

STAKEHOLDERS' CONSULTATION ON HIV/AIDS IN MSM/TG COMMUNITIES IN SINGAPORE

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- **Topic 1: Information, Education and Communication**
- **Topic 2: HIV Testing strategies**
- **Topic 3: Care and Support for PLHIVs**
- **Topic 4: Stigma & Discrimination**
- **Topic 5: Legal Barriers**
- **Topic 6: Early Treatment**
- **Topic 7: Treatment as Prevention, PrEP**
- **Topic 8: Leadership Development and Resource Mobilization**
- **Topic 9: High Risk Substance Use in MSM/TG**

Discussion groups



Summary of Recommendations

- Safer sex PLUS
- importance of HIV/STI testing
- higher risk persons should to test regularly and frequently
- importance of early detection of HIV and starting treatment early
- Syndemics of HIV, STI and Risk behaviour
- treatment is affordable and effective

Broaden The Messages

- Increase - awareness of and access to - treatment
- Treatment for all PWHAs
- Address access disparities - well-off and very poor have easier access to the best treatments, average working PWHAs may have less access
- Reduce community viral load
 - Linkage to Care
 - Retention in Care
 - Adherence

Treatment – Awareness, Accessibility, Affordability

- Identify and mobilize MSM, esp. young MSM, as role models
- Get information about HIV to peers on a variety of platforms
- Visible PWHA and MSM role models to reduce stigma and discrimination against PWHA and MSM
- Example to those afraid to get tested that being positive is no longer a death sentence

Ambassadors And Role Models

- Stay abreast of latest information and evidence
- Identify which can be made available, who is willing to provide them
- Disseminate reliable information out how to use them and where to get them
- May be difficult to try to get consensus from local authorities on whether or not to make them available

PrEP, PEP, Other ARV-based Prevention Strategies

- Mobilize resources, advance the agenda
- oversee, organize and mobilise - Local, international and community leadership and organizations
- implement programmes and activities not likely to receive funding and/or support from government agencies
- appoint a coordinator

Independent Umbrella Organization

- identify service gaps and needs
- identify and mobilize best resources/organisations to address the gaps

Review And Refine Programmes

- to provide all information related to HIV/AIDS/STI and MSM
- safer sex, testing, treatment options
- harm reduction for high risk behaviours
- option of partnering with Fridae, Blowing Wind and/or Trevvy to carry the information if unable to obtain approval from local authorities

One-Stop Portal
