

EXPERT MEETING – LINKING HIV AND SRHR FOR FEMALE KEY POPULATIONS

A Share-Net Netherlands' webinar organised by the Community of Practice 'Integration of HIV and SRHR' on 10 December 2020

Share-Net Netherlands is a knowledge platform on SRHR/HIV, its members consist of policy makers, programme planners, researchers, service providers and other SRHR professionals. The Community of Practice '[integration of HIV and SRHR](#)' strives to promote further integration in order to increase outcomes and impact of HIV and SRHR programmes and policies. A priority topic for the COP is addressing the broader SRHR (needs and services) for women vulnerable to HIV (key populations).

The HIV/STI/HCV and Reproductive Health and Research (RHR) Departments of WHO have recently undertaken a (Netherlands MOFA-funded) study into contraceptive use, values and preferences among female sex workers. WHO also recently developed [guidelines on contraceptive options women at risk for HIV](#), and for [integrating HIV into contraceptive services](#). This SNL expert meeting aims to present WHO research and guidance, and discuss their implications for Share Net members, i.e. SRHR practitioners, programme managers, policy makers and researchers on HIV and SRHR.

Objectives

The main objective of this expert meeting was to share new insights from the WHO SRHR research, and discuss the relevance for policy and practice. Specific objective of the expert meeting were to:

- Present recent evidence & policy guidance on integrating HIV and family planning services
- Present findings and recommendations of the WHO study for female key populations
- Present field experiences on addressing reproductive health of female key populations
- Discuss implications of WHO/UNAIDS guidance for the work of participants

RE-VISITING THE PRESENTATIONS

Session 1: Setting the scene: The importance of integrating HIV, STI and SRH services and policies
[Annette Verster](#) is Technical Officer on Key populations, HIV and viral hepatitis at WHO ([access recording here](#))

Session 2: WHO guidance on contraceptive options for women at risk for HIV, and on integrating HIV in family planning services
[Michelle Rodolph](#) is Technical officer at WHO HIV, Hepatitis and STI department in Geneva ([access recording here](#))

Session 3: Early findings of the WHO study on contraceptive values and preferences among sex workers
[Virginia Macdonald](#) is also Technical Officer at the Global HIV, hepatitis and STI programme of the WHO ([access recording here](#))

Session 4: Experiences with integrating gender sensitive SRHR into service for women who use drugs
[Muna Handulle](#), Mainline programme manager harm reduction programme in Kenya and South Africa & Gender portfolio ([access recording here](#))

Session 5: Experiences with integrating SRH, HIV and others health services for sex workers
[Anna Gots](#), [Aidsfonds](#) programme manager, supports sex work-led organisations in Indonesia, Myanmar, Mozambique and Ukraine ([access recording here](#))

Session 6: Wrap up and next steps

[Paul Janssen](#), HIV & SRHR Integration CoP member wrap up ([access recording here](#)) and Marja Esveld, Deputy Health of HIV and Health at Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs final observations ([access recording here](#))

ALL PARTICIPANTS PROVIDE THEIR NEXT STEP TO FURTHER INTEGRATION:

What can you/your organisation do to improve integration?



12088802	Understand contextual factors better	Fund integrated approaches only
Promote UHC and people centered care	Work on UHC	continue advocating for the holistic approach
UHC	Better intergration of SHR services Holistic approach	Increase advocacy with governments
allow flexibility of funding and apply a human needs based approach	Keeping thinking of integration. Base interventions on eliminating root causes.	Changing family planning to access to SRHR under PH- UHC for all at risk populations

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- Be eligible for our yearly call for proposals for the Share-Net International Small Grants facility.

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