COVID-19 and HIV: Adapting community-based HIV services during a pandemic

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Ensuring access to HIV treatment in lockdown

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Challenges raised (overnight) by Covid-19

- How to ensure continuity of services?
- How to adapt field work to comply with the new social norms and hygiene?
- How to ensure that prevention messages are soundly delivered?
- How to effectively continue to meet the needs of PLHIV and key populations while ensuring the safety of clients, volunteers and staff members?
Advocacy for innovation

- Governments, Health Authorities
- Police and Security agencies
- Donors
- Community
Adaption

- Information and education on preventive measures for COVID-19 disease
- Personal protective equipment
- Environmental and engineering controls (social distancing, beneficiaries flow, access control…)
- Working from home whenever feasible and possible
- Allowing multi-month dispensation of ARVs for PLHIV
- Including dispensation of treatment for tourists blocked away from home
- Ensuring continuity of provision of other services (prevention, harm reduction) with adjustments
- Addressing disruptions in the supply chain of ARVs and protective equipment and stock outs
- Watchdogging for human rights infringements, intimate partner violence, stigma and discrimination
- Monitoring
Des associations marocaines s’inquiètent des violences conjugales durant le confinement
Key elements

- Meaningful involvement of communities
- Capacity of adaptation
- Resilience of HIV/AIDS movement
- Innovation
- Proactivity
- Learning lessons and building on previous experiences
- Networking, solidarity and experience sharing

Opportunities +++
Thank you