Prioritizing PEPFAR interventions for adolescent girls & young women (AGYW)

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Agenda

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Who is funding global AGYW programs?

- **Global Fund: The AGYW Program**
  “The Global Fund Strategy 2023–2028 is committed advance youth-responsive programming including for AGYW and young KVP and their partners. Accelerate access to and effective use of precision combination HIV prevention option for AGWY and their partners. The strategy is committed to co-invest in empowerment schemes for in- and out-of-school AGYW to reduce transactional sex and decrease HIV risk, or use catalytic funding to drive reductions in human rights barriers to services.

- **PEPFAR: DREAMS Program**
  “A Public-private partnership to reduce rates of HIV among adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) in 15 highest HIV burden countries.”

These two programs are meant to complement each other.
Global Fund interventions

● Primary prevention for AGYW in Global Fund districts
● Access to contraceptives for AGYW
● Social and economic empowerment activities

Elements to consider for COP23:
● Coordination with DREAMS program - may be low or contentious in some countries
● Global Fund Funding request development
PEPFAR’s Programs & Interventions for AGYW

- Primary Prevention for AGYW in DREAMS Districts
- Primary Prevention for AGYW in Non-DREAMS Districts
- Care and Treatment for AGYW
- Integration of Reproductive Health and HIV Services
PEPFAR DREAMS Program Overview

- Each DREAMS country develops its own multi-sectoral, comprehensive package of evidence-based interventions to reduce HIV incidence in AGYW according to age band (10-14, 15-19 and 20-24).

- Core principle of DREAMS: “Layering” or providing multiple services from the DREAMS core package to each active DREAMS beneficiary.
  - Interventions address individual, community, and structural factors that increase AGYW’s HIV risk, including gender inequality, gender-based violence, and limited access to education and economic opportunities.
DREAMS Approach & Core Package of Services
PEPFAR DREAMS Program Overview

● Expansion of DREAMS to new districts can only occur if an existing DREAMS district is saturated.
  ○ **Saturation** in DREAMS is achieved when 75% AGYW in a DREAMS SNU have completed the appropriate package of DREAMS interventions for their age group.

● *From COP23 Guidance:* “PEPFAR will explore opportunities to sustain DREAMS aims and interventions for the long term. Recognising that some AGYW also double up as KPs, PEPFAR intends to link DREAMS and KP programming to ensure vulnerable girls and OVCs are reached.”

● Outside DREAMS districts, PrEP should always be provided in the context of the full package of services including risk reduction education and condoms.
Assessing the Impact of DREAMS in Kenya

What interventions contribute to consistent condom use among AGYW?

- Schooling Support
- GBV prevention program
- PrEP education/awareness

49% to 79% after DREAMS (+58% improvement)

What interventions reduce sexual violence against AGYW?

- Schooling Support
- Families Matter! Program

21% to 0% after DREAMs (-21% reduction)

Assessing the Impact of DREAMS: 10 Countries

Average decline in new HIV diagnoses in **Always DREAMS SNU**s (45%) was significantly greater than that in **Never DREAMS SNU**s (37%) ($F = 8.1, 1$ and $df = 829$, $P < 0.01$)

This is an incredible resource that defines the M&E metrics for PEPFAR programs & includes key programmatic details that will be helpful in the room.

Full DREAMS Indicator sheet on pg 35
# Relevant PEPFAR MER indicators for AGYW

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https://mer.amfar.org/
http://kpdata.amfar.org/
PrEP COP23 Guidance: DREAMS

“To meet our commitment to decreasing inequities among adolescent girls and young women, PEPFAR will continue what is working with an emphasis on scaling up PrEP, while identifying and addressing new gaps. To secure DREAMS’ gains and expand its impact for adolescent girls and young women, 2 of PEPFAR’s key priorities for COP/ROP23 are sustainability and partnerships. Working closely with local partners in government, civil society, communities (including faith communities and traditional communities), the private sector, and adolescent girls and young women themselves, PEPFAR will begin to assess and explore opportunities to sustain DREAMS’s aims and interventions for the long term.”
The 2021 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS goal is to reduce new HIV infections to less than 370,000 by 2025, including decreasing new HIV infections among adolescent girls and young women to below 50,000. PEPFAR recognizes this goal is only achievable if we address the disparities facing adolescent girls and young women. Thus, PEPFAR is committed to a gender-equity approach for HIV prevention among adolescent girls and young women meeting their unique needs through DREAMS and other gender transformative programming.”
COP23 Guidance: PrEP for AGYW

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Access to HIV prevention services for AGWY

Voices from the field!!!
Wins to aim for in the COP rooms

- Continue to prioritize and expand DREAMS
- Increase integrated service delivery service points
- Contraception, prevention, and treatment within larger SRH landscape
- Multi-month dispensing of commodities including contraceptives for AGYW
- Advocate for PrEP access and expansion of prevention options to facilitate CHOICE (oral PrEP, CAB LA, DVR)
- Monitor roll-back of PLGHA (Global Gag Rule)
- Active communication about repeal to primes and subs
- Adapt program materials accordingly
- Re-engage with partners that were lost due to the PLGHA policy
Wins to aim for in the COP Rooms

- Increase integrated service delivery service points
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- All AGYW receiving prevention or treatment services **must** be offered FP with method mix on-site with informed consent & client-centered counseling
- Leverage Global Fund / PEPFAR being in the same room
  - Increase coordination across the 2 AGYW programs
  - Complementary funding with existing and emergency COVID-19 funding
Thank you for your attention & participation!!!

If you have any questions about the information presented today, please feel free to reach out to any of the presenters!