

HOW DATA DRIVES ADVOCACY: SUSTAINING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND RESPONSE IN DSD PROGRAMS

*Strengthening Community Voices in Health Policies
& the Design of DSD Programmes*

*Case Study from : **DR Congo***

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Case Study Highlights

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Aim & Objective of the Advocacy Work

Aim:

Strengthening the voice of communities in health policies and the design of DSD programs.

Objective :

- a. Ensure meaningful participation and visibility of national networks of people living with HIV and their advocates in the development of DSD policies and communication materials;
- b. Ensure that Care of Recipients/Community Members are involved (and physically present) in the design of DSD models at the program level;
- c. Care of recipients/community members should benefit from ongoing health education learning sessions.

Activities (1/2)

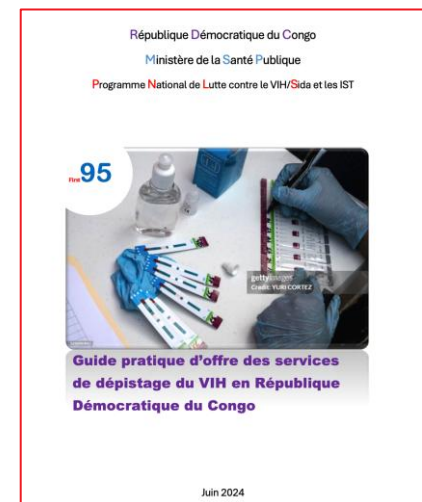
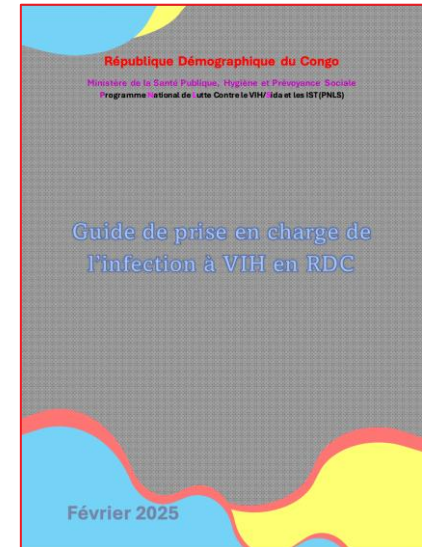
1. Meeting with the DSD Coordinator to ensure the involvement of recipients of care during the development of the non-communicable disease integration document.
2. Preliminary meetings with recipients of care to prepare their contributions/proposals.
3. Awareness-raising meetings (virtual) with beneficiary organizations from other provinces (outside Kinshasa) on their involvement in the development of DSD policies, design, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programs.

Activities (2/2)

4. Working session with beneficiaries to ensure and guarantee their involvement (awareness).
5. Raise awareness among healthcare providers in 5 high-volume healthcare facilities to ensure ongoing health education sessions for the benefit of most beneficiaries.
6. Raise awareness among healthcare workers about the importance of participating in health education sessions.
7. Monitor the participation of recipients of care in sessions.

Results/Outcomes

- The delegation of screening tasks to community groups has been integrated into the “Practical guide to providing HIV screening services in the DRC”;
- PSD and advanced HIV disease (AHD) are integrated into the “Guide to the Management of HIV Infection”;
- 10 providers (registered nurse and psychosocial support manager) were made aware of the programming of continuing education sessions in health education;
- 51 healthcare workers were made aware of the importance of health education learning sessions.



Overall Reflections & Key message(s)

To the government:

- Deaths from advanced HIV disease are preventable, but only if political will is present.

To the community:

- Don't wait to be invited, but ask to be included at the negotiating table.

Thank You!



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