Empowering Communities for Improved Key Population Services: The Tanzanian Experience

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Background: Key and Vulnerable Population Forum (KVPF)

KVPF is an umbrella organization for KVP-led civil society organizations (CSOs) in Tanzania.

Established to ensure quality services in alignment with national and global HIV goals.

Vision: Well-represented key and vulnerable population community advocating for effective health and HIV services.

Mission: Meaningful engagement of KVP communities through advocacy, coordination, and information dissemination.

Core Functions: Advocacy, coordination, inclusivity, capacity building, stigma-free platform.

KVPF's Collaboration with the Government in Tanzania (GoT)

Founded in 2018, officially endorsed by Tanzania's Ministry of Health in October 2019.

Led primarily by KVP community, with advisory seats for Tanzania Commission for AIDS (TACAIDS), National AIDS Control Programme (NACP), and Drug Control and Enforcement Authority (DCEA).
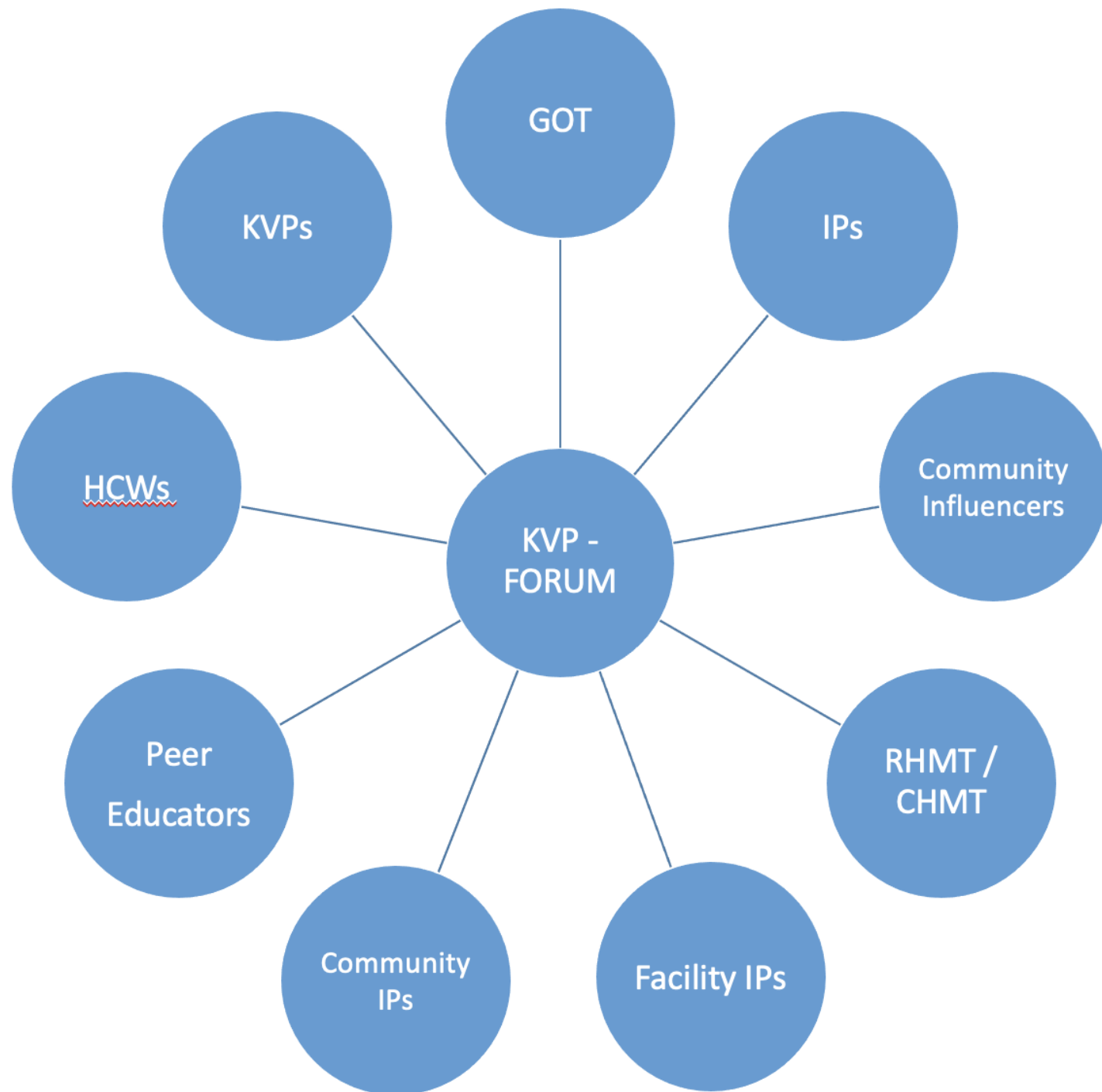
Entrusted to support efforts of the HIV and Health Technical Working Groups (TWGs) under NACP and TACAIDS.

Provides technical assistance to all implementing partners (IPs) related to KVP programming in the country.

Works with the Government to achieve 2030 national HIV targets (95-95-95 and 0-0-0).

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Engagement with Other Stakeholders -1

❑ **Facility Implementing Partners:**

- Share feedback on facility implementation

- Conduct oversight, supportive supervision, and technical assistance

- Introduce KVP Focal Persons/Networks and recommend KP-Led CSOs.

❑ **Community Implementing Partners:**

- Provide feedback on community implementation.

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Engagement with Other Stakeholders - 2

❑ **Development Partners:**

- Offer oversight, supportive supervision, and technical assistance to KVPF.
- Jointly review and plan through the Inter-Agency Key Population Technical Working Group.
- Provide feedback.

❑ **Regional and Council Health Management Teams (RHMT/CHMT):**

- Ensure KVP receive friendly services.
- Orient them on KVP health and HIV issues.
- Refer challenges not solved on the ground.

❑ **Key Populations:**

- Represent key populations and ensure their meaningful engagement with KVPF.

Engagement with Other Stakeholders - 3

❑ **Community Influencers:**
- Orient them on KVP health and HIV issues.
- Refer challenges not solved on the ground.
- Provide linkage with the community and government.

❑ **Peer Educators:**
- Coordinate and strengthen the sharing of best practices.
- Provide feedback on implementation experienced in the field.

❑ **Health Care Workers:**
- Follow up and monitor KVP-friendly services.
- Provide feedback on service gaps.

Facilitating Differentiated Service Delivery (DSD)

Here are some specific examples of how the KVP Forum has facilitated DSD in Tanzania:

❑ **Tailored Service Design:** The KVPF has actively participated in the design and adaptation of healthcare services to meet the unique needs of key and vulnerable populations.

❑ **Data-Driven Advocacy:** The forum collects and analyzes data to identify gaps in service delivery and disparities, enabling better resource allocation.

❑ **Capacity Building:** The KVPF has been instrumental in building the capacity of community organizations and healthcare providers to deliver specialized care.
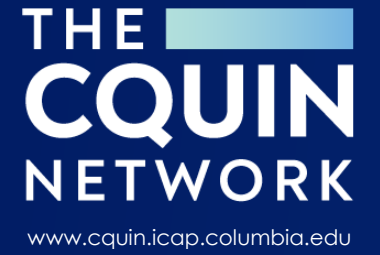
Conclusion

- KVPF in Tanzania serves as a prime example of how community engagement can significantly enhance DSD.

- The forum has demonstrated its effectiveness through various means, showcasing its role in addressing key issues and challenges.

NB: **The KVP Forum's success is a model for other nations in empowering key populations and achieving health and HIV goals.**

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