



Harm reduction coupled with differentiated care for Burundi's IDU's

UDI at the center of differentiated HIV care

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BACKGROUND / INTRODUCTION

BAPUD PRESENTATION : Burundian association of people who used drugs, It has been affiliated with a regional and global movement since its creation. Formally created by law number 1/02/ of January 27th, 2017 on the organic framework of non-profit associations in Burundi, the organization. It is registered under ministerial order no. 530/1646 of November 7, 2017, with national geographic coverage.

Introduction: For BaPUD, community work with and for IDUs focuses on a client-centered approach that simplifies and adapts HIV services through the cascade to reflect the IDUs living with HIV .



METHODS

Materials and methods: With the aim of providing reassuring services to IDUs, a team of 65 peer educators are trained and supervised to accompany the IDU community. In focus groups of 20 IDUs per session, the IDUs are sensitized, trained and informed, and after exchanges, they are invited voluntary to the HIV screening. Those who test positive begin treatment, with daily follow-up of BAPUD's HIV-positive champions. New cases are also involved in the new cases indexing.



RESULTS

Out of 37 hotspots identified, in Bujumbura capital, Bujumbura, Gitega, Rumonge, Ngozi, Muyinga, Bubanza, Kayanza, Makanga, Kirundo 4,241 IDUs were sensitized, 1,398 IDUs screened, with 59 seropositive cases, 38 new cases, 16 treatment dropouts, 59.7% men and 40.3% women.



CONCLUSION

With the aim of ensuring that IDUs are cared for using the advanced differentiated care strategy, 59 seropositive beneficiaries remain on ARV treatment and regular viral load monitoring as part to fight against HIV.

