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Male Sexual Health and HIV in Asia
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COUNTRY : **PAKISTAN**
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Annexe(s) :

MSM are formally organised

- Social groups : **YES** Describe : 2-3 groups in Islamabad, Karachi, Lahore
- Organizations : **NO** Describe : Legally MSMs cannot form organization
- NGOs : **No** Describe :
- CBOs : **No** Describe : Formation of one CBO is in process
- Networks : **Yes** Describe : Hijras networks exist all over Pakistan
- Other : **No** Describe :

MSM are in-formally organized : YES Describe : Some social groups are identified in higher class of certain cities whereas in lower income, groups have been formed under 'Guru' for long time.

MSM specifically captured in the **National HIV Surveillance System** : **YES**

If “YES” :

National HIV prevalence among MSM : National HIV Prevalence for MSM is not available at present as the HIV and AIDS surveillance project (HASP) is presently covering only 9 cities and such figures can not taken for the National prevalence among MSM.

Describe : Sero-surveillance has been completed in 9 cities only. With the expansion of coverage of surveillance we might get different results.

[if available] **Sub-national HIV prevalence** among MSM : Karachi: 7% in 2004 and 5% in 2006 according to (HASP)

Describe : Same as above

This includes **behaviour surveillance** : **YES**

Describe : HIV/AIDS Surveillance Project (HASP), in 2005-06, measured MSM behaviours on the no. of partners, knowledge of STIs, HIV/AIDS, condom and its usage etc.

Surveillance **Report date** : **December 2005**

Covering [year] : **2004-05.**

‘MSM and HIV’ - related research available, ongoing or planned : YES

If “YES”: Research published : YES

1. Describe : KABP ON AIDS AMONG HIJRA IN TAXILL
1996- MOHSIN SAEED KHAN
2. Describe : PREVALENCE OF HIV,HBV, SYPHILIS AND ASSOCIATED RISK
BEHAVIOURS IN MALE TRANSVESTITE SEX WORKERS IN KARACHI
1998- SHELA BAQAI ET-AL
3. Describe : SOCIAL ASSESSMENT OF MSM IN PAKISTAN
2002 NAZ FOUNDATION

[add slides if needed] [attach summaries if possible]

'MSM and HIV' - related research available, ongoing or planned : YES

If "YES": Research published : YES

4. Describe : HIV/AIDS SURVEILLANCE PROJECT – PILOT STUDY – 2004 -2005

5. Describe :

6. Describe :

[add slides if needed] [attach summaries if possible]

KEY INFORMATION GAPS that hinder establishing and/or scaling up ‘MSM and HIV’ - specific programmes and interventions :

1. **NATIONAL SURVEILLANCE** Describe : Lack of a comprehensive national data on MSM and its sub-population related to numbers and behaviors is a major obstacle in designing, establishing and scaling up sound interventions

2. **PUBLIC INFORMATION** Describe : Lack of public information on MSM related interventions and the subsequent low access from MSM community is a major obstacle. Public and Private sector are unable to promote their projects on MSM and HIV.

3. **RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES** Describe : Lack of information among MSM and its sub-population on rights to protect and the responsibilities related to HIV/AIDS is a major obstacle.

Demographic data available on males who have sex with males : **YES**

Describe : A National data on MSM is unavailable but mapping of 9 cities have highlighted that MSM range from few hundred (312) to few thousands (9,538) in all the major cities of Pakistan

MSM - specific budget [lines] in the National HIV Plan : YES

If “YES” : USD 903,883 (2 % of total HIV budget); Actual implementation : 42.32 %

Describe : WORLD BANK FUNDED ENHANCED HIV/AIDS PROGRAMME IN PAKISTAN HAS A DISTINCT COMPONENT ON MSM RELATED INTERVENTIONS

GFATM : YES Funds specifically earmarked for ‘MSM and HIV’ : NO

If “YES” : CCM has MSM – specific representation : NO

Describe :

Other international donor and/or multilateral institutions funds specifically earmarked for 'MSM and HIV' : **NO**

If "YES" List :

Describe :

Donor coordination in supporting 'MSM and HIV' – specific programmes and interventions (donors themselves and donors with government).

Describe :

There is an **operational National Strategic Plan on HIV** : **YES** If “YES” :

There are ‘**MSM and HIV**’ - **specific interventions** in the National HIV Plan : **YES**

If “YES” : Coverage : 100%**X**.....1% (indicate with “**x**” on scale)

 MSM usage : 100%**X**.....1% (indicate with “**x**” on scale)

Describe :

These programmes reach **sub-populations of MSM** (trans gendered, etc) : **YES**

If “YES” : Coverage : 100%**X**.....1% (indicate with “**x**” on scale)

 MSM usage : 100%**X**.....1% (indicate with “**x**” on scale)

Describe :

Male-to-male sex is legal : NO

MSM – specific HIV programmes face **problems with law enforcement** : **yes**

Obstacles [not related to information gaps] that hinder establishing and/or scaling up of ‘MSM and HIV’ – specific programmes and interventions : **YES**

If “YES” :

1. **POLITICAL WILL** Describe (including solutions) : Lack of political will and antagonism from religious and politico-religious quarters may deter policy makers to enhance the coverage through allocation of required resources. Extensive surveillance and behavioural research on MSM and HIV will provide solid tool for activists involved in advocacy with policy makers
2. **LEGAL QUAGMIRE** Describe (including solutions) : It will be next to impossible to repeal existing laws working against MSM community, keeping in view the religo-cultural contexts of the country. Sensitization of policy makers, legislators and religious leaders on the MSM issues can lead to regular dialogue process for reaching, both long and short term amicable solution
3. **LOW CAPACITY** Describe (including solutions) : Inadequate capacity among implementing agencies to address MSM issues and with focus on quantity rather than the quality is unlikely to bring; appreciable benefit for MSM community, or increasing support from the donor community. MSM specific capacity building initiatives have to be adapted, developed and provided to stakeholders to improve the quality and scale of coverage / services

‘MSM and HIV’ - specific interventions in the National HIV Plan : **YES**

If “YES” :

- HIV transmission prevention : **YES** Describe : National HIV/AIDS Enhanced Programme, EU funded Tameer Project and certain International and Local NGOs are implementing HIV/AIDS awareness raising programmes for MSMs
- Information & communication : **YES** Describe : Initiatives mentioned above have IEC component for targeted MSM population, however a mass media campaign or general distribution of ‘MSM and HIV’ IEC material is not taking place.
- Peer outreach : **YES** Describe : The National MSM Programme of Public Sector and EU funded projects plan to develop Peer educators to raise awareness on HIV/AIDS through peer contact and counselling
- Targeted condom distribution; including lubricants : **NO** Describe : The condom distribution is highly insufficient and water based lubricants are being promoted by only one organization but seldom utilized due to high cost of condoms

‘MSM and HIV’ - specific interventions in the National HIV Plan : YES

If “YES” :

- Access to treatment : NO Describe : There are non-existent MSM specific treatment services, however STI and ARV treatment are available where NGOs are working for high risk population in general.

- STI Services : NO Describe : Same as above

- Enabling environment : NO Describe :

- Community engagement and empowerment : NO Describe :

‘MSM and HIV’ - specific interventions in the National HIV Plan : Y/N/No Plan

If “YES” :

- [MSM] NGO/CBO HIV competencies strengthening : **yes**

Describe :

- [MSM] NGO/CBO other competencies strengthening : **yes**

Describe :

- Support services : **NO** Describe :

- Other : Y/N Describe :

Day 3

'MSM and HIV' - specific interventions in the National HIV Plan : Y/N/No Plan

YES

If "YES" :These interventions are run by :

- CBO : NO Describe :
- NGO : YES Describe :
- INGO : YES Describe :
- Local government : NO Describe :
- National government : NO Describe :
- Other : Y/N Describe :

Day 3

‘MSM and HIV’ are part of the country’s scaling up towards universal access to prevention, treatment, care and support initiative : YES

If “YES” Describe : Mid Term review of the National Response is being under taken presently. This would be followed by revising the National Strategic Plan and Scaling up of services for the vulnerable group as envisaged in the country consultation on Scaling up to Universal Access.

Additional Information and/or Comments :

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