Translating the Science to End New HIV Infections in Kenya

Perspectives, Practices and Lessons

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Experts/Implementers Meeting
A Call to Action

Implementing A Knowledge Management Framework For Translation Of HIV Research Into Policy and Practice in Kenya

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Outline of Presentation

• Definitions
• NACC’s coordination mandate
• Gaps and solutions
• Call to action
Definition

• ‘Managing knowledge’
  – Delivering data and information that people need so as to effective and efficient at what they do:
    • Practice HIV medicine
    • Develop HIV-related policy and guidance
      – Increase productivity
      – Reduce costs

Right content ⟷ Right people ⟷ Right time

*Knowledge that is contextual, relevant, actionable*
Definition

• ‘Managing knowledge’
  – Raw data important but………..

“Information products that support directly the transfer of useful knowledge to those making decisions” (Goddard et al.)

Transfer of Knowledge from Research to Practice and Policy


WEBINAR
October 26, 2016
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13:00 GMT

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#Ev2Action
Definition
• ‘Research’

“The systematic investigation into and study of materials and sources in order to establish facts and reach new conclusions”
Definition

- ‘Policy making’

“Two things should not be seen while they are being made – sausages and public policy”

Otto von Bismark
...........in line with NACC’s coordination mandate

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- Multi-sectoral coordination for attainment of results
- HIV Surveillance (M & E)
- HIV Advocacy and Communication
- Resource Mobilization & Alignment
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# Kenya AIDS Strategic Framework (KASF)

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Where are we coming from?

1. Lack of guidance and funding for national HIV priorities
2. Uncoordinated research environment
   - # & type studies – unknown
   - # actors, resources – unknown
3. Limited dissemination of local research by Kenya’s scientists
4. Limited involvement/recognition of local HIV scientists
5. Delayed translation of findings into policy/practice
**Gap:** Lack of guidance on National HIV Research Priorities

**Solution:** The HIV and AIDS Research Agenda (2015)

- Roadmap for investment in HIV and AIDS research based on Kenya’s needs with a focus on:
  - Local solutions
  - Application of locally-generated evidence
  - Investments in local research capacity
  - Continued leadership in new knowledge
  - Strengthening local advocacy for research uptake
  - Avail research information to end-users
**Gap:** Lack of domestic funding for HIV research

**Solution:** Costing the HIV Research Agenda & local resource mobilization

Policy brief on domestic financing of HIV research:
- In 2017, USD 21M needed, USD 8M gap

Local resource opportunities:
- National Research Fund
- Local philanthropies
- Public-private university
**Gap:** Uncoordinated Research Eco-system
**Solution:** The Maisha Maarifa Research Hub (2016)

www.maishamaarifa.or.ke

Maisha = Life  
Maarifa = Knowledge  
Maisha Maarifa = Knowledge for Life

- A knowledge repository
  - Ongoing, ERC-approved research work
  - Published research findings (open publications)
  - Unpublished research and programmatic reports

- An interactive platform
  - Communities of Practice (CoPs)
  - Webinars
The Maisha Maarifa Research Hub

- Commissioned on April 25th 2016
  - 1107 studies uploaded so far
- Data from ERCs as required by NACOSTI
- Value of information so far
  - 80% HIV studies
  - 64% published studies – contribution to policy?
  - 281 on-going studies – where, about what, contribution to local solutions, to policy?
- Data available by question, type of study, location
The Maisha Maarifa Research Hub

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UPCOMING WEBINARS

- HIV/SRH linkages
  - 14th June, 2017
Gaps:
1. Delayed translation of findings into policy/practice
2. Limited involvement/recognition of local scientists

Solutions:
1. Quarterly research update briefs
   - Disseminated in the Maisha Maarifa Hub
   - Disseminated via the NACC HIV Research Division

2. Kenya AIDS Research Coordinating Mechanism (KARSCOM) Committee
   - Comprises local research stakeholders
   - Tracking the delivery of the Kenya HIV Research Agenda
   - HIV information sharing
Gap: Ltd dissemination of research by Kenya’s scientists

MAISHA HIV & AIDS CONFERENCE
28th - 31st May 2017


As the world shifts focus to ending the HIV epidemic by 2030, the speedy translation of research findings into policy and practice is essential. We seek to promote public engagement in understanding existing and emerging HIV prevention, care and treatment research.

For Guidelines on Volunteer Application | Abstract Submission | Satellites Sessions
Visit: http://www.maishamaarifa.or.ke/conference/
**Gap:** Ltd involvement/recognition of Kenyan HIV researchers
Call to Action

• Research questions to be guided by Kenya’s agenda
• Register on the Maisha Maarifa Hub (www.maishamaarifa.or.ke)
  – Submit your publications and unpublished research reports to hub
  – Disseminate your work – host Webinars, volunteer on sub-committees/ create Communities of Practice

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