The Global AA-HA!
Accelerated Action for the Health of Adolescents: Implementation Guidance

Synergies with VMMC2021 gateway to adolescent boys

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AA-HA! Implementation guidance

- Towards implementation of the adolescent component of the Global Strategy for Women’s, Children’s and Adolescents’ Health (2016-2030)
- Will be launched in May 2017 alongside World Health Assembly
The Global AA-HA! aims to:

• Provide technical advice to help countries decide what to do and how to do it in adolescent health
Target Audience

Primary:
• National-level adolescent health policy makers and programme managers in all relevant sectors

Secondary:
• Sub-national adolescent health policy makers and programme managers
• International advisors, funders, etc
Processes: Oct 2015- Feb 2017

Core writing group
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WHO Working Group
- 12 departments across 4 Clusters in HQ
- Regional adolescent focal persons

External Advisory Group
- 30 experts from:
  - UNAIDS, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNICEF, UN Women, World Bank
  - Government (MoH) officials
  - Young people (nominated by PMNCH Adolescent & Youth Constituency)
  - Academics
  - Civil society

Global and regional consultations

Support:
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- USAID
1. The Global AA-HA!
   • A never-before moment for adolescent health

2. Adolescent Health Status
   • Positive development
   • Burden of disease and injuries
   • Risk factors

3. Evidence-Based Interventions
   • Positive development interventions
   • Unintentional injuries interventions
   • Violence interventions
   • Sexual & reproductive health, including HIV
   • Communicable diseases
   • Non-communicable diseases, nutrition & physical activity
   • Mental health, substance use & self-harm
   • Humanitarian & fragile settings
AA-HA! Content (cont...d)

4. Setting National Priorities
   • Needs Assessment
   • Landscape Analysis
   • Setting Priorities

5. National Programming
   • Logical Framework
   • Five Pathways
   • Leadership
   • Financing
   • Adolescent and Youth Participation
   • Adolescent-Responsive Health Systems
   • Adolescent Health in All Policies (AHiAP)
   • Adolescent-Specific Programmes within the Health Sector
   • Intersectoral Programmes
   • Programming in Humanitarian and Fragile Settings
   • Positive Development Approaches to Programming
AA-HA! Content (cont...d)

6. Monitoring, Evaluation and Research
   • Global Strategy Indicator & Monitoring Framework
   • Programmes will also need to monitor inputs, processes, outputs
   • Recent work on research priorities

7. Conclusion

>50 country case studies
Logical framework for programming

Policies and Interventions

Implementation strategies across sector’s core functions

Adopt adolescent protective laws and policies
Build an adolescent competent workforce
Ensure readiness of service delivery systems including technology and infrastructure
Build adolescent-friendly management and information systems
Ensure community engagement to build support for adolescents use of services
Ensure leadership and governance arrangements for implementation
Conduct a review to identify evidence based policies and interventions including positive development approaches

Inputs & Process

Outputs

Outcomes

Impact

Improved adolescent health and well-being outcomes

Universal health coverage with key interventions
Improved quality of care/services for adolescents
Positive changes in the prevalence of adolescent behaviours and risk factors
Positive changes in community behaviour outcomes
Improved adolescents’ satisfaction
Improved financial protection

Situation analysis
Target population
Measure Impact
Activities to measure outcomes
Activities to measure outputs
Activities to ensure inputs and processes necessary to deliver and access interventions

Reinforcing national accountability mechanisms, innovation and research for adolescent health

Country leadership for adolescent health within the MOH and across government
Aligning and mobilizing financing for adolescent health priorities
Supporting adolescent participation in programming for health

World Health Organization

Health for the World's Adolescents
A second chance in the second decade
Logical framework for programming

- Protective policies
- Workforce
- Delivery platforms
- HMIS
- Community engagement
- Governance
- Financial protection

Implementation strategies
AA-HA Synergies with VMMC2021

• Burden of Disease: HIV is leading cause of death in adolescents in Africa.
AA-HA Synergies with VMMC2021-cont’d

Adolescents have rising mortality from HIV despite the overall number of HIV-related deaths being down 30% since its peak in 2005.
AA-HA Synergies with VMMC2021-cont’d

- VMMC is one of the 27 priority interventions identified by the GS 2.0 and AA-HA implementation guide for countries with generalized HIV epidemic.
- AA-HA implementation guidance provides advice to member states on financing adolescent health interventions through existing opportunities such as GFATM, GFF investment case and other financial protection mechanisms.
- AA-HA Guidance will be used to guide countries in national prioritization of high impact interventions, and developing coherent national plans for adolescent health 2017-2030.
Next Steps

– This is an opportune time to use the AA-HA implementation guidance to integrate MC more into a coherent national programme and to align the contribution of all relevant stakeholders for its implementation.

• Use AA-HA for landscaping and national prioritization
• Use AA-HA for developing a coherent strategic plan
• Use AA-HA for developing adolescent responsive health system
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