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USAID Afya Yangu Southern Program

Gender and Youth Component

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Overview

USAID Afya Yangu - Southern Program integrates gender in program implementation in line with Tanzania's Gender and Youth policies as well as USAID and PEPFAR guidance:

- The program strengthens integration of gender-based violence (GBV) technical priorities into HIV Prevention, Testing, PrEP initiation, Care and Treatment services
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- The program works with community power holders and gatekeepers to improve community support for women, girls, and youth to make and act on HIV/TB-related decisions and services

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- On Youth Care and Treatment, the Program facilitates Adolescents-Friendly HIV Services (AFHS) that integrate age-appropriate friendly practices into HIV adolescent's clinical care for improving ART adherence and retention. The AFHS will also increase uptake of integrated services.
- The Program facilitates male case-finding through existing trained Providers (HCW and Male Champions), and leverage on the available HTS services. Moreover, the program supports strengthening the existing Male Friendly Health Services (MFHS) facilities using the Dos and Don'ts of Male Engagement approach to contribute to male case finding in HIV testing and linkage to care and treatment.
- The program capacitates project staff on gender transformative approaches to ensure the provision of integrated gender/youth-responsive and stigma-free client-centered services.



Our Target

The Program is Targeting to:

- Address the harmful gender norms around masculinity and associated stigma that act as barriers to engaging and retaining target beneficiaries in HIV prevention, testing, care, and treatment services.
- Support adolescent and youths on adherence to ART by identifying and addressing the barrier related to gender norms and provide psychosocial support through AFHS
- Address GBV issue that restricts women and Youth's access to gender responsive health services
- Address the issue of unavailability of HIV/CECAP/FP/GBV services.





Our Interventions

- Provision of comprehensive and age-appropriate clinical post-GBV care that meets the expressed needs of survivors. This is done through integrated HIV clinical service delivery platform.
- Ensuring that all sites delivering post-violence clinical care services provide the full minimum package of post-violence care, including:
 - Treatment of injuries
 - Rapid HIV testing and counseling with linkage to treatment as needed
 - STI testing/screening and treatment
 - Post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP)
 - Emergency contraception
 - Counseling (first-line support: LIVES)
 - Referral to non-clinical violence response services, such as longer-term psychosocial support, child protection, police, legal, shelter, economic empowerment, etc
- Strengthening HIV/GBV health systems and service delivery:
 - Provide age-appropriate first-line support (LIVES)
 - Provide basic, age-appropriate counseling and psychosocial support to better meet the mental health needs of survivors

Our Interventions

- Provide referrals and support to access local clinical (e.g., STI, FP, MCH, etc.) and non-clinical services (e.g., longer-term psychosocial support, shelter services, economic empowerment activities, etc.) that will assist with continued recovery
 - Ensuring that all needed commodities are forecasted for and available at sites providing clinical services, such as PEP, emergency contraception, and STI drug
 - Providing quality assurance of GBV services using the Gender-Based Violence Quality Assurance Tool
 - Improving GBV data quality, collection, and reporting using the GEND_GB V Rapid Data Quality Review Tool
- The Program supports integration of Adolescents-Friendly HIV Services (AFHS) to incorporate age-appropriate friendly practices into HIV adolescents' clinical care for improving ART retention and adherence.
- The program supports provision of Male Friendly Health Services (MFHS) at selected high-volume HFs aiming at strengthening male case finding in HIV testing through extended clinic hours (evenings or weekends)

Beneficiaries of Our Interventions

- Youth, Adolescents and Children
- Women, Men, and other gender identities
- Vulnerable groups including persons with disabilities



Service Delivery Model

Facility based service delivery model:

- Engaging men and boys in GBV prevention and response and in changing harmful gender norms through Male Champions and peers
- Use HIV integrated health services to survivors
- Provide post clinical services and non-clinical services through referral





Services Accessibility to Beneficiaries

- Routine Intimate partner violence (IPV) screening in all services delivery points
- Provision of GBV – First Line Support (LIVES)
- Post GBV/IPV clinical services and referrals
- Outreach services by Male Champion, Youth Focal Person
- Provision of peer -led adherence sessions during teen clubs
- Set a special room for youth friendly Health services at facility level
- Through IEC materials including posters, brochure, event, service card for creating awareness and increase health seeking behavior







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