LGBTI Populations and HIV Prevention Toolkit

The lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex (LGBTI) community are a neglected and often discriminated against community. Their sexual and reproductive health (SRH) needs and rights have largely been marginalised in the HIV and SRH response to date. However there is currently a slow shift towards integrating LGBTI issues into broader HIV and SRH programming.

These resources are aimed at providing relevant information, evidence and programming guidelines to help strengthen, support, and address the needs of the LGBTI community in HIV prevention, care and support initiatives. It also focuses on various policy related resources addressing the political landscape and human rights approaches to LGBTI issues.

What is the purpose of this toolkit?

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Who developed this toolkit?

The LGBTI toolkit was developed by the Southern Africa HIV and AIDS Information Dissemination Service in collaboration with the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health/Center for Communication Programs, K4Health Project. Individuals from other organizations also contributed their experience and expertise to review the toolkit and ensure its relevance and usefulness, including: Samuel Matsikure - Gays and Lesbians of Zimbabwe

Who are the publishers of the resources?

Resources selected for inclusion in this toolkit were published by the following organizations working throughout the world to promote evidence-based best practices and improve the delivery of health services.

- SAfAIDS
• AIDS Accountability
• Desmond Tutu Foundation
• Gays and Lesbians of Zimbabwe (GALZ)
• Swedish International Development Cooperating Agency (SIDA)
• Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC)
• OUT LGBTI Wellbeing
• PEPFAR
• International HIV/AIDS Alliance
• Positive Vibes Trust
• Outright Namibia
• CDC
• University of California, San Francisco
• International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission
• Human Rights Watch
• UNAIDS
• AMFAR
• World Bank
• Global Forum on MSM and HIV

What types of resources are included?

The resources were selected based on a wide search for relevant published and grey literature from around the world, with a focus on the HIV and SRH needs of LGBTI in health and gender programming. The toolkit contains:

• Programming guides, best practices, and other tools to support service providers, programmers and decision makers to integrate and strengthen LGBTI needs in HIV and SRH service provision,

• Research articles and case studies on the needs of the LGBTI community with regards to HIV, the impact of the socio and political discrimination on LGBTI ability to access HIV
prevention, care and treatment, and effective interventions in support of LGBTI HIV and SRH needs,

- Various publication formats including books, manuals, briefs, case studies, fact sheets, project reports, reviews, teaching and training materials, tools, and presentations.

Who are the intended audiences?

- **Service providers** will find information and training guidelines on the SRH needs of the LGBTI community and how to support these,

- **Programme implementers and managers** will find research, information and programming tools on the role of the LGBTI community in the HIV response and how to integrate this into SRH and HIV programming, as well as policy guidance to support LGBTI advocacy campaigns,

- **Policymakers** will find research and policy guidance that will help them understand and support the human rights needs of the LGBTI community.

We invite you to suggest resources or adapt the resources in this toolkit to suit your local circumstances and languages.

How do I get started using this toolkit?

To browse the content of this toolkit, use the navigation on the right to view resources related to key program topics. Click on the title of the resource for more information about it, or click on the full-text link to get direct access to the full resource.

Some of the tools are readily available in an adaptable format (for example, Microsoft Word documents and PowerPoint presentations). We encourage you to alter and personalize these tools for your own use. (Please remember to credit the source). If you do use these tools or adapt them, we would love to hear from you. Please let us know through the feedback form.

How can I suggest a resource to include in this toolkit?

We invite you to contribute to evolving and enhancing this toolkit. If you have developed or use quality resources that you think should be included in this toolkit, please suggest them through the feedback form or the HIV and Gender SHARE group. The toolkit collaborators will review and consider your suggestions.

How can I make a comment or give feedback?

If you have comments about the toolkit, please join the HIV and Gender SHARE group. This is an interactive space where you can provide continuous feedback about the toolkit. Your feedback will help to ensure the toolkit remains up-to-date and is continually improved. The LGBTI group is also where you can exchange information with other toolkit users. For example, you can share
ideas about how you have used the toolkit in your work so that others can learn from and adapt your experiences.

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Research paper that acknowledges that there is significant risk of HIV, other STIs, and other health disparities for lesbians, to create visibility for this marginalised group.

- Women Who have Sex with Women in the Global HIV Pandemic
Article that examines the role sexuality issues in the global HIV/AIDS pandemic and the development cooperation agenda, and how the health and rights of lesbian women and other women who have sex with women (WSW) are often completely missing from sexual and reproductive health and rights policies, materials and documents.

- **Sexing women: Young black lesbians' reflections on sex and responses to safe(r) sex**

  Review of young lesbians of colour and the impact of stigma and discrimination on their sexual risks and practices.

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• Experiences and Dimensions of Power: Discussions with Lesbian Women
Research study that explores lesbian women’s experiences and understandings of power at both an individual and societal level and documents lesbian women’s experiences of empowerment in South Africa at a micro and macro level.

- 'Missing the women': exploring key challenges in policy responses to HIV/AIDS

Part of a research on exploring the challenges of HIV/AIDS that examines why women are consistently 'missing' in HIV/AIDS research, policy and programmes.

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Research paper on low-income HIV-positive women who have sex with women (WSW) of colour, their physical, emotional, and psychological needs, and their methods of coping with HIV.

- Sexually transmitted infections and risk behaviours in women who have sex with women
An assessment of the prevalence of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and blood borne viruses, risk behaviours, and demographics in women who have sex with women (WSW).

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  Literature review of resources pertaining to women who have sex with women and HIV prevention efforts.

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Health Care Workers in Africa

Health care provider training manual that addresses the specific health care needs of MSM in sub-Saharan Africa, including the risks of HIV infection and the anal acquisition of sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

- An Analysis of Major HIV Donor Investments Targeting Men Who Have Sex With Men and Transgender People in Low- and Middle-Income Countries

An analysis of what overall proportion of large bilateral and multilateral resources ultimately reached MSM and transgender people in low- and middle-income countries in 2009.

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- Technical Guidance on Combination HIV Prevention

Technical guidance document that responds to the urgent need to strengthen and expand HIV prevention for men who have sex with men (MSM) and their partners, and to improve MSM?o? s ability to access HIV care and treatment. This guidance builds upon and strengthens international efforts to encourage comprehensive HIV prevention programs for MSM in low-
and middle-income countries.

- **A cross-sectional assessment of population demographics, HIV risks and human rights contexts among men who have sex with men in Lesotho**

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- **High HIV Prevalence Among Men Who have Sex with Men in Soweto, South Africa: Results from the Soweto Men’s Study**

  Research study - the Soweto Men's Study - that assessed HIV prevalence and associated risk factors among MSM in Soweto, South Africa.
HIV Risk among MSM in Senegal: A Qualitative Rapid Assessment of the Impact of Enforcing Laws That Criminalize Same Sex Practices

This qualitative study assessed the impact of the criminalisation of men who have sex with men (MSM) on HIV prevention efforts in Senegal.

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An assessment of the cross-sectional relationships between discrimination, access to and use of health care services, and HIV knowledge among men who have sex with men (MSM) in Malawi, Namibia, and Botswana.

- **Global Prevention of HIV Infection for Neglected Populations: Men Who Have Sex with Men**

Research paper examining the gaps, barriers and programming in HIV prevention in MSM.

- **The Expanding Epidemics of HIV Type 1 Among Men Who Have Sex With Men in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: Diversity and Consistency**
A systematic review of published and unpublished literature available between 2000?2009 to better describe HIV epidemics among MSM in low- and middle-income countries.

- **Sexual risk behaviours and HIV-1 prevalence among urban men who have sex with men in Cape Town, South Africa**

  HIV risk behaviour and prevalence study for men who have sex with men (MSM) in Cape Town, South Africa.

- **Integration of HIV/AIDS Prevention Programs for MSM and Trans in Africa - why should everyone care?**

  Briefing paper on HIV /AIDS prevention programmes for MSM and transgender people in Africa with a focus on human rights.

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- **The Overlooked Epidemic: Addressing HIV Prevention**
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Report of an east Africa regional consultation that discussed the barriers to addressing men who have sex with men (MSM) in national HIV prevention and treatment efforts.

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- **Barriers to HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care, and Treatment for Men Who Have Sex with Men**

Research paper examining the lack of research and evidence targeting MSM (and women who have sex with women, WSW) in the context of HIV/AIDS and the absence of an understanding of appropriate, evidence-based preventive measures.
Men who have sex with men and HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa

Research article on HIV risk behaviour, HIV transmission and barriers accessing health services by MSM in sub-Saharan Africa.

- HIV Prevalence, Risks for HIV Infection, and Human Rights among Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM) in Malawi, Namibia, and Botswana

Research article that examines the HIV prevalence, risks for HIV infection and human rights violations of men who have sex with men in three southern African countries.

- Responding to the HIV-related needs of MSM in Africa: A guide to facilitating a consultation workshop with stakeholders

Guide for people who want to improve the response to the HIV-related needs of men who have sex with men (MSM) in Africa. The guide will help you to facilitate a participatory re action meeting with key stakeholders who are responsible for improving local and national responses to HIV among MSM.

- UNAIDS Action Framework: Universal Access for Men who have Sex with Men and Transgender People

This framework aims to enable UNAIDS to facilitate and support the achievement of universal access to appropriate HIV prevention, care, treatment and support for men who have sex with men and transgender people. It has been developed with the recognition that universal access to appropriate HIV programmes for men who have sex with men and transgender people is a crucial part of achieving universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support as a whole.
Securing the Voice of African Men who have Sex with Men (MSM) within HIV & AIDS Development Policy and Programming in Eastern and Southern Africa

An annotated bibliography of the most recent resources on men who have sex with men in Eastern and Southern Africa. This reference document was produced for the meeting 'Securing the voice of African men who have sex with men within HIV and AIDS development policy and programming in Eastern and Southern Africa' that took place in Pretoria, South Africa, from 13 to 15 November 2009.

- **MSM, HIV, and the Road to Universal Access ? How Far Have We Come?**

Special report examining how far we are on the road to universal access and how distant is that goal, especially for MSM- one of the most marginalized and neglected populations in the context of HIV and AIDS.

- **HIV testing and self-reported HIV status in South African MSM: Results from a community-based survey**

Research study that investigates the characteristics of South African men who have sex with men (MSM) who have been tested for HIV and are HIV positive.

- **Prevention and Treatment of HIV and Other Sexually Transmitted Infections Among Men Who Have Sex With Men and Transgender People: Recommendations for a Public Health Approach**

A report from the WHO technical consultation on the prevention and treatment of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections among men who have sex with men and transgender populations.
Stigma and discrimination experiences of HIV-positive men who have sex with men in Cape Town, South Africa

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  A behavioural survey of MSM in peri-urban "township" communities in Gauteng province, South Africa, and the role of alcohol.

- **Behavioral interventions to reduce risk for sexual transmission of HIV among men who have sex with men (Review)**

  Research paper that aims to locate and describe outcome studies evaluating the effects of behavioural HIV prevention interventions for MSM, to summarize the effectiveness of these interventions in reducing unprotected anal sex, to identify study characteristics associated with effectiveness, and to identify gaps and indicate future research, policy, and practice needs.

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  Research study that estimates the number of men who have sex with men (MSM) who sell sex in Mombasa, Kenya, and the linkages with the relatively high HIV prevalence rate among MSM in the region compared to the relatively low HIV prevalence rates in the general population.

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- Guidelines for Counselling Men who have Sex with Men: HIV Counselling Series No. 9

Part of a series of guidelines for counselling people who are infected with HIV, this booklet offers specific counselling guidelines for men who have sex with men (MSM).

- The Mpowerment Project: A Community-Level HIV Prevention Intervention for Young Gay Men
Research paper examining a community-led HIV prevention programme for young gay men in a community in Oregon, United States.

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- **HIV Infection among Transgender People**

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- **Trans: Transgender Life Stories from South Africa**

A compilation of real life stories and experiences of transgender people in South Africa, interspersed with discussion chapters, body maps, and archival material. These stories touch on the isolation and despair that many individuals in this marginalized group feel and explains the need to counter negative stereotypes, reduce discrimination, and provide accurate information on gender identity.

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- **Overlooked, misunderstood and at-risk: Exploring the lives and HIV risk of ethnic minority male-to-female**
transgender youth

Research paper that describes the real life challenges and HIV-risk behaviours of male-to-female (MTF) transgender youth from communities of colour in the United States.

Intersex populations

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Tools and guidance documents

This tab includes resources that offer tools and policy documents on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons on HIV prevention interventions.

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Building an LGBTI Movement in Namibia: From Advocacy to Service Provision

This document outlines the LGBTI movement in Namibia and provides guidance into the programming needs for LGBTI to improve access to health services.

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  This handbook has been designed to assist service providers, NGOs and CBOs, and LGBTI individuals to build knowledge and skills on LGBTI sexuality and related issues, on specific HIV and gender-based violence needs of LGBTI, and build and strengthen advocacy skills to ensure that prevention information and quality service provision is availed to LGBTI within a rights-based approach in our communities.

- **Reaching Key Populations: A Critical Priority to Controlling the AIDS Epidemic**
Fact sheet that examines the key factors for reaching vulnerable populations with effective HIV prevention and treatment.

- **Your Know Much More Booklet: Frequently Asked Questions and Common Myths about Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex People!**

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- **Men who have Sex with Men: An Introductory Guide for Health Care Workers in Africa**

Health care provider training manual that addresses the specific health care needs of MSM in sub-Saharan Africa, including the risks of HIV infection and the anal acquisition of sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

- **The Young Gay Guys Guide to Safer Gay Sex**

This book that provides young gay men with a practical and no-holds barred guide to safer gay sex looking at all forms of gay sex, from no-risk sex through low-risk sex to high-risk sex. Its message focuses on personal responsibility, respect for one's own body and for that of one's sex partner.
Technical Guidance on Combination HIV Prevention

Technical guidance document that responds to the urgent need to strengthen and expand HIV prevention for men who have sex with men (MSM) and their partners, and to improve MSM’s ability to access HIV care and treatment. This guidance builds upon and strengthens international efforts to encourage comprehensive HIV prevention programs for MSM in low- and middle-income countries.

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Responding to the HIV-related needs of MSM in Africa: A guide to facilitating a consultation workshop with stakeholders

Guide for people who want to improve the response to the HIV-related needs of men who have sex with men (MSM) in Africa. The guide will help you to facilitate a participatory action meeting with key stakeholders who are responsible for improving local and national responses to HIV among MSM.

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- **State Of The Art Situation Of WSW In Relation To Health Risks And In Particular HIV/AIDS Prevention**

  Article that examines women’s same-sex relations in the South, the health risks of women in same-sex relations, and how to reach women who have sex with women with health information.

- **Prevention and Treatment of HIV and Other Sexually Transmitted Infections Among Men Who Have Sex With Men and Transgender People: Recommendations for a Public Health Approach**

  A report from the WHO technical consultation on the prevention and treatment of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections among men who have sex with men and transgender populations.

- **Behavioral interventions to reduce risk for sexual transmission of HIV among men who have sex with men (Review)**

  Research paper that aims to locate and describe outcome studies evaluating the effects of behavioural HIV prevention interventions for MSM, to summarize the effectiveness of these interventions in reducing unprotected anal sex, to identify study characteristics associated with effectiveness, and to identify gaps and indicate future research, policy, and practice needs.

- **A Framework for Monitoring and Evaluating HIV Prevention Programmes for Most-At-Risk Populations**
An organising framework supporting the planning, monitoring and evaluation of prevention programmes for those individuals and populations most-at-risk of acquiring HIV. It is intended for national and subnational programme managers and others involved in planning and implementing programmes; monitoring and evaluation; and using data and information for policy development and programme improvement.

- **Present but not accounted for: exploring the sexual risk practices and intervention needs of nonheterosexually identified women in a prevention program for women with HIV/AIDS**

  Research study that examines the sexual risk behaviours and intervention needs of women who have sex with women (WSW) in the Protect and Respect Project - a safer sex intervention for HIV-positive women.

- **Understanding the Challenges facing Gay and Lesbian South Africans: Some guidelines for service providers**

  Resource booklet that aims to provide guidelines for service providers dealing with clients who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex to ensure that they receive appropriate and non-discriminatory services according to the rights afforded to them by the constitutional and legal framework of South Africa.

- **Guidelines for Counselling Men who have Sex with Men: HIV Counselling Series No. 9**

  Part of a series of guidelines for counselling people who are infected with HIV, this booklet offers specific counselling guidelines for men who have sex with men (MSM).

- **Levels of Empowerment among Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender [LGBT] People in Gauteng, South Africa**

  Research study that aimed to gather quantitative data on a range of issues affecting gay and
lesbian people across all racial and socio-economic groups in South Africa. It aims to build knowledge and expertise around empowerment issues that are faced by gay and lesbian persons living in contemporary South Africa.

- **International Guidelines on HIV/AIDS and Human Rights Consultation**

  Report from the international consultation hosted by the AIDS Legal Network on using guidelines as a human rights-based advocacy tool, and to collectively identify ways and mechanisms of how to strengthen our response to HIV and AIDS.

- **Sexually transmitted infections and risk behaviours in women who have sex with women**

  An assessment of the prevalence of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and blood borne viruses, risk behaviours, and demographics in women who have sex with women (WSW).

- **Guide to Participatory Production of Resources for HIV Prevention Among Vulnerable Populations**

  This document is an introductory guide to producing Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials for use in HIV prevention and care programmes with key populations.

**Policy and human rights**

This tab includes resources on policy, advocacy and human rights issues relating to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex populations and HIV.

**Resources:**

- **HRBA and the Rights of LGBT Persons in Kenya**
This brief aims at providing Swedish Development Agency (Sida) country teams with brief information on the situation of LGBT persons in Kenya as well as concrete advice on how LGBT issues can be included in dialogue and programming. This follows the Swedish policy on sexual rights, the Swedish Gender Policy and the 3-year Action Plan on LGBT rights for 2007-2009. The brief covers legislative provisions, UN recommendations, on-going initiatives and important stakeholders.

- **African Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI) Manifesto**

  An African manifesto on LGBTI issues was developed from a roundtable session held in Nairobi in April 2010. It clearly sets out the foundation of the LGBTI movement and its connection to the broader Pan-African struggle for African liberation.

- **An Analysis of Major HIV Donor Investments Targeting Men Who Have Sex With Men and Transgender People in Low- and Middle-Income Countries**

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- **The AIDS Accountability Scorecard on LGBT 2011. Element 1: An analysis of global data on HIV testing for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people**

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  **Element 2: An analysis of global data on HIV prevention for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people**

  Research that analyses country performance in terms of the reported coverage of HIV prevention, policies in place that support prevention programs and budget allocation on prevention for LGBT.

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  **Element 3: An analysis of global data on HIV knowledge for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people**

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- **How national AIDS responses are failing in prevention efforts for key populations - an analysis of available data**

  This campaign briefing provides an analysis of how national AIDS responses are failing in their prevention efforts for key populations. It includes: an overview of the data provided to the United Nations, the relevance of key populations and targeted prevention programmes, an analysis of country reports, and recommended solutions.

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Top 10 in 2011: Key Global Policy Developments Concerning MSM & HIV

Inside this report, you will find a snapshot summary of the top 10 key policy developments in 2011 that relate to the HIV response among gay men and other men who have sex with men (MSM) worldwide.

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- **The country we want to live in. Hate crimes and homophobia in the lives of black lesbian South Africans**

  This book presents an innovative perspective on violence committed against black lesbians in South Africa. Built on a round-table seminar hosted by the Human Sciences Research Council during the 2006 ?16 Days of Activism? campaign for no violence against women and children, the book highlights violence against lesbians as a gender-based violence issue that warrants attention within this campaign.

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- **Women Who have Sex with Women in the Global HIV Pandemic**

  Article that examines the role sexuality issues in the global HIV/AIDS pandemic and the development cooperation agenda, and how the health and rights of lesbian women and other women who have sex with women (WSW) are often completely missing from sexual and reproductive health and rights policies, materials and documents.
Sexing women: Young black lesbians' reflections on sex and responses to safe(r) sex

Review of young lesbians of colour and the impact of stigma and discrimination on their sexual risks and practices.

The Overlooked Epidemic: Addressing HIV Prevention and Treatment among Men Who Have Sex with Men in Sub-Saharan Africa

Report of an east Africa regional consultation that discussed the barriers to addressing men who have sex with men (MSM) in national HIV prevention and treatment efforts.


Conference report from the South Africa AIDS Conference MSM satellite conference looking at new MSM Research and Challenges, a current LGBT programmes overview and needs assessment, and developing advocacy and funding strategies.

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  This extract from the book From social silence to social science: same-sex sexuality, HIV & AIDS and gender in South Africa: conference proceedings looks at issues relating to HIV among gay and lesbians in Zimbabwe.

- **Securing the Voice of African Men who have Sex with Men (MSM) within HIV & AIDS Development Policy and Programming in Eastern and Southern Africa**

  An annotated bibliography of the most recent resources on men who have sex with men in Eastern and Southern Africa. This reference document was produced for the meeting 'Securing the voice of African men who have sex with men within HIV and AIDS development policy and programming in Eastern and Southern Africa' that took place in Pretoria, South Africa, from 13 to 15 November 2009.

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- **Stigma and discrimination experiences of HIV-positive men who have sex with men in Cape Town, South Africa**

  A research study that examined the stigma and discrimination experiences of MSM living with HIV/AIDS in South Africa.

- **Sex and the Global Fund: How Sex Workers, Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, Transgender People, and Men who have Sex with Men are Benefiting from the Global Fund, or Not**

  This article explores the potential of the Global Fund to create space for the participation of these groups in decision-making and to increase their access to resources; examines barriers that hinder their participation; and proposes measures to overcome them.

- **MSM, HIV, and the Road to Universal Access ? How Far Have We Come?**
Special report examining how far we are on the road to universal access and how distant is that goal, especially for MSM- one of the most marginalized and neglected populations in the context of HIV and AIDS.

- **Off the Map: How HIV/AIDS Programming is Failing Same-Sex Practicing People in Africa**

  Off the Map explores the ways in which governments, donors, and NGOs are denying a basic set of human rights protections to same-sex practicing Africans, and the denial on efforts to combat the AIDS epidemic.

- **Policy Brief: HIV and Sex Between Men**

  Policy brief by UNAIDS that examines the data on men who have sex with men (MSM) and HIV, the challenges they face and the UNAIDS policy position.

- **Experiences and Dimensions of Power: Discussions with Lesbian Women**

  Research study that explores lesbian women’s experiences and understandings of power at both an individual and societal level and documents lesbian women’s experiences of empowerment in South Africa at a micro and macro level.

- **'Missing the women': exploring key challenges in policy responses to HIV/AIDS**

  Part of a research on exploring the challenges of HIV/AIDS that examines why women are consistently 'missing' in HIV/AIDS research, policy and programmes.

- **Sexual Minorities, Violence and AIDS in Africa**

  Working paper examining same sex relationships in Africa, the stigma discrimination that they
face, their HIV risk, the barriers that prevent them from accessing services, including social services, and the lack of HIV programmes addressed to their needs.

- **Sexual Orientation, Violence and AIDS in Africa Presentation**

  Presentation on the World Bank working paper "sexual minorities, violence and AIDS in Africa". The powerpoint provides information on the lives of sexual minority populations in Africa, the human rights abuses and legal frameworks surrounding them and the impact of HIV and AIDS on these population groups.

- **The Johannesburg Statement on Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Human Rights**

  Statement on access to health services and human rights adopted by LGBT groups representing sixteen countries across the African continent.

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  Report from the international consultation hosted by the AIDS Legal Network on using guidelines as a human rights-based advocacy tool, and to collectively identify ways and mechanisms of how to strengthen our response to HIV and AIDS.

- **More than a Name: State-Sponsored Homophobia and Its Consequences in Southern Africa**

  In this report, Human Rights Watch and the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC) document and analyse the impact of state-sponsored homophobia in Zimbabwe, Namibia, Zambia, and Botswana, and the intersection with the massive HIV epidemic in the region.

- **Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and the Right to**
Health

Paper examining how the right to health for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex people is being violated, and ways to address these.

Research

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  Research that examines the sexual behaviours and HIV risks of transgender women in the United States, and recommends HIV prevention interventions that should be considered.

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- **A cross-sectional assessment of population demographics, HIV risks and human rights contexts among men who have sex with men in Lesotho**

  A study of HIV risks and human rights contexts among MSM in Lesotho.

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Research study - the Soweto Men's Study - that assessed HIV prevalence and associated risk factors among MSM in Soweto, South Africa.

• HIV Risk among MSM in Senegal: A Qualitative Rapid Assessment of the Impact of Enforcing Laws That Criminalize Same Sex Practices

This qualitative study assessed the impact of the criminalisation of men who have sex with men (MSM) on HIV prevention efforts in Senegal.

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• **Stigma, health care access, and HIV knowledge among men who have sex with men in Malawi, Namibia, and Botswana**

An assessment of the cross-sectional relationships between discrimination, access to and use of health care services, and HIV knowledge among men who have sex with men (MSM) in Malawi, Namibia, and Botswana.

• **Are HIV positive women who have sex with women (WSW) an unrecognized and neglected HIV risk group in South Africa?**

Research study that follows the health and sexual behaviours of HIV positive women who have sex with women and the need to have them included as a most at risk group for both HIV prevention and treatment programmes.

• **Bisexual concurrency, bisexual relationships, and HIV among Southern African men who have sex with men (MSM)**

Research study on men who have sex with men and bisexual concurrency and the implications for HIV prevention efforts.

• **You become afraid to tell them that you are gay: Health service utilization by men who have sex with men in South African cities**

A description of the utilization of health services by men who have sex with men (MSM) in South African cities, including their perceptions of available health services, and their service...
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• **The Expanding Epidemics of HIV Type 1 Among Men Who Have Sex With Men in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: Diversity and Consistency**

A systematic review of published and unpublished literature available between 2000-2009 to better describe HIV epidemics among MSM in low- and middle-income countries.

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Global Prevention of HIV Infection for Neglected Populations: Men Who Have Sex with Men

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- **Women Who have Sex with Women in the Global HIV Pandemic**

  Article that examines the role sexuality issues in the global HIV/AIDS pandemic and the development cooperation agenda, and how the health and rights of lesbian women and other women who have sex with women (WSW) are often completely missing from sexual and reproductive health and rights policies, materials and documents.

- **Securing the Voice of African Men who have Sex with Men (MSM) within HIV & AIDS Development Policy and Programming in Eastern and Southern Africa**

  An annotated bibliography of the most recent resources on men who have sex with men in Eastern and Southern Africa. This reference document was produced for the meeting 'Securing the voice of African men who have sex with men within HIV and AIDS development policy and programming in Eastern and Southern Africa' that took place in Pretoria, South Africa, from 13 to 15 November 2009.

- **Sexing women: Young black lesbians' reflections on sex and responses to safe(r) sex**

  Review of young lesbians of colour and the impact of stigma and discrimination on their sexual risks and practices.

- **Alcohol and sexual risk behavior among men who have sex with men in South African township communities**

  A behavioural survey of MSM in peri-urban "township" communities in Gauteng province, South Africa, and the role of alcohol.
HIV testing and self-reported HIV status in South African MSM: Results from a community-based survey

Research study that investigates the characteristics of South African men who have sex with men (MSM) who have been tested for HIV and are HIV positive.

- Stigma and discrimination experiences of HIV-positive men who have sex with men in Cape Town, South Africa

A research study that examined the stigma and discrimination experiences of MSM living with HIV/AIDS in South Africa.

- Present but not accounted for: exploring the sexual risk practices and intervention needs of nonheterosexually identified women in a prevention program for women with HIV/AIDS

Research study that examines the sexual risk behaviours and intervention needs of women who have sex with women (WSW) in the Protect and Respect Project - a safer sex intervention for HIV-positive women.

- HIV-1 infection in high risk men who have sex with men in Mombasa, Kenya

Research study that assesses the risk factors for prevalent HIV-1 infection among men who have sex with men (MSM) in Mombasa, Kenya, to guide HIV prevention efforts.

Research paper that provides a comprehensive review of HIV studies among MSM in low- and middle-income countries and a meta-analysis of reported MSM and reproductive-age adult HIV prevalence data.

- **Men who have sex with men and their HIV epidemics in Africa**

  Research study that estimates the number of men who have sex with men (MSM) who sell sex in Mombasa, Kenya, and the linkages with the relatively high HIV prevalence rate among MSM in the region compared to the relatively low HIV prevalence rates in the general population.

- **Overlooked, misunderstood and at-risk: Exploring the lives and HIV risk of ethnic minority male-to-female transgender youth**

  Research paper that describes the real life challenges and HIV-risk behaviours of male-to-female (MTF) transgender youth from communities of colour in the United States.

- **Experiences and Dimensions of Power: Discussions with Lesbian Women**

  Research study that explores lesbian women’s experiences and understandings of power at both an individual and societal level and documents lesbian women’s experiences of empowerment in South Africa at a micro and macro level.

- **'Missing the women': exploring key challenges in policy responses to HIV/AIDS**

  Part of a research on exploring the challenges of HIV/AIDS that examines why women are consistently ‘missing’ in HIV/AIDS research, policy and programmes.
Unrecognized HIV Infection, Risk Behaviors, and Perceptions of Risk Among Young Men Who Have Sex With Men: Opportunities for Advancing HIV Prevention in the Third Decade of HIV/AIDS

This study evaluated the magnitude and distribution of unrecognized HIV infection among young men who have sex with men (MSM), perception of risks of infection, and the correlation with HIV testing. It advocates for increased access to HIV testing as a prevention intervention.

• Sexual Minorities, Violence and AIDS in Africa

Working paper examining same sex relationships in Africa, the stigma discrimination that they face, their HIV risk, the barriers that prevent them from accessing services, including social services, and the lack of HIV programmes addressed to their needs.

• Sexual Orientation, Violence and AIDS in Africa Presentation

Presentation on the World Bank working paper "sexual minorities, violence and AIDS in Africa". The powerpoint provides information on the lives of sexual minority populations in Africa, the human rights abuses and legal frameworks surrounding them and the impact of HIV and AIDS on these population groups.

• Sex for pleasure, rights to participation, and alternatives to AIDS: placing sexual minorities and/or dissidents in development
This working paper examines the tension between rights and open and equal participation and the relationship between rights, sexualities and development. It explores the evolution of discourses on sexualities in development, examining the ways in which the participation of sexual minorities and/or dissidents comes to be framed by the development industry. It focuses in particular on the ready placement of sexual minority rights and well-being struggles within an HIV/AIDS framework.

- **Levels of Empowerment among Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender [LGBT] People in Gauteng, South Africa**

  Research study that aimed to gather quantitative data on a range of issues affecting gay and lesbian people across all racial and socio-economic groups in South Africa. It aims to build knowledge and expertise around empowerment issues that are faced by gay and lesbian persons living in contemporary South Africa.

- **The politics of invisibility: HIV-positive women who have sex with women and their struggle for support**

  Research paper on low-income HIV-positive women who have sex with women (WSW) of colour, their physical, emotional, and psychological needs, and their methods of coping with HIV.

- **Sexually transmitted infections and risk behaviours in women who have sex with women**

  An assessment of the prevalence of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and blood borne viruses, risk behaviours, and demographics in women who have sex with women (WSW).

- **The Mpowerment Project: A Community-Level HIV Prevention Intervention for Young Gay Men**

  Research paper examining a community - led HIV prevention programme for young gay men in a community in Oregon, United States.
Conspiracy Beliefs about HIV, Attitudes Toward Condoms and Treatment and HIV-related Preventive Behaviors among Men Who Have Sex With Men In Tshwane (Pretoria), South Africa

Research paper that examines the role of HIV conspiracy beliefs and other HIV-related attitudes and perceptions on unprotected anal intercourse and HIV testing behaviours.

• Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and the Right to Health

Paper examining how the right to health for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex people is being violated, and ways to address these.

• Women Who Have Sex With Women (WSW) and HIV Prevention Community Consultation Series Literature Review

Literature review of resources pertaining to women who have sex with women and HIV prevention efforts.

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