

**Interventions with Most-at-Risk Populations¹ in PEPFAR Countries:
Lessons Learned and Challenges Ahead**

**Chennai, India
February 18-20, 2009**

Day One: Wednesday - February 18, 2009

- 9:00 – 9:15 - **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Dr. Vijayakumar
Project Director
Tamil Nadu State AIDS Control Society
- 9:15 – 9:30 - **Welcome**
Mr. Andrew T. Simkin
United States Consul General, Chennai, India
- 9:30 – 10:00 - **Overview of the MARPs Technical Working Group**
Anne Thomas
Linda Wright- Deaguero
Benny Kottiri
Karina Rapposelli
- 10:00 – 10:10 - **Purpose and expected outcomes of the meeting**
Sharon Stash
Abu Abdul-Quader
- 10:10 – 10:30 - **Context: HIV among MARPs**
Chair: Anne Thomas
Presenter: Abu Abdul-Quader
- 10:45 – 11:15 - **What constitutes a Strategic Response for MARPs?**
Chair: Anne Thomas
Presenter: Swarup Sarkar
- 11:15 – 12:45 - **Best practices and key issues related to measurement approaches
for characterizing MARPs epidemics & populations**
Chair: Willi McFarland
Presenters:
 - Overview of Principles and Best Practices: Willi McFarland
 - Country Presentations:
 - South Africa: Rapid Assessment
 - Karen Kroeger
 - Nepal: Mapping/Size Estimation of MARPs
 - Shanta Gurung

¹ PEPFAR acknowledges that there are many other groups that are considered a most at-risk population, but this meeting has been structured to focus on the issues of men who have sex with other men, sex workers and injecting drug users.

- Indonesia: IBBS
 - Lisa Baldwin
- Questions and discussion

1:45 – 3:00 -

Building NGO/Government/Civil Society Capacity to implement programs

Chair: Sanjay Kapur

Presenters:

- Overview: Swarup Sarkar
- Country Presentations:
 - Ukraine and Cambodia: John Howson
 - India: Bimal Charles
- Questions and discussion

3:20 – 5:00 -

Best practices and key issues related to enabling environments for characterizing MARP epidemics & populations: Issues related to policies, stigma, and discrimination

Chair: Karina Rapposelli

Presenters:

- PEPFAR - Update: Karina Rapposelli
- Country Presentations:
 - China: MAT/NSP/Detention Centers
 - Marc Bulterys
 - India: legal issues/stakeholder building (MSM/CSW)
 - Tripti Tandon
 - Vietnam: Development of Harm Reduction Program
 - John Eyres
- Questions and discussion

Day Two: Thursday – February 19, 2009

8:30 – 12:30 -

Programmatic Responses: International best practices and country approaches to MARP interventions

- MSM: Overview: Timothy Mah
- Country Presentations:
 - Thailand and the South-East Asia Region - Nithya Mani
 - Ghana – Lydia Clemmons
- CSW: Overview: Karen Kroeger
- Country Presentations:
 - Kenya – Mercy Muthui
 - Cote d'Ivoire –Konan Ehoussou - CDC

10:45 – 12:30

- IDU: Overview: Linda Wright-Deaguero
- Country Presentations:
 - Ukraine – Leslie Perry
 - Tanzania - Irene Benech
- Questions and discussion

1:30 – 3:00 -

Monitoring and evaluation of MARPs interventions

Chair: Emma Mwamburi

Presenters:

- Overview of PEPFAR 2 Prevention Framework & Indicators for MARPS: Roger Myrick

- Country Presentations:
 - Thailand – Kimberley Fox
 - Cambodia – Michael Cassell
 - Uganda - Wolfgang Hladik
- Questions and discussion

3:00 -- **Field visits**

Day Three: Friday – February 20, 2009

8:30 – 9:00 -

Scaling-up MARPs Interventions

Chair: Naomi Bock
Presenter: AVAHAN

9:00 – 10:00 -

Developing a Research Agenda for MARPs: Way Forward

Presenter: Benny Kottiri, with facilitated group discussion

10:30 – 12:00 -

Lessons learned from the field visits & highlights of operational issues related to intervention implementation

Chair: Nisha Gupta
Facilitated discussions focusing on specific issues related to intervention implementation & administration, monitoring and data collection

1:00 – 3:00 -

Development of Action Plans for Immediate Next Steps: Breakout sessions: MSM, IDU, FSW

Facilitator: Roger Myrick

3:15 – 4:30 -

Presentations from the breakout sessions on action plans

Chair: Roger Myrick
Presenters: Representatives from breakout groups

4:30 – 5:00 -

Feedback and Conclusions

Facilitators: Anne Thomas and Abu Abdul-Quader