Monitoring the Maputo Plan of Action

AAI National MPOA Accountability Workshop

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CONCEPT NOTE

Background

Many African countries are struggling to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) without significant improvements in sexual and reproductive health and rights, which in turn are essential in addressing MDG 1 on poverty reduction. Recognizing this, in October 2005 the 2nd Ordinary Session of the Conference of African Ministers of Health met in Gaborone, Botswana, and adopted the Continental Policy Framework on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights. This was then endorsed by African Union (AU) Heads of State in September 2006 in Maputo, Mozambique.

This commitment, known as The Maputo Plan of Action (MPOA) for the Operationalisation of the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Continental Policy Framework seeks to take the continent forward towards the goal of universal access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services in Africa by 2015.

The MPOA identifies key areas on SRHR in line with the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Programme of Action (PoA) 1994 to include as short term priority areas. These priority areas include the following nine key issues:

1. Integrating HIV, sexually transmitted infection (STI), malaria, and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) services into primary health care (PHC);
2. Strengthening community-based STI/HIV/AIDS and SRHR services;
3. Repositioning family planning as a key strategy for the attainment of the MDGs;
4. Positioning youth-friendly SRHR services as a key for youth empowerment, development and wellbeing;
5. Reducing the incidence of unsafe abortion;
6. Increasing access to quality safe motherhood and child survival services;
7. Increasing resources for SRHR, in alignment with the Abuja Declaration on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Other Related Infectious Diseases (2001) pledging 15% of national budget allocation to health;
8. Achieving SRHR commodity security for all components of SRHR; and

In order to assess member states’ progress in implementing this plan, the African Union Commission (AUC) administered a Progress Assessment Tool (PAT) - a questionnaire completed in 2010 for a 5 year review of the Maputo Plan of Action. At their 15th Session, the AU Assembly requested the AUC to develop (and align with MDGs 4 and 5) a set of indicators for monitoring and reporting on the MPOA. The Pilot tool has been developed.

The National MPOA Accountability Workshop

In response to the MPOA, the AUC and AIDS Accountability International (AAI) are working together to improve SRHR in Africa, and thus are conducting the AAI National SRHR Accountability Workshops in 2012.

Participants at the workshops are from three key groups: government, civil society and the media.
These workshops aim to:

1. Increase the capacity of the media in Africa on SRHR and to report on relevant SRHR issues to a greater degree and with better engagement.
2. Build the capacity of government and civil society to work with the media to improve SRHR and thus increase accountability.
3. Discuss and create transparency around national strategies and plans to strengthen monitoring and evaluation (M&E) systems and reporting
4. Promote the collaboration of government and civil society;
5. Identify accountability systems and processes for each member state with clear roles and responsibilities for each stakeholder group.
6. Establish strategic and accountable partnerships to drive the implementation of the MPOA at the national levels.
7. Engage governments and civil society on discussing the MPOA, the performance to date that relates to the indicators in the MPOA PATS, and improve working relations and networking and support between these decision makers and leaders in the field.
8. Bring together all stakeholders in order to improve MPOA data transparency and accountability;
9. Increase dialogue on SRHR matters especially related to women, girls and other vulnerable groups.
10. Promote increased action on MPOA through greater networking by government, civil society and media institutions to achieve SRHR goals.

The workshops will include presentations from key experts on SRHR and MPOA at national and regional level, as well as an expert media trainer. Furthermore, the workshops will include discussions and debates on key focus areas to achieving the MPOA by 2015, as well as how these three stakeholders can play a significant role in reaching the promised goals.

Please see the draft programme below for further content detail.

Dates
The AAI National MPOA Accountability Workshops will take place on the following dates:

- 12th-13th November 2012 in Gaborone, Botswana @ Cresta President Hotel
- 15th-16th November 2012 in Harare, Zimbabwe @ Rainbow Towers Hotel
- 19th-20th November 2012 in Lilongwe, Malawi @ Sunbird Capital Hotel
- 27th-28th November 2012 in Lusaka, Zambia @ Cresta Golf View Hotel

Participants
The workshops bring a number of stakeholders from the following groups together:

- Media,
- National, regional and continental government structures, including the African Union Commission, regional economic communities (RECs),
- Bi-lateral and multi-lateral partners,
- Funding partners,
- Civil society, especially those focused on women, girls, youth and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people (LGBT).

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Working Documents

- Maputo Plan of Action
- ICPD Programme of Action
- Millennium Development Goals

Languages

All workshops will be conducted in English.

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<td>Why focus on Young Women, girls and marginalized populations is important</td>
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<td>M&amp;E Capacity building Workshop: Strategies for strengthening the collection, Flow and use of M&amp;E/HMIS information, creating awareness about the importance of data use in general &amp; how to integrate Accountability indices into country M&amp;E plans</td>
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<td>Why should the media care about SRHR and how can we make them care?</td>
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