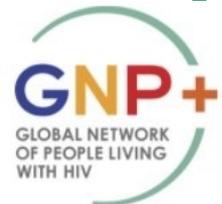# C19-RM

Recommendations for KP programming

Background

Meaningful engagement of communities is essential to minimize risks, maintain momentum towards global targets, and to ensure the COVID-19 epidemic and its response does not lead to adverse effects, such as aggravated discrimination against key populations.

This is a list of examples of concrete activities to address Community-related challenges due to COVID-19 and is based on two CRG COVID-19 Guidance Notes, partners' reports and extensive consultations with communities and civil society.

This illustrative list can be used by civil society, communities and CCMs when preparing C19RM 2021 funding requests

Examples of activities

Adaptation of existing programs

Rapid assessments of safety and security of KVPs program clients and implementers considering COVID-19 restrictions, and support for adjusting program delivery based on findings

Support policy review and revision to allow easier access to HIV, TB and malaria services, including multi-month dispensing and allowing third-party collection of treatment

Support costs of programmatic adaptations converting the content and approach (from face to face to online) of trainings and sensitization sessions

Examples of activities

Community-led delivery of services

Strengthen existing community platforms (drop-in centers, safe spaces, community-based clinics) as well as community networks to deliver services.

Expand the provision of community-led HIV or malaria rapid testing to COVID-19 (and future vaccines and therapeutics), active case finding, screening and testing and community tracing.

Invest in sensitization of COVID-19 health care workers on issues of stigma, discrimination and unconscious bias against KVPs

Support engagement with community leaders and raise awareness on the potential rights violations against KVPs in the context of COVID-19

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Examples of activities

Community-led monitoring

Support CBOs to monitor the impact of COVID-19 on health service providers in their communities

Support the development of advocacy materials on the importance of preserving access to HIV, TB and malaria services and reproductive health services, and relevant activities on monitoring and reporting on access to services

Support communities to monitor and report on quality of services, stock-outs, and human rights violations

Invest in integration of community-based education and advocacy to overcome vaccine hesitancy within ongoing advocacy activities, as appropriate

Examples of activities

Intimate partner violence / gender-based violence

Invest in social media, radio and other internet-based tools to raise awareness on prevention of IPV and GBV

Invest in enhancing the capacity of existing **helplines for IPV/GBV** reporting/referrals to address increased GBV/IPV implications

Inform IPV survivors and communities (including KVPs) of the need to seek HIV post-exposure prophylaxis, emergency contraception and other emergency services, including psychosocial support/mental health and trauma services

Train health care workers and law enforcement officers on the increased risk of IPV and other forms of violence

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Examples of activities

Support CBOs' engagement in prevention and service delivery

Equipping CBOs and key populations groups with PPE

Adapting COVID-19 prevention information to mobile populations, minorities and indigenous people

Scaling-up community mobilization for treatment support and monitoring and strengthening the linkage to HIV and TB services

Support access to services for people in prison (condoms and lubricants in discrete locations) and advocacy for early release programs

Procuring data packs/IT support for communities to foster engagement in all processes

Procuring phones or data credits for community outreach workers, community treatment supporters and/or peer educators to enable remote support to patients

Examples of activities

Social protection and mental health

Nutritional support (and other livelihood packages) for KVPs

Scale-up existing rapid response mechanisms, including existing temporary shelters with comprehensive services for victims of GBV and human rights violations

Prioritize continuity of services supporting people with disabilities, and scale up if possible, including phone /online support

Build on existing infrastructure for KVPs to support one another, such as peer support (support groups, online/phone-based support mechanisms)

Support social mobilization and education of communities, including through organizing online or phone-based activities that are informative and allow for social connection

Increase mental health support available to beneficiaries through online and virtual platforms

THANK YOU

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