

The scourge of HIV/AIDS and prospects for its integration with RH programme

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HIV and RH

- HIV/AIDS and RH should be addressed together
- If we are to reduce HIV prevalence then we should address issues of
 - Maternal health/Safe motherhood
 - STIs
 - Family planning
 - Adolescent sexual and reproductive health

The linkage of HIV/AIDS and Family planning

- It is through use of contraceptives e.g. condoms that the spread of HIV can be prevented
- Couples living positively enjoy their sexual reproductive rights
- Couples living positively can continue having children; when and how many

Linking HIV and Maternal Health

- During ANC mothers are tested for HIV and STIs
- PMTCT services are recommended for the positive mothers
- Treatment for STIs is given
- Nutrition

Linking HIV and Maternal Health

- PMTCT services are recommended for the positive mothers and therefore mothers are advised to deliver under skilled attendance

Challenges

- Inadequate funding for RH Services.
- Lack of Government prioritization for RH Issues.
- Donor priorities and conditions.

What should be done

Integrated approach: One stop center and not a parallel programme

- Cost Effective to both government and the client in terms of financial human and time resources.

The role of MPs

- As budget members of Parliament, through our budgetary appropriation role, we shall continue to advocate for increased attention and funding by government to reproductive services. For example ensuring that family planning services are available, accessible, and affordable by the communities.
- As representatives of our communities we are committed to ensuring that HIV/AIDS and RH Services are integrated right from HCII level upwards through legislation and policy formulation . We have already formed Advocacy fora in Parliament such as Population Food Security and development and Network of African Women Ministers and Parliamentarians Uganda Chapter to achieve this.

Role of MPs

- Work closely with the formal committees of parliament such as social services and HIV/AIDs.
- Committed to implementing the Uganda road map to reduce Maternal and Infant Mortality.

Thank you



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