## Sex Workers

Sub Group on TI For NACP IV formulation Draft Presentation to the Core Group 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011

## Core Group Meeting

## **Guiding Principles**

- Rights based approach
- Address structural barriers (laws, legislations, policies; norms, practices, culture)
- Be Gender responsive (e.g RCH approach)
- Approach to be public health and social development – go beyond NACO involving other sectors
- Partnership driven in the true sense and spirit of it. (NGOs, civil society, private providers etc)

## **Guiding Principles**

- Community led and owned (design, exert choice on service delivery, implementation, capacity building, monitoring, data use etc)
- Different / special strategies across sets of states depending on epidemiology, stage of programs, state capacities, local context (e.g. conflicts) etc
- Cater to differentials and variants in environment and typologies (nature of sex work, nature of sites; geographic variations etc), so that there is no "one template for TI"

## **Guiding Principles**

- Focus on demand creation (better life; health; HIV prevention services such as condoms, STI, HIV testing, care/treatment)
- Ensure that the prevention to care continuum is in the construct of TI
- Reducing stigma / discrimination (e.g. sensitizing various groups) integral to TI
- Do no harm
- Innovations as part of service delivery

Topic	What worked (hence	W hat could have gone	What could we do
	continue)	better / why?	differently in NACP-IV
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Scale / coverage			
HIV Impact			
Demand creation			
Supply - Access to services			
Quality			
Program Management			
Structural Interventions			
Capacity building			
Partnerships			
Public-Private partnerships			
Community mobilization			
Epidemiological focus			
Monitoring and Evaluation			
Innovation			
Financial management and			
funds flow; budget flexibility			

## **END**

### **Group Composition**

- Officials from NACO
- Officials from NTSU and TSU
- Development Partners
- Participants from Community
- Participants from Civil Society

 Note: The number of participants increased during the course of the group discussions

#### Observations

- The Group discussion takes place in the absence of at NACP IV strategy document or a TI strategy document.
- The only information shared was through a presentation and no reports were shared with regard to any review, evaluation or assessment
- The group comprises of people from the community and there was a requirement of translation that makes the time available reduce by half

## The Guiding Principles and their articulation in the Sex Workers TI

# Th Works, with Community Ownership it can work better

- Strengthening Operationalization with community involvement and ownership
  - The Approach is no longer a debate, it is a requirement
  - Involvement in all processes (not stopping with just this consultation) but over the period of design and development of all program components and policy
  - Representation of community in decision making bodies

## Areas of Focus and key Recommendations

- Focus on clients of sex workers as part of the TI response
  - Clients, partners, lovers, babus etc
- Outreach essentially peer based
  - PE model to be contextual
  - Honorarium parity
  - PE time for quality interaction with community and reduce burden of M&E

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#### Limitation

- Time
- Discussion could not be strategic
- Overarching approach needs to be stated