

HIV and adolescents: guidance for HIV testing and counselling and care for adolescents living with HIV

ANNEX 16: Implementation plan

Operational plan to disseminate, support and monitor implementation of Guidelines for HIV Testing and Counselling for Adolescents and Treatment and Care for Adolescents Living with HIV

1. Objectives

To integrate activities based on Guidelines for HTC for Adolescents and Treatment and Care for ALHIV recommendations in national HIV/AIDS plans and in proposals to the GFATM (e.g. National Strategy Application (NSA) and other donor agencies, and to promote implementation through work with other international and UN agencies offering technical assistance to countries for adaption, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of their HIV/AIDS activities.

2. Strategic components

Through work with WHO regional and country offices, Ministries of Health, UNAIDS, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNICEF, PEPFAR and others for:

1. Advocacy
2. Regional and country promotion
3. Support to partner agencies and organizations in developing country adaptations, and for planning and implementation including development of training tools
4. Monitoring and evaluation

3. Activities

3.1 Advocacy

- **Objective:**
 - To raise awareness within WHO at all levels and in all regions through key international, regional and national partners (e.g. civil society, foundations, donors), governments and national programmes about the new Guidelines for HTC for Adolescents and Treatment and Care for ALHIV.
- **Content of advocacy:**
 - Process: evidence-based and conducted with partners
 - Overview of adolescents and HIV guidelines objectives and content
 - Emphasis in Good Practice Recommendations; 1) Human Rights and inclusive environments 2) Non-discrimination in health care settings and medical ethics
 - Reference/linking to previous regional work
 - Brief description of implementation
- **Activities and products:**
 - Launching event (to be coordinated with key events at which Ministries of Health are likely to be present and with UN and other partners)

- Guidelines and executive summary launched on WHO website with links to other UN websites, and CDC and USAID websites, etc.
- Briefing to RO, UNAIDS and cosponsors (teleconference)
- Press release
- Policy brief summarizing the guidelines for NGOs and community organizations
- PowerPoint slide set

3.2 Regional and country promotion and planning

In conjunction with UNESCO, UNFPA and UNICEF

- **Objectives:**
 - To brief countries about the Guidelines for HTC for Adolescents and Treatment and Care for ALHIV
 - To establish country-specific targets for HTC and treatment and care services for adolescents (e.g. as part of PMTC programmes and linked to SRH and TB/HIV activities)
 - To draft priority key activities to be included in national plans and proposals to GFATM
- **Activities and products:**
 - Mailing list as per guidelines dissemination
 - Regional workshops (coordinated by UNESCO, UNFPA, UNICEF and others with support from WHO)
 - Support drafting of proposals, including M&E, covering activities related to HTC and treatment and care for adolescents, to be included in national plans and GFATM proposals
 - National targets

3.3 Support to partner agencies and organizations in developing country adaptations, and for planning and implementation including development of training tools

- **Objectives:**
 - To brief WHO staff in regions and countries
 - To work with UN partner organizations and other agencies on regional adaptation, implementation and development of training tools
- **Activities and products:**
 - Briefing of regional and country WHO staff
 - Support for country adaptation (lead by UNESCO, UNICEF, UNFPA and others)
 - Support for country implementation (lead by UNESCO, UNICEF, UNFPA and others)
 - Support for training material development (lead by UNESCO, UNICEF, UNFPA)
 - Incorporation of adolescent issues in health workforce training materials and counselling materials, adolescent health and sexual and reproductive health guidelines

3.4 Monitoring, Evaluation and Research

- **Objectives**
 - Include adolescent issues in WHO implementation science agenda. Present at and include in discussions of adolescent HTC and treatment programme issues at the WHO implementation science summit in November 2013.

- **Activities and products:**

- Adolescent HIV implementation science agenda developed and shared with a wide range of partners

3.5 Time frame

Advocacy: August – December 2013

Regional promotion and planning: July 2013-March 2014

Support for technical assistance: January 2014-December 2015

Monitoring and evaluation: July 2016-December 2016