



Skills-Building Workshop Number: W-240-0563-0739

Male Participation in Prevention of Vertical HIV Transmission Programs: Mobilizing Men to Protect their Partners and children from HIV Infection and Access HIV Care and Treatment

Date and time: Monday 19 July, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Location: Mini Room 10

Language: English

Level: Intermediate

Number of Participants: 150

Description: Male involvement in PMTCT and HIV care and treatment programs plays an essential role in optimizing HIV programs and health outcomes for families. This skills-building workshop will begin with an overview of evidence of the links between gender inequality and HIV, including how gender inequality increases women's vulnerability to HIV (especially during pregnancy when women are more physiologically vulnerable to HIV) and negatively impacts uptake of HIV prevention, testing, care, and treatment services for women, children, and men, particularly services to prevent vertical HIV transmission. Building on an understanding of this essential background, the workshop will then take participants through a series of frameworks that can subsequently be adapted to their own settings, to help participants think through context-specific factors that perpetuate the spread of HIV and pose barriers to male involvement in PMTCT and HIV care and treatment. The workshop will then explore strategies and approaches for enlisting men to protect their partners from HIV, supportively participate in prevention of vertical HIV transmission programs, and proactively help their families to access HIV care and treatment. This workshop will enable participants to put skills to practice by engaging in a group case study involving situational analysis and design of a strategy.

Speakers:

- Christian Pitter/ Director, Global Technical Policy/ EGPAF
- Jantine Jacobi /Head of Gender and HIV/ UNAIDS
- Dean Peacock/ Executive Director/ Sonke Gender Justice
- Susan Strasser/ Technical Director, Zambia Program/ EGPAF
- Appolinaire Tiam/ Technical Director, Lesotho Program/ EGPAF
- William Kilembe/Main Site Director/ Rwanda-Zambia HIV Research Group (RZHRG)
- Elena Ghanotakis, Technical Officer/ Global Technical Policy / EGPAF

Please note that skills-building workshops have limited participant capacity. Seating will be granted on a first-come first-served basis. The workshop sign up will take place in Mini Room 10, 30 minutes before the workshop begins.