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HIV POLICY



**WORKING WITH
CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES
WITH HIV**

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AIM:

This policy aims to guide ACYP volunteers in their efforts to support individuals living with HIV and to promote HIV prevention, care, and treatment within their communities.

1. Introduction This policy outlines the commitment of ACYP to support individuals living with HIV and to promote HIV prevention, care, and treatment within our community. Our goal is to create a supportive environment that respects the rights and dignity of all individuals affected by HIV.

2. Objectives

- To provide comprehensive HIV prevention, care, and treatment services.
- To reduce the stigma and discrimination associated with HIV.
- To promote awareness and education about HIV prevention and treatment.
- To support individuals living with HIV in adhering to their treatment regimens.
- To collaborate with local health facilities and other organizations to enhance HIV services.

3. HIV Prevention

- **Education and Awareness:** Conduct regular educational sessions and awareness campaigns to inform the community about HIV transmission, prevention methods, and the importance of regular testing.
- **Distribution of Prevention Tools:** Enable access to condoms, lubricants, and other prevention tools to community members, especially those at high risk of HIV infection.
- **Voluntary Counselling and Testing (VCT):** Enable access and/or offer free and confidential HIV testing and counselling services to encourage early detection and treatment.

4. HIV Care and Treatment

- **Adherence Support:** Provide adherence support to individuals on antiretroviral therapy (ARVs) and tuberculosis (TB) treatment through regular home visits, counselling, and educational workshops.
- **Medication Delivery:** Ensure timely delivery of essential medications to individuals who face barriers in accessing health facilities.
- **Nutritional Support:** Offer nutritional support to individuals living with HIV to enhance their overall health and well-being.

5. Stigma and Discrimination

- **Anti-Stigma Campaigns:** Implement campaigns to reduce stigma and discrimination against individuals living with HIV within the community.
- **Support Groups:** Establish support groups for individuals living with HIV to provide a safe space for sharing experiences and receiving emotional support.
- **Training and Sensitization:** Conduct training sessions for staff, volunteers, and community members to promote understanding and acceptance of individuals living with HIV.

6. Collaboration and Partnerships

- **Local Health Facilities:** Collaborate with local health facilities to ensure comprehensive care and support for individuals living with HIV.
- **Other Organizations:** Partner with other organizations to enhance the reach and effectiveness of HIV programs and services.
- **Government and Policy Makers:** Engage with government agencies and policy makers to advocate for policies that support individuals living with HIV and promote HIV prevention.

7. Monitoring and Evaluation

- **Data Collection:** Collect and analyse data on HIV prevention, care, and treatment services to monitor progress and identify areas for improvement.

- **Regular Reporting:** Provide regular reports to stakeholders on the outcomes and impact of HIV programs and services.
- **Continuous Improvement:** Use feedback from beneficiaries and stakeholders to continuously improve HIV programs and services.

8. Confidentiality

- **Privacy Protection:** Ensure the confidentiality of all individuals accessing HIV services. Personal information should be protected and only shared with consent.
- **Ethical Standards:** Adhere to ethical standards in the provision of HIV services, respecting the rights and dignity of all individuals.

9. Conclusion ACYP is committed to supporting individuals living with HIV and promoting HIV prevention, care, and treatment within our community. We will continue to work towards creating a supportive and inclusive environment for all.

ACYP Admin

