HIV TESTING AND COUNSELLING

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Thematic Segment: HIV, Adolescents and Youth
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“There can be no keener revelation of a society’s soul than the way it treats its children.”

Nelson Mandela
The Global Picture – What do we know?

• Critical entry to life-saving care.

• Low level of testing, late testing leading to late entry to care and unnecessary loss of life.

• Who is left behind?
  • Children and Adolescents
  • Males
  • Key Populations
AIDS-related deaths among adolescents (10–19 years) increased by 50% between 2005 and 2012. In contrast, deaths across all age groups fell by 30%.

YOUTH PERSPECTIVES
What next?

- Scaling up adolescent friendly services and improving access for adolescent key populations.

- Highlight from Guidelines
  - Addressing policy and legal barriers
  - Strengthen provider initiated testing and counseling for adolescents and access to testing for adolescent key populations
  - Integration and decentralization
  - Innovation to expand testing
  - Data
  - Community engagement and partnership with adolescents and young people living with HIV
  - Linkage to prevention and treatment services
Innovations in Demand Creation

Figure 2: Visits to VCT sites before and after Shuga by girls/women ages 15-24

Figure 3: Visits to VCT sites before and after Shuga by boys/men ages 15-24
Working with Adolescents and Youth to Strengthen Data & Build Demand for HTC

Module 1: Knowledge Bank
Ask, Learn and Share

- A- Ask, Learn
- B- Share/peers
- SMS
- unicef

Requests for HIV and STIs information
(Spontaneous SMS requests)

Module 2: Poll and Campaign
Participate, Influence, Demand and Share

- A- Participate
- D- Share/peers
- SMS
- unicef

Participate in Campaigns/opinion polls
(System generated SMS, automated, semi-automated)

Communication System:

1. Government Policy
2. Campaign Design
3. Graphing
4. Campaign
5. Service
6. Real Time Education Counseling (age-sex sensitive geography specific)
Only 21,641 (20%) of the estimated 110,000 adolescents are in Pre-ART and ART (70% of eligible adults receive ART)

Distribution by gender
- Female, 13,730, 63%
- Male, 7,911, 37%

Distribution by age group
- 10-14 yrs, 10,344, 48%
- 15-19 yr, 11,297, 52%