

PRIORITY HIV/AIDS ISSUES FOR REVISED PEAP

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INTRODUCTION

- HIV prevalence declined considerably
- Health, development problem, security risk
- Uganda pioneered multi-sectoral approach
- Policy: All aspects of epidemic; whole society contributes

National AIDS Commissions to coordinate

-Aim: equity, efficiency

National Strategic Framework (NSF)/PEAP Objective

HIV/AIDS IMPACTS

- Prevalence levels show signs of stagnation
- Labour forces and productivity have decreased
- AIDS is leading cause of death for 15-49 year olds
- Women are the most severely affected
- Over 25% households are headed by women
- Decline in poverty rates is slowing down
- Rising rural/urban poverty gap
- Conflict in North fuels epidemic
- Increased orphans and vulnerable children (OVC)

MAINSTREAMING RATIONALE

- AIDS degrades quality of life ; erodes household incomes; hampers social development and macro economic growth; threatens national security
- All sectors must be supported to address HIV/AIDS
- HIV/AIDS be better highlighted in Revised PEAP

CONSULTATIONS MADE

Working with Uganda HIV/AIDS

Partnership Committee; TA, UAC:

- Contributed to Public Administration (PA) SWG
- Formed Technical Working Group (TWG) for HIV/AIDS Crosscutting Issue
- Participated in Sector Working Groups (SWG)
- Reviewed draft SWG reports

CONCERNS AND OBSERVATIONS

- PEAP 2000 HIV is concentrated in Pillar 4
- PEAP recommends HIV be mainstreamed into all Pillars development plans
- Need to build on existing strategies and progress indicators; consider the full extent of the epidemic
- Ministries have focused on “awareness raising” and ‘sensitization’
- Impact studies are *ad hoc* and scantily documented

CONCERNS.....

- Limited clarity about specific impact of epidemic on each sector and the necessary responses
- PEAP 2000 addressed HIV/AIDS mainly as a service delivery and social, rather than systemic and structural issue
- PSR 2002 recognizes necessity for structural/systemic change

GUIDANCE ON MAINSTREAMING

Documents produced:

- “Mainstreaming HIV/AIDS Issues into PEAP” provides evidence for rationale and guidance
- “Process of Mainstreaming HIV/AIDS” identifies actions to promote synergies across ministries, sectors and with other cross cutting issues
- UAC PEAP Sector Revision Report, articulates crucial coordination role of Commission

GUIDANCE...

Working definition for Mainstreaming:

- Sectors adapt their core business to cope with realities of epidemic - paradigm shift
- Appreciate and can show how HIV/AIDS impacts on their performance, how their work might reduce or increase HIV spread
- Maximise opportunities within each sector's mandate to contribute towards HIV/AIDS efforts

GUIDANCE...

Key principles of mainstreaming

- Understanding impact of the issue on development
- Identifying focused entry points
- Working within existing structures and strategies as far as possible
- Working to comparative advantage
- Identifying strategic partnership

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Since PEAP 2000:

- UNECA (ADF), UNGASS, MDGs/PEAP, UHDR, PSR
- Falling ARV drug prices
- Programmes: MAP-CHAI, DRI, Action Research,

NATIONAL RESPONSE PROGRESS

- Coordination; Partnership alignment; District leadership guideline
- Policy Revision: OVC, ARV, Vaccine Plan
- Mid-Term Review (MTR) of NSF will review cost from \$180m– \$300m

RECOMMENDED APPROACHES

- Many issues identified cut across all sectors
- Each sector should focus on issues raised under each Pillar, not on a single Pillar where sector is subsumed

Pillar1: Economic growth

- HIV contributes to about 1% GDP loss
- Conflict in the North with unsettled mobile populations
- Increased OVC number

Pillar 2: Good governance

- HIV/AIDS thrives in conflict situations
- High levels of new HIV infection among abducted children
- Morbidity is likely to continue for long
- Continued attrition of HR expected
- With high commodity value, ARVs may fuel corruption

Pillar 3: Ability to raise incomes

- Not fully understood how PMA will impact on AIDS affected households; or how HIV might undermine PMA objectives
- HIV/AIDS affected households should, therefore, be specifically addressed

Pillar 4: Quality of life

Further opportunities to:

- better incorporate HIV/AIDS into reproductive health discourse and practice
- address HIV/AIDS through structural change

SYNERGIES AND PARTERSHIP

- Most cross-cutting issues complementary: Eg,
 - Improving socioeconomic status of women affects HIV/AIDS responses
 - Improved social protection benefits HIV affected households
- Innovative strategies are required to harmonise HIV/AIDS and other programmers

STRATEGIES FOR SUSTAINED MAINSTREAMING

- **Comprehensive HIV/AIDS impact study - critical and urgent**
- **AIDS Impact Model - imperative**
- **Information and evidence:**
 - Socio-economic study on interaction between HIV/AIDS and poverty in Uganda
 - Regular micro-economic level surveys to assess impact on households
 - Strengthened NADIC

STRATEGIES....

- **Human Resource (HR) planning and management**
 - Incorporate information linking HIV/AIDS to HR capacity in existing information systems
 - Expand HIV/AIDS impact studies on Pastoralism; Fisheries

STRATEGIES....

- **Community mobilization**
- Coordinate existing approaches and initiatives for community development
- **Enhanced impact mitigation and social protection**
- **ARVs**
- Ensure that procurement systems can guarantee uninterrupted flow of drugs and equipment

STRATEGIES

- **Leadership**
 - Support sustained communication strategies for HIV/AIDS mainstreaming
 - Strengthen NADIC as the repository for information and knowledge on HIV/AIDS impact mitigation efforts countrywide

MEASURING SUCCESS OF MAINSTREAMING

- Process and outcome indicators as in NSF 2000-2005
- National Sero-Survey 2004
- MTR will improve strategies and monitoring indicators
- **COORDINATION: Supportive, inclusive, participatory**
- Maintain momentum of success; keep in lead