COVID-19 RESPONSE MECHANISM FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS

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The Global Fund Task Force will relentlessly work as a collective to attain its definite goal coupled with strategic objectives through the process of strengthening the capacity of the task force team and understanding that COVID-19 has affected the Trans and Intersex, and other community members of the Key populations hence the focus in strengthening interventions in following core areas related to adaption of programs to fight HIV, tuberculosis and malaria; and Strengthening health and community systems and below are some of the key areas;

Human rights and Documentation

This will enable the task force team to be well-vested in human rights and achieve the competency of documenting the violation faced by KP’s in health care setups. This information will be used as tools of advocacy to actualize its chief aim and some of the requirements or the core activities for Human rights documentations will be:

1. Human rights training
2. Development of tools to be used during the implementation of documenting the violations faced by the key population community
3. Develop the structure of accountability whilst documenting the violations
4. Analysis of the human rights that being violated

SOGIESC and SRHR

This activity will advance the team’s efficiency to raise awareness on the principles of SOGIESC in health institution, thereby creating expanded consciousness among health care providers and spearheading the process of amplifying KP cultural competency among functionalities in these institutions. Also, the task force envisions to achieve its goal by engaging with relevant stakeholders such Ministry of Health, National Aids Council etc. The engagement with various stakeholders will be the buildup on the already belt capacity in previous engagements with health institutions and also creating Rapport of the existing SRHR services by creating demand and also ensuring that there is uptake of the services.

1. The first activity will be to understand the guidelines in line with the NASF that will enable fruitful interactions with National Aids Council whilst engaging with Ministry of Health in order to ensure that there is link is the strategies that are being implemented.
2. Expand the understanding of Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights in relation to the response of COVID-19 by creating emergency preparedness.

3. Enhance the monitoring mechanism that will allow measure the response of the activities by doing a comprehensive needs assessment.

**ROLES OF THE TASK OF FORCE TEAM**

The task force team will play a critical role in eliminating barriers affecting the KP community from accessing health services. The roles of the task force include, but not limited to the following:

1. Educate health care providers on the specific health needs of the Key Population

2. Conduct campaigns and surveys/research in health institutions to raise awareness on SOGIESC and specific health needs of KPs.

3. Build rapport with health institutions and service providers so that the KP’s can be linked to care, treatment, and access their specific health needs.

4. Advocate for the diversification of health service provision in health institutions with the goal of meeting specific health-needs of the KP community.

5. Influence, improve or reform health policies limiting access to health services among KP’s.

6. Disseminate information in the KP community about the progress of the Task Force Team

7. Spearhead the process of holding accountable the parties and people involved