

# **Addressing Multiple and Concurrent Sexual Partnerships in Generalized HIV Epidemics**

PEPFAR General Population and Youth HIV Prevention  
Technical Working Group and AIDSTAR-One  
**October 29 - 30, 2008**

## **Objectives:**

1. Deepen understanding of the role of multiple and concurrent sexual partners in the spread of HIV
2. Share emerging programmatic approaches and build consensus on promising programmatic strategies to address and mitigate multiple and concurrent partnerships

## **Day 1: Opening**

- 8:30 – 9:00**                      **Registration, Coffee, Networking**
- 9:00 – 9:10**                      **Welcome, Meeting Objectives, Overview of Agenda – TWG Co-Chairs:**  
Pamela Bachanas, Shanti Conly and Marissa Bohrer
- 9:10 – 9:20**                      **Opening Remarks – Dr. Caroline Ryan, Director, Program Services, OGAC**

## **Keynote: Sexual Networks and the Spread of HIV**

Moderator: Dr. Caroline Ryan, Director, Program Services, OGAC

- 9:20 – 9:50**                      **Overview: The Relationship Between Concurrent Partnerships and HIV  
Transmission – Martina Morris, University of Washington**
- 9:50 – 10:15**                      **Q&A and Discussion**
- 10:15 – 10:30**                      **Coffee Break**

## **Panel I. Measuring Concurrent Sexual Partnerships**

Moderator and Discussant: Linda Wright-Deaguero, CDC

- 10:30 – 10:45**                      **Quantitative Approaches to Measuring Concurrency – Sara Nelson,  
University of Washington**
- 10:45 – 11:00**                      **What do the Demographic and Health Surveys tell us about Multiple  
Partners and Concurrency? – Vinod Mishra, Macro International**
- 11:00 – 11:30**                      **Discussant Comments; Q&A and Discussion**

## **Panel II. Socio-economic and Cultural Drivers of Multiple and Concurrent Partnerships**

Moderator: Carol Larivee, Academy for Educational Development

- 11:30 – 11:45**            **Multiple and Concurrent Partnering in Southern Africa: The Ethnographic Perspective** – Suzanne Leclerc-Madlala, University of KwaZulu-Natal
- 11:45 – 12:00**            **Formative Assessment for a Regional Campaign to Address Multiple and Concurrent Partners** – Harriet Perlman, Soul City
- 12:00 – 12:30**            **Q&A and Discussion**
- 12:30 – 1:30**              **Lunch**

**Panel III. Programmatic Interventions to Address Multiple and Concurrent Partnerships**

Moderator: Pam Bachanas, CDC

- 1:30 – 1:45**                **Responding to the HIV/AIDS Pandemic: Lessons from Uganda** – Noerine Kaleeba, founder of TASO Uganda
- 1:45 – 2:00**                **A National HIV/AIDS Campaign to Reduce Concurrent Partnerships in Swaziland** – Faith Dlamini, NERCHA
- 2:00 – 2:15**                **A Multi-Level Communications Program to Address Concurrency in South Africa** – Richard Delate, JHHESA
- 2:15 – 2:30**                **Mainstreaming Efforts to Reduce Concurrent Sexual Partnerships within Ongoing HIV Prevention Programs** – Doug Call, PSI
- 2:30 – 3:00**                **Q&A and Discussion**
- 3:00 – 3:15**                **Coffee Break**

**Panel IV. Mobilizing Faith Communities to Address Multiple and Concurrent Partnerships**

Moderator: Shepherd Smith, Institute for Youth Development

- 3:15 – 3:30**                **Promoting Mutual Monogamy through Churches in Eastern Cape, South Africa** – Nathi Sohaba, Population Council
- 3:30 – 3:45**                **Multiple & Concurrent Sex Partnerships Among Youth: Food for the Hungry's Curriculum** – Kim Buttonow, Food for the Hungry
- 3:45 – 4:00**                **Q&A and Discussion**

**Day 1: Wrap-Up**

Moderator: Shanti Conly, USAID

- 4:00 – 4:45**                **Discussion**
- What appear to be the **essential elements of programs** to address multiple and concurrent sexual partnerships?
  - What are **lessons learned** from emerging programs to date?
  - As HIV/AIDS prevention specialists, **what can we do** to address this gap in our current programs?

**4:45 – 5:00**                    **Synthesis and Key Take-Home Messages: Day 1** – Norman Hearst, UCSF and Jim Shelton, USAID

**5:00 – 5:15**                    **Introduction to Day 2 Skill-Building** – Sharon Stash, AIDSTAR-One/JSI

**5:15**                                **Day 1 Closing**

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## **Interactive Session: Designing Prevention Programs to Address Multiple and Concurrent Partnerships (MCP) in Generalized HIV Epidemics**

**Objectives:** Participants leave the meeting with an improved knowledge of:

- What to do & How to do it - What are the core components of programming to address MCP?
- Unanswered questions – What issues are unresolved in terms of designing, implementing, and monitoring and evaluating a multi-component MCP program?

### **Day 2: Opening**

**8:00 – 8:30**

**Coffee**

**8:30 – 9:00**

**Welcome and Overview of the Interactive Session** – Sharon Stash, Prevention Advisor, AIDSTAR-One/JSI

### **Breakout Sessions: Core Components of MCP programs**

Resource person: Andrew Fullem, HIV/AIDS Director, John Snow, Inc.

**9:00 – 11:00**

#### **Break-Out Session 1: Information Needs and How to Fulfill Them –**

**Facilitators:** Lorie Broomhall, AIDSTAR-One and SSS and Jane Bertrand, JHU/CPP and SEARCH Prevention

**Resource people:** Stephane Helleringer, University Pennsylvania; Martina Morris, University of Washington; Sara Nelson, University of Washington; Susan Watkins, University of California - Los Angeles

#### **Break-Out Session 2: Engendering Community Support –**

**Facilitator:** Michele Clark, AIDSTAR-One/JSI

**Resource people:** Kim Buttonow, Food for the Hungry; Faith Dlamini, NERCHA Swaziland; Noerine Kaleeba, founder of TASO Uganda; Suzanne Leclerc-Madlala, University of KwaZulu-Natal

#### **Break-Out Session 3: Multilevel Communications Activities –**

**Facilitator:** LaHoma Romocki, AIDSTAR-One/JSI

**Resource people:** Richard Delate, JHHESA/JHU, Soul City; Helen Epstein, Consultant; Carol Larivee, C-Change/AED; Harriet Perlman, Soul City

#### **Break-Out Session 4: Positioning MCP Activities within Comprehensive Prevention Programs –**

**Facilitator:** Sharon Stash and Deborah Roseman, AIDSTAR-One/JSI

**Resource people:** Pam Bachanas, CDC; Patrick Coleman, JHHESA/JHU; Hope Hempstone, PSI; Elizabeth Marum, CDC

**11:00 – 11:30            Break**

**Synthesis Session: Key Findings from Day 2**

**11:30 – 12:30            Essential Program Elements: Report-out and Synthesis of Breakout Group Findings** – Andrew Fullem, HIV/AIDS Director, JSI

**Q&A and Discussion**

**Next Steps and Closing**

**12:30 – 12:55            Opportunities for MCP Programming** – Barbara deZalduondo, UNAIDS; Cherry Gumapas, USAID, Mozambique; Canon Rev. Desmond Lambrechts, Anglican Church of Southern Africa; Mercy Muthui, CDC, Kenya

**12:55 – 1:00            Closing** - Pam Bachanas, CDC, Co-Chair, Technical Working Group for General Population and Youth Prevention

**1:00 – 2:00            Lunch**