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Group 2- Country Level

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Question 1

- What are the necessary steps for the roll out of the Regional Plan at the country level and what are the key stakeholders? National and local levels.

Steps in rolling out

- Launching of the RP- creating awareness among all stakeholders. Should be a good communication strategy. (Launched already- Belize, Guyana, Bahamas,)
- In-depth discussion with the MoH and PAHO- see how the RP fits with the National Plan of the country and other agencies (in the interest of harmonisation).
- Circulation of the plan at all levels prior to the wider consultations
- Wider consultation- Multi stage- Country Level Consultation, regional levels, local levels-
- For some countries- Translation of the Plan- Dutch, French



Stakeholders

- National AIDS Authority (Political presence)
- UN Family
- Civil Society.
- Funding agencies- WB, GF, USG and others
- Ministry of Health
- PLWHA
- FBOs
- Line ministries
- NGOs
- Professional associations
- Academic associations
- Labour Unions
- Youth representative



Question 2

- What are the necessary steps for the harmonization of the Regional Plan with existing National Plans/Strategies, including the definition and /or revision of targets and milestones at the National and local levels.



Steps

- Milestone in the Regional Plan are useful, achievable and can serve as guide to countries but.....Answer the questions?
- Country level- Do countries have National Strategic Plan? and if there is, then would countries change their plan to fit with the RP.
- Needs to be the recognition that countries will be at different stages of their strategic planning process- depending on the stage it will be easier for some countries than others. Targets and Milestones- can serve as a guide for some countries now in the planning process
- The National Consultations held in rolling out the plan, should determine what the are the National Definitions.



Revision of targets

1. Consensus that milestones and targets for each individual country should be determined by the country.
2. PAHO should provide technical support in rolling out of the plan at National Levels



Question 3

- What are the facilitating factors and challenging issues can be identified for the roll out of each critical line of action with the Regional Plan- Five critical line of actions.



CLA-1- Strengthening health sector leadership and stewardship and fostering engagement of civil society

Facilitating factors.

- AIDS Authority presence
- Presence of a policy
- Presence of a goal e.g UA
- Strong advocacy of PLWHA
- Presence of a National Strategic Plan



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Challenging issues.

1. Weaknesses in the health sector- (lack of personnel, fragmented system, lack of commitment, lack of resources)
2. Lack of flexibility in accessing finance



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Facilitating factors

1. Strength of the MoH in dealing with such issues
2. Availability of research and evidence based studies in programmes
3. Presence of guidelines, protocols, SOP .
4. Existence of training facilities such as CHART



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Challenging issues.

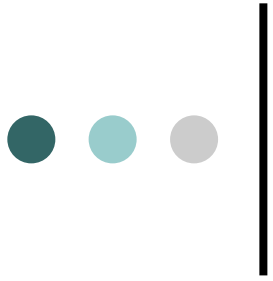
1. Lack of political commitment.
2. Lack of resources
3. Lack of legislations and policies regarding human resources (retion, recruitments ...)
4. Little focus on vulnerable populations
5. Stigma and discrimination in the health sector.
6. Weak surveillance
- 7 Rigorous procurement processes



CLA 3- Strengthening, expanding and reorienting health services

Facilitating factors

- 1. Expertise in implementation outside of the Ministry of Health.
- 2. Partnerships in country



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