



Programme

The importance of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) to reach HIV fast-track goals and Universal Health Coverage for women and girls

Wednesday 25 – Friday 27 October 2017 | WP1572

The June 2016 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS announced targets to fast-track the end of the AIDS epidemic by 2030. This may consequently lead to the end of national stand-alone HIV programmes. Sustainable approaches to advance sexual and reproductive health which include HIV interventions are acutely needed, particularly for women and girls living with and at risk of HIV. Wilton Park and the World Health Organization, Department of Reproductive Health and Research (RHR), including the Special Programme for Human Reproduction (HRP) proposes a policy discussion on how countries can develop and operationalise multi-sectoral approaches to advance sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and accelerate achievement of goals to reach HIV fast-track goals and Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

Context

The Sustainable Development Goals, the UN Global Strategy for Women's Children and Adolescent Health (GSWACH) and the UNAIDS Fast-Track approach to ending the AIDS epidemic, all mark a new beginning for the global development agenda where it is increasingly critical from economic, political and health systems perspectives to stop operating under siloed, vertical approaches and focus on comprehensive SRHR that includes HIV. Supporting improved achievement of both SRHR and HIV outcomes goes

beyond disease prevention to improving well-being and respecting the rights of people to the highest attainable standards of health.

While the 'end of AIDS' has been announced, the reality is that between 2010 and 2015, the number of new HIV infections among young people and adults has not declined. This threatens



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future progress in reaching national health goals and targets. In addition, while vertical financial mechanisms such as the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund) and the United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) still remain significant sources of funding and have produced tangible results, they have also had adverse effects on national health systems by encouraging and funding stand-alone HIV structures. The dependency for international donor support rather than national level ownership threatens to affect health security in LMICs.

It is more than a decade since the [New York Call to Commitment](#) (2004) and the [Glion Call to Action on Family Planning and HIV/AIDS in Women and Children](#) (2004) which catalysed the field of SRHR/HIV linkages and led to global, regional and national level achievements in strengthening comprehensive approaches to programming for linking SRHR and HIV interventions. It is timely to refocus on the conversation to highlight again the importance of these approaches within the newly evolved policy frameworks, development agendas and funding opportunities. This has the potential to define a vision for UHC with investment in multi-sectoral interventions, as promoted through the 2030 Agenda for Development.

This meeting sits within UN Global Strategy for Women's Children and Adolescent Health (GSWACH) and the UNAIDS Fast-Track approach to ending the AIDS epidemic and the Family Planning Summit held July 2017. It is part of the Wilton Park series on global health, which includes multiple meetings on HIV, including most recently on [HIV prevention](#), recent discussions around family planning and Wilton Park's meetings on human rights for women and girls, including [preventing sexual violence in conflict](#).

Goal and objectives

The high-level policy discussion will seek to identify strategies and policy outcomes on how investing in and strengthening SRHR interventions through multi-sectoral approaches for women and girls can contribute to ending the AIDS epidemic, achieving the SRHR targets in the SDGs, and accelerate progress to achieve UHC goals.

Specific objectives include to:

- review the evidence on SRH-HIV linkages since the [2004 Glion Call to Action on Family Planning and HIV/AIDS in Women and Children](#) to inform advocacy, policies and programmes and related funding architecture for reaffirming the need to promote linked interventions;
- revisit interventions (related to policy, programming and finance architecture) for women and girls living with and at risk of HIV within the SDGs development framework, the Global Strategy on Women, Children and Adolescent Health (GSWCAH), FP2020 and the Fast track commitments to end the AIDS epidemic; and
- recommit to advancing SRHR for women and girls including those affected by HIV that also explicitly strengthen health systems and financing to achieve UHC.

Expected outputs and outcomes

- Define shared principles and priority policy actions to inform HIV donors and countries on multi-sectoral approaches to advance SRHR for women and girls that could impact Fast Track HIV and UHC;
- Produce report summarising recommendations and key issues to be shared widely.

Wednesday 25 October

1500	Participants arrive and refreshments available
1600-1610	Welcome and introduction Robin Hart Senior Programme Director, Wilton Park Manjulaa Narasimhan Scientist, Department of Reproductive Health and Research, World Health Organization (WHO), Geneva
1610-1620	1. Keynote message: a WHO perspective Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus (video message) Director General, World Health Organization, Geneva
1620-1730	2. Advancing the SRHR of women and girls living with and at risk of HIV through a woman-centred approach What are the determinants of vulnerability, discrimination and inequalities facing women and girls that affect access to and use of SRHR and HIV interventions? What is a woman-centred approach to health and how can it benefit women and girls? How can meaningful community engagement influence rights to access, choice and quality of care for women and girls? How to uphold and fulfil the right to health? Florence Anam Advocacy and Communications Manager, International Community of Women Living with HIV (ICW Global), Nairobi Yogan Pillay Deputy Director General, HIV/AIDS, TB & MCWH, National Department of Health, Pretoria Tyler Crone Executive Director and Co-Founder, ATHENA, Seattle Sten Vermund Dean, Yale School of Public Health, New Haven
1730-1800	Tea/coffee
1800-1900	3. The new agenda for SRHR: how to meet the challenges ahead? Where does SRHR now sit in the newly evolved international policy frameworks including the SDGs, GSWCAH, HIV fast-track goals and Universal Healthcare Coverage? What progress has been made since the 2004 Glion call to action on Family Planning and HIV/AIDS in women and children? What are the implications for future progress in the light of current and future projected financing for SRHR and HIV? Michalina Drejza Country Co-ordinator, International Youth Alliance for Family Planning, London Luisa Cabal Special Adviser, Human Rights, Law and Gender, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), Geneva Charlotte Watts Chief Scientific Adviser/Director, Research and Evidence Division, Department for International Development (DFID), London

1900

Reception followed by dinner, hosted by:

Myles Wickstead

Acting Chief Executive, Wilton Park

Followed by conversation with:

Zed Derex-Briggs

Regional Director for Eastern and Southern Africa, UN Women, Nairobi

Thursday 26 October

0800-0845

Breakfast

0900-1030

4. Building the evidence base for structural interventions to reduce inequalities and improve universal health coverage (UHC)

What cascade strategies are needed to work with partnerships and networks to maximise impact on health and related systems for women and girls? How to increase visibility and reporting of evidence to enhance accountability? How can countries develop approaches to UHC through more integrated policy and programming? What needs to happen to achieve the targets set out for SRHR/HIV/UHC?

Carmen Barroso

Co-Chair, Independent Accountability Panel, New York

Robert Yates

Project Director, UHC Policy Forum, Centre on Global Health Security, Chatham House, London

Michelle Remme

Assistant Professor, Health Economics, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

1030-1115

Photograph followed by tea/coffee

1115-1300

5. What policy changes are required to advance multi-sectoral approaches in countries?

What needs to happen to meet the SDGs and the Fast Track commitments to end the AIDS epidemic for women and girls? How can leadership and advocacy be leveraged to advance SRHR for women and girls? What is the evidence of benefits at national level to a comprehensive approach to SRHR?

Chair: Mukesh Kapila

Professor of Global Health and Humanitarian Affairs, University of Manchester

Bernard Haufiku

Minister of Health and Social Services, Ministry of Health and Social Services, Windhoek

Patricia Garcia Funegra

Former Minister of Health of Peru; Member of the US National Academy of Medicine, Lima

Pascale Allotey

Director, International Institute for Global Health (IIGH), United Nations University (UNU), Kuala Lumpur

At end of session, identify topics for discussion in smaller groups during Session 7.

1300-1400

Lunch

Conversations in the garden (optional)

1500-1630

6. Addressing the long-term implications of the current and future funding contexts for women and girls

What can countries do to prepare for the expected reductions in international development funds earmarked for SRHR and HIV? How can countries increase their domestic financing to meet national targets for SRHR and HIV outcomes? How can the international financing community better align themselves with national priorities and strategies?

David Wilson

Program Director, World Bank, Washington DC

Adeniyi Fakoya

Senior Disease Coordinator HIV, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, Geneva

1630-1700

Tea/coffee

1700-1830

7. Discussion groups: reaching UHC through advancing SRHR: how?

Discussions in five smaller groups. The themes for the group discussions will be identified by participants from issues which emerge during the meeting. Themes may include:

- Placing countries at the centre
- Engaging communities meaningfully
- Supporting health workforce excellence
- Strengthening and expanding partnerships
- Operationalising multi-sectoral interventions
- Linking health diplomacy, financing and evidence
- Addressing SRHR for women and girls during humanitarian and emergency crises
- Improving self-efficacy through user-controlled SRHR interventions for women and girls
- Woman-centered care to advance SRHR for women and girls
- SRHR biomedical and digital technologies for women and girls
- Coherently scaling-up models of integrated service delivery for SRHR and HIV

Facilitators to include:

Maureen Kangere

Senior Programme Officer, Raising Voices, Kampala

Kate Thomson

Head, Community, Rights and Gender Department, The Global Fund, Geneva

Miles Kemplay

Director, Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive, Children's Investment Fund Foundation, London

Alice Welbourn

Founding Director, Salamander Trust, London

1900

Reception followed by dinner

Friday 27 October

0800-0845

Breakfast and checkout

0900-0950

8. Feedback and reflections

Feedback from the session 7 discussion groups followed by reflections on the discussions so far to help shape the final morning.

Elly Leemhuis

Senior Advisor, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague

Jillian Gedeon

Co-Executive Director, International Youth Alliance for Family Planning, Washington DC

0950-1115

9. Recommitting to advancing SRHR interventions which explicitly strengthen health systems and financing to achieve UHC

Establishing the leadership to uphold human rights of women and girls through a joint programme of efforts to advance SRHR and gender equality.

Plenary introductions of 5 minutes each (0950-1015) followed by discussion in smaller groups from 1015 to 1115.

Chair: Sofia Gruskin

Professor of Law and Preventive Medicine, University of Southern California; Director, Programme on Global Health and Human Rights, Institute for Global Health, Los Angeles

Robin Gorna

Co-lead, SheDecides, London

Adenike Esiet

Executive Director, Action Health Incorporated, Lagos

Siobhan Malone

Program Officer, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Seattle

Lori Adelman

Director, Youth Engagement, Women Deliver, New York

1115-1130

Tea/coffee

1130-1145

10. Evaluation survey

Completion of online evaluation survey and commitment to action.

1145-1300

11. Conclusions, commitments and next steps

Feedback from discussions in Session 9 and recommendations for recommitting international efforts to advance and support SRHR interventions, including identifying personal and organisational next steps.

Chair: Ian Askew

Director, Department of Reproductive Health and Research (RHR), World Health Organization (WHO), Geneva

1300

Lunch

1400

Participants depart

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