



STRIVE preconference meeting at AIDS 2018 'Successfully tackling the structural drivers of HIV'

**21 July 2018, 09:30 – 17:00
Emerald Room, RAI**

Hosts: STRIVE partners in collaboration with DFID, UNAIDS, UNDP and SRHR Africa Trust

Description:

What works to tackle structural drivers of HIV? How can this evidence inform policy-making and programme implementation? This session synthesizes evidence on structural drivers of HIV, including findings from studies conducted as part of the STRIVE research consortium (<http://strive.lshtm.ac.uk>). Policy makers, implementers, civil society advocates and researchers, will lead two panel discussions on ways to tackle structural drivers that impact on: Sustainable Development Goals in order to achieve multiple benefits; and the delivery of biomedical prevention technologies including PrEP. The impact on the sexual health of adolescent girls and young women will be a specific focus of both panel discussions. Themes related to HIV risk will include addressing alcohol, gender inequality, social norms, intimate partner violence, stigma, and transactional sex. The panel members will debate evidence on a new co-financing model for multiple-benefit interventions. Delegates will receive evidence briefs, technical summaries, and guidance on measuring structural drivers. This session is designed for policy makers, implementers, civil society advocates and researchers.

Aims:

The main aim of the day is to facilitate a discussion with policy makers, implementers, civil society advocates and researchers about ways to integrate evidence into practice in order to tackle structural drivers of HIV in sub-Saharan Africa and Asia.

Outcome:

The outcome of the meeting will be a set of recommendations on how best to integrate ways to tackle structural drivers of HIV in policy and practice.

Agenda

09:30 Welcome: Saidi Kapiga (STRIVE co-research director)

- Introduction of STRIVE partners, co-hosts and an overview of the day

09:50 Opening address: Catherine Sozi (Director UNAIDS Regional Support Team, Eastern & Southern Africa)

- The importance of tackling structural drivers of HIV, especially for adolescent girls and young women

10:10 Opening Presentation: Setting the scene: Saidi Kapiga, Mitzy Gafos (STRIVE co-research directors)

- An overview of STRIVE's work to tackle the structural drivers of HIV

Morning Session

10:30-13:00 Session 1: Addressing structural drivers in order to achieve the sustainable development goals

10:30 Presentation by Katherine Fritz, Ravi Prakash, Parinita Bhattacharjee, Saidi Kapiga

- STRIVE for the SDGs: How can STRIVE's conceptual approach to understanding and intervening on structural drivers of HIV be used to formulate strategies for achieving the SDGs?
- Programmatic evidence
 - Co-financing: an innovative solution to increase efficiency in funding allocation
 - Samata: an intervention to increase secondary education and reduce child marriage
 - Samvedena Plus: an intervention to reduce intimate partner violence among sex workers
 - MAISHA: an intervention to reduce intimate partner violence among women

11:15 Panel Discussion:

Panel members

Chair: Doug Webb (Team Leader, Health and Innovative Financing, HIV, Health and Development Group UNDP, New York)

Panelists:

- Nevilene Slingers (Executive Manager: Resource Mobilisation and Donor Co-ordination, South African National AIDS Council, South Africa)
- Saroj Yadav (Dean Academic, National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), Ministry of Human Resources Development, New Delhi, India)
- Florence Anam (Advocacy and Communications Manager, International Community of Women Living with HIV (ICW), Global Office)
- Kanengo Zoe Nakamba (Activist, SRHR Africa Trust (SAT), Zambia)
- Shufang Zhang (Specialist, Impact Modelling and Program Efficiency, Global Fund to Fight AIDS TB and Malaria)

Questions for the panel: An overall discussion on how the HIV community should see the SDGs as facilitating or enabling for the task of ending AIDS by 2030.

1. If the silo focus on HIV is discouraged by the SDGs, what lessons from the last 30-years of response to HIV will assist in the achievement of Goal 3?
2. How do we design upstream interventions advancing an HIV platform, that address multiple development goals such as poverty (SDG1), education (SDG4), gender equality (SDG5 – violence), inequities (SDG 10) and inclusive institutions (SDG 16)?
3. How do we effectively finance cross-sectoral efforts to achieve HIV and health outcomes with increased domestication of funding?

Outcome:

- A set of 5-10 recommendations to support the integration of upstream structural interventions into SDG planning and financing.

13:00-14:00 Lunch break (lunch provided) with poster presentations of STRIVE research

Afternoon Session

14:00-17:00 Session 2: Addressing structural drivers in the delivery of comprehensive HIV prevention programmes

14:00 Welcome: to the afternoon session with a summary of the morning session

14:10 Presentation by Sinead Delany-Moretiwe, Joyce Wamoyi, Gerry Mshana, Anne Stangl

- Structural factors and the HIV prevention and treatment cascades: where are we?
- Including examples from STRIVE studies on:
 - Transactional sex and youth
 - Alcohol availability and youth
 - Addressing stigma in universal test and treat programmes
 - EMPOWER: integrating GBV screening into combination HIV prevention programmes

14:55 Panel Discussion:

Panel members

Chair: Charlotte Watts (Chief Scientific Advisor, Department for International Development (DFID), UK)

Panelists:

- Yogan Pillay (Deputy Director General, National Department of Health, South Africa)
- Celestine Mugambi (Head, Technical Support Division, National AIDS Control Programme, Kenya)
- Shrikala Acharya (Additional Project Director, Mumbai Districts AIDS Control Society, India)
- Shaun Mellors (Director, Knowledge & Influence, International HIV/AIDS Alliance, UK)
- Aadielah Diedericks (Coordinator, Southern African Alcohol Policy Alliance (SAAPA), South Africa)
- Akende Simamuna (Youth Intern, SRHR African Trust (SAT), Zambia)
- Marijke Wijnroks (Chief of Staff, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, Geneva)

Questions for the panel:

1. You have heard evidence from the STRIVE consortium. Now can you describe an example from your work that aims to address the structural drivers of HIV?
2. What do you think offer the 'big opportunities' to tackle the structural drivers of HIV?
3. What do we, as the HIV community, need to do better and differently in order to effectively tackle the structural drivers of HIV?

Outcome:

- Recommendations of the key 'opportunities' that we need to promote and capitalise up on
- Recommendations of the key things that the HIV community need to do better and differently

Output: Joint report summarising proceedings and key recommendations