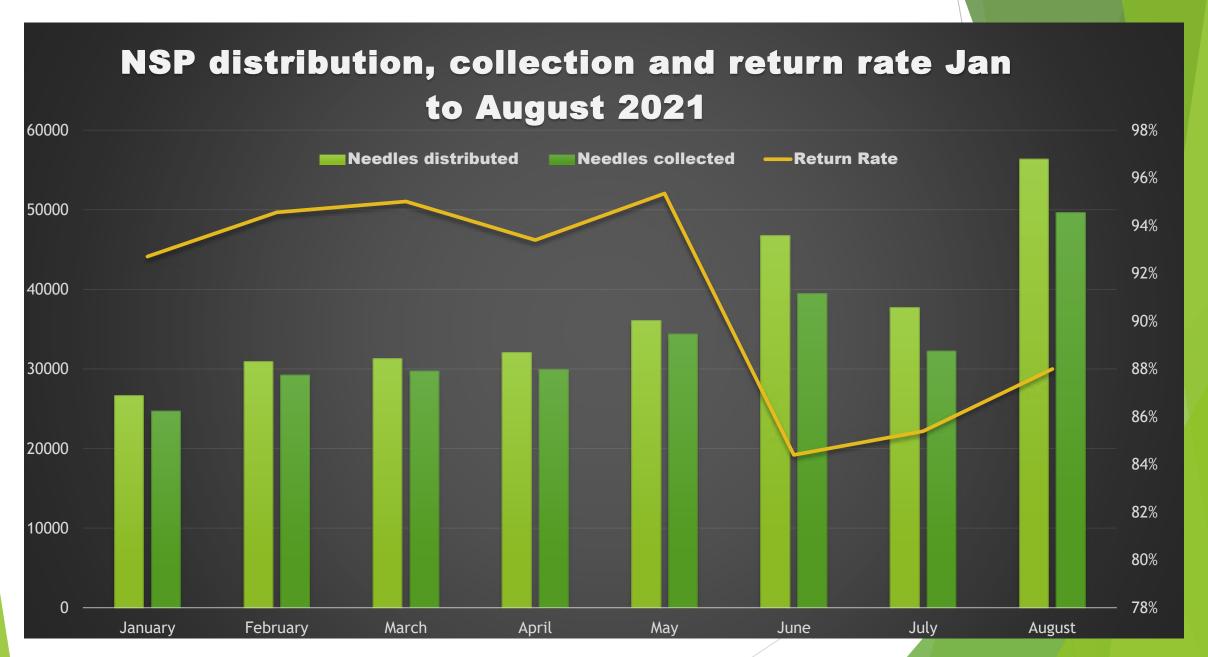
- Provide sterile injecting equipment.
- Use all available opportunities to identify & discuss individual risks
- Safe disposal of injecting equipment.
- Overdose management
- **▶ Other support and care service**

NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Mode of service delivery

- Fixed site
- Outreach NSP: Peer & CHW go to "Hotspots"

NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAMME



STAGE	ACTIONS	
Obtaining approval for OST	Motivation forms completed	
	OST readiness completed	
	Motivation, OST readiness and prescription sent to COSUP approved clinician to approve motivation	
	Prescription sent to pharmacy → medication delivered to site	
Initiation	Evaluation for signs of intoxication or withdrawal. (COW scale) First dose given depending on presenting clinical picture	
Dose adjustment	or appear intoxicated, they will be discussed with the doctor who n	

STAGE	ACTIONS
Maintenance	 Reached stable dose. Careful consideration needs to be made when deciding to provide takehome dosages Receive daily observed doses for at least 2 weeks as far as possible. Take home dosing: Stable dose for at least 2 weeks (preferably 1 month) Take home doses → for 7 days Maximum take home supply is 14 days (only in cases where a person is traveling or cannot collect medication for valid reasons). Other exceptions discussed with the clinical head and chief pharmacist at COSUP. Must come in person each week to collect or must send a responsible person to collect on their behalf AFTER arranging with Clin A Encouraged to attend group and individual sessions with the social worker regularly

STAGE	ACTIONS
Monitoring visits	Client Functioning Questionnaire Quality of life, infectious disease and participation in psychosocial interventions assessment. ASSIST 3.0 to be done every 3 months

KPI	Description	Aug '21
Number of service users on Opioid Substitution Therapy	COSUP-funded currently on OST	742
Percentage of service users retained on OST	Programme funded clients	68%

HIV & TB TESTING AND REFERRALS

Percentage of PWUD who tested positive

*TB positive screens referred for workup

that started ART

TB screening

*TB positive screens

KPI	Description	Monthly Target	Aug '21
Percentage of OST clients who know their HIV status	Percentage of OST clients who know HIV status*	95%	73%

Percentage of OST clients on ART

Number of TB screen test performed

Number (%) of referrals for TB workup.

Number of positive TB screens

89%

332

4 (100%)

95%

HIV TESTING AND REFERRALS

Referrals

- Site within health facilities
- ▶ In community-based site referred to local clinics

Limitation to ART initiation

- Access to laboratory services
- Medication storage on site
- Dispensing license

Mitigate limitation

- Maintaining good stakeholder relationship
- Buddy system

HIV TESTING AND REFERRALS

Next step

- **▶** Focus on NSP clients
- Capacitate & accredit peer educators on HTS
- ► HIV campaigns and events with food & entertainment incentives
- In the process of implementing initiation of ART at all COSUP sites

PSYCHOSOCIAL SERVICES

Include

- ► Individual Counselling Sessions
- ► Family Counselling Sessions
- Client Support Groups
- **Community Support Groups**
- Skills development

TRAINING & AWARENESS



- More than a 1000 students get exposed to COSUP annually
- Medical, OT and physiotherapy students
- Family medicine registrars rotate at the sites during COPC rotation
- Local health care facilities
- Community facilities
- Non-profit Organizations

THANK YOU

Panel Discussion



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Stella Talisuna Alamo HIV Prevention Chief CDC Uganda



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