Introducing a tool for promoting integration of HIV prevention into routine care in Primary Health care settings

A collaborative initiative between WHO and CDC
Presentation Overview

• Introduction

• Presentation of the tool

• Plans for use in Ethiopia
HIV Prevention Interventions

• Research over the past several years has identified effective HIV prevention interventions;
• Prevention interventions that can significantly impact HIV incidence include;
  – Voluntary medical male circumcision;
  – Antiretroviral therapy for HIV-positive individuals and discordant couples;
  – PMTCT;
Comprehensive package MC

- HIV testing and counseling (HTC);
- Provision of male and female condoms;
- Prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted infections;
- Safer sexual behaviours.
Justification for the tool

• How can we promote MC and other key preventive interventions in an integrated manner at PHC level?
• How can we promote effective linkages between HIV prevention and treatment and care?
• Which user-friendly tool can we put in the hands of service providers at PHC level?
It's My Community, Prevention Starts Here:
Accelerating HIV Testing, Prevention and Linkages to Care

GOAL: All patients in primary care settings will know their HIV status and receive targeted prevention services.

Do you know your HIV status?

Yes, HIV-Positive

Are you currently attending care?

Yes

< 1 year

Remind patient to get tested every year

Provide or link to care and treatment services

When was your last HIV test?

≥ 1 year

Recommend an HIV Test

Perform HIV testing services

HIV-Negative

HIV-Positive

No

When was your last HIV test?

< 1 year

Remind patient to get tested every year

Provide or link to care and treatment services

≥ 1 year

Recommend an HIV Test

Perform HIV testing services

HIV-Negative

Provide or link to care and treatment services

HIV-Positive

Provide or link to care and treatment services
Job aide

• User-friendly tool to prompt all healthcare providers to routinely offer HTC and HIV prevention services to all patients or link them into services where available;
• Based on HIV testing outcome, messages and services provided or linkages made;
• For HIV negative patients or of unknown status: voluntary medical male circumcision, partner testing, use of condoms, STI screening, Family Planning
Implementation and monitoring guide

- 2-3 hour on-site training
- Interactive exercises
- approaches for facilitating the integration of prevention services into primary care
Benefits of Tool

- User friendly;
- Promote evidenced based HIV prevention interventions including VMMC;
- Strengthen HIV, sexual reproductive health, and maternal and child health integration at the primary care level;
- Inform data collection and monitoring of basic HIV prevention services;
Expected Outcomes

If successful:

• Increase number of people receiving HTC;
• Increase number of HIV-negative men linked into medical male circumcision services;
• Increase number of partners receiving HTC
• Increase number of identified HIV-positive individuals
• Increase number of identified discordant couples
Expected Outcomes

• Increase number of individuals receiving family planning;
• Increase number of HIV-positive individuals who receive care and treatment services;
• Increase number of HIV-positive pregnant women linked into PMTCT services.
Implementation in Ethiopia

• Piloting the tool in 4 high prevalence areas including the Gambela region, a VMMC focus region;
• 10 months piloting phase with strong M&E and documentation component;
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