



REPORT OF VALIDATION WORKSHOP SEYCHELLES HIV & AIDS NATIONAL ACTION PLAN TO REMOVE LEGAL BARRIERS

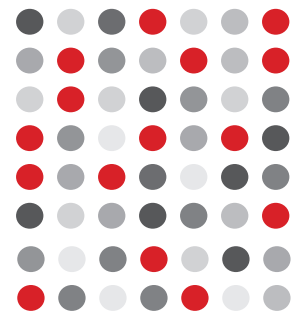
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WORKSHOP REPORT

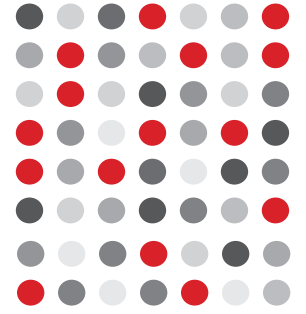
SEYCHELLES HIV & AIDS NATIONAL ACTION PLAN TO REMOVE LEGAL BARRIERS

BACKGROUND

The Seychelles finalised its Legal Environment Assessment (LEA) in 2013, and progress in policy has been seen as a result of the recommendations of the LEA. **In order to sustain ongoing actions**, a two-day National Action Planning Meeting was held in August 2016 bringing together key stakeholders from government, civil society organisations, key populations and other stakeholders from around the Seychelles to agree on a work plan for law/policy reform, for capacity development and to agree on a mechanism for accountability.

The workshop had the following outcomes:

- Increased understanding of the key HIV, law and human rights issues of national concern, gaps, challenges and barriers to universal access to HIV-related health care;
- The prioritisation of recommendations for action to strengthen HIV law and human rights at national level;
- An estimated budgeted plan to undertake HIV-related law and policy review and reform, strengthen access to justice and law enforcement;
- Agreement on a structure or mechanism for promoting accountability and a commitment to follow up action across a range of sectors.



SEYCHELLES HIV & AIDS NATIONAL ACTION PLAN TO REMOVE LEGAL BARRIERS VALIDATION WORKSHOP

In order to finalise the Seychelles HIV & AIDS National Action Plan To Remove Legal Barriers, a workshop was organised bringing together government officials from concerned Ministries, representation from parliament and civil society organisations highlighting the leadership in the fight against HIV and reaching the goals set by UN AIDS. Workshop participants were chosen to represent the multi-sectoral stakeholders to ensure good representation and ownership of the National Action Plan.

Participants were invited to participate in the finalisation of the National Action Plan components, by confirming relevancy of the actions of the plan, filling the gaps of the Plan through group work followed by plenary discussions and clarifications .

OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOMES

OBJECTIVES

The workshop had the following objectives and outcomes :

- To provide an environment for a range of stakeholders from different sectors, to update, validate and finalise the Seychelles National Action Plan.
- To finalise the accountability mechanisms to sustain ongoing action and to agree on the TOR of the Steering committee

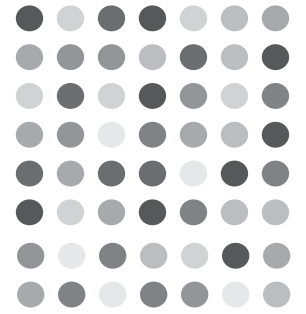
OUTCOMES

- A concrete and budgeted plan to undertake HIV-related law and policy review and reform and related activities to strengthen access to justice, services and law enforcement;
- TOR defining the role of the steering committee mechanisms for promoting accountability and a commitment to follow up action across a range of sectors.

WORKSHOP PREPARATION AND ORGANISATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

The workshop received technical support from ARASA and was coordinated by the Seychelles National Aids Council with assistance of a local consultant.

ARASA engaged the national consultant to support the preparations for and facilitation of the validation workshop aimed at finalising the Seychelles National Action Plan.



WORKSHOP AGENDA

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08:00	Registration	NAC Secretariat
08:30	Welcome and introduction Workshop rules Workshop expectations	Iris Carolus Consultant
08:40	Opening of workshop	Dr Gabriel CEO NAC
09:00	Presentation of National Action Plan	Iris Carolus Consultant
09:30	Group work	All participants
10:00	TEA / COFFEE BREAK	
10:30	Group work	All participants
11:00	Feedback in Plenary session Way forward	Iris Carolus Consultant
12:45	Wrap up and Closing	Dr Gabriel CEO NAC
13:00	LUNCH	

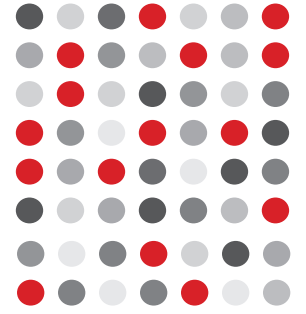
WELCOMING REMARKS

Dr Anne Gabriel CEO of the National AIDS council welcomed all workshop participants. She gave an overview of background of the Seychelles HIV & AIDS Removing Legal Barriers National Action Plan and the work carried out so far. She presented the objectives of the workshop and the expected outcomes.

PRESENTATIONS

The consultant for the workshop presented the national plan document and the draft logical framework, which would be validated and finalised during the workshop. She also presented the draft TOR for the steering committee whose task would be taking the work forward.

The presentation is found in the Annexure.



GROUP WORK

Participants worked in groups each group focusing on goals, objectives and activities of the National Action Plan.

Generally the goals and objectives were accepted. Some were refined to ensure inclusivity of vulnerable groups and to take into account the local context. The activities were updated to reflect actions initiated by the various ministries and responsible lead agencies and their partners.

The final amendments are reflected in the final National Action Plan document.

STEERING COMMITTEE

The consultant presented the proposed terms of reference for the steering committee and participants provided their input mostly on the role of the committee and the composition of the committee. The final TOR is presented in the National Action Plan document.

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS

The list of participants is found in the Annexure.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

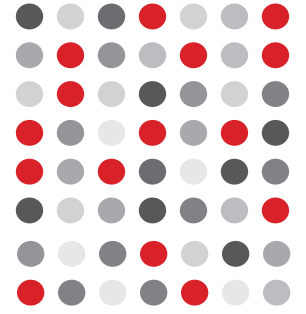
All arrangements for the workshop venue, tea breaks and lunch with Beau Vallon Bay Hotel were done through the NAC office and invoices submitted to ARASA.

CLOSING REMARKS

On behalf of NAC, Dr Anne Gabriel thanked all participants for their participation and important contributions at the workshop. She also thanked all the partners UNDP, ARASA, the Global Fund and the local consultant for their technical and financial support to the development of the plan.

End of workshop report.

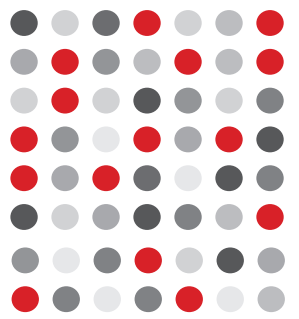
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ANNEXURE

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

	NAME	ORGANISATION
1	Dr. Anne Gabriel	National AIDS Council
2	Patricia Baquero	National AIDS Council
3	Sabrina Mousbe	AIDS Programme Coordinator
4	Jennifa Belmont	Drugs and Alcohol Council
5	Regina Esparon	Member of National Assembly
6	Justin Freminot	HASO
7	Karen Pillay	Immigration Dept.
8	Chantal Melanie	Youth Health
9	Ronny Arnephy	Activist
10	Preethi Nair	UNDP
11	Dr. Daniella Malulu	Ministry of Health
12	Dr. Shoba Hajarnis	Ministry of Health
13	Dr. F. Jouanneau	Ministry of Health
14	Anna-Lisa Labiche	Ministry of Health
15	Rosie Bistoquet	Ministry of Health
16	Marie-Nella Azemia	Citizens Engagement Platform
17	Beryl Pillay	Prison's Dept.
18	Trevor Louise	Employment Dept.
19	Iris Carolus	Consultant
20	Barbara Carolus-Andre	Consultant



POWER POINT PRESENTATION

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SEYCHELLES HIV & AIDS NATIONAL ACTION PLAN TO REMOVE LEGAL BARRIERS

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Iris Carolus
24th November 2016

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BACKGROUND

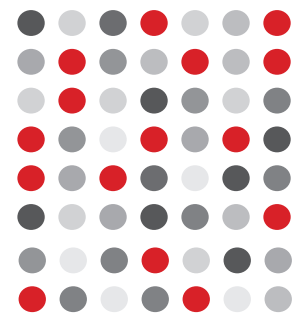
A two day National Action Planning workshop, held in August 2016

Aim: To agree on a work plan for law/ policy reform, for capacity development and to agree on a mechanism for accountability

Objective: Strengthening HIV and AIDS legal and regulatory frameworks

Brought together key stakeholders from government, civil society organisations, key

Funded by ARASA



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SEYCHELLES LEA

Seychelles Legal Environment Assessment (LEA) developed in 2013

LEA calls for the enactment of protections in law for HIV

Identified LEA priorities for the National Action Plan

Further prioritised in National Action Planning Meeting in Aug 2016

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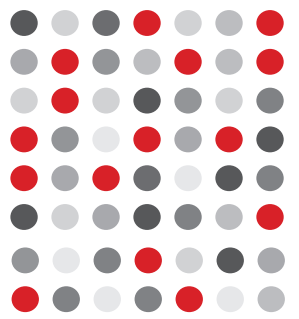


GOALS: SEYCHELLES HIV AND AIDS NATIONAL ACTION PLAN

Goal 1: To ensure equality and to reduce stigma and discrimination in the country in relation to HIV and AIDS

Goal 2: Provide prevention and rehabilitation programmes for prisoners with a view of reducing HIV and related infections

Goal 3: Ensure unrestricted access to health services for vulnerable populations



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STRATEGIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Legal assesment and reform

Legal literacy

Training on rights for police, officials and health workers and other professionals

Monitoring and Evaluation

Policy advocacy and social accountability

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MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

Ministry of Health through NAC: Oversight and Coordinating Agency

Technical Backstopping from UN Specialised Agencies: UNDP, WHO/ UNAIDS and UNODC

CEO NAC: Set up technical committees for planning and monitoring of implementation of NAP

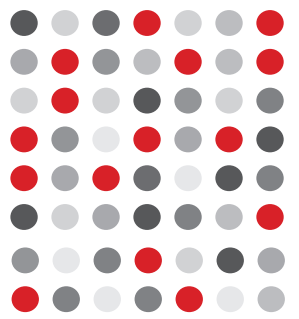
Aim Technical Committee:

Provide guidance and technical orientation of the programme

Monitor progress of the project components

Reporting

Trouble shooting



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INDICATIVE COMPOSITION

CEO NAC
AIDS programme representative
NDEA
Police Force
Prison Management
Representatives of affected populations
Judiciary
Attorney General's office
National Human Rights Commission
Internal Affairs (Immigration, Police and Prisons)
Employment, Social Affairs, Health and Youth
Additional resource persons may be invited

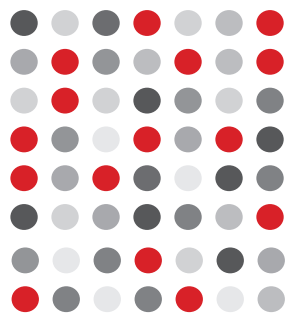
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MONITORING & EVALUATION

An Annual Progress Report will be prepared by the chair of the Technical/ Steering Committee to be submitted to the NAC Board

This will be shared with the relevant National and International partners



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RISKS & ASSUMPTIONS

Main assumptions:

Government's commitments to law reforms & adequate resources to carry out extensive consultations with stakeholders and beneficiaries

Participation of civil society in policy development

Main risks:

Lack of understanding of human rights promotion & protection principles for vulnerable and key populations affected by HIV and AIDS

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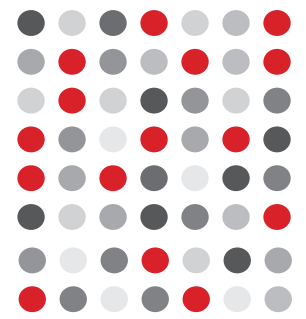


CROSSCUTTING ISSUES

Human Rights

Legal Reform

Equality and non-discrimination



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STAKEHOLDERS & PROJECT BENEFICIARIES

Stakeholders: Police, Prisons, Department of Legal Affairs, Immigration, Employment, Civil Society, Judiciary, Legislature, social sectors, business sectors and members of institutions such as the Ombudsman, National Human Rights Commission and the Gender Secretariat

Beneficiaries: Persons affected by HIV and AIDS, young people, persons with disabilities, key populations such as migrant workers and their families, workers, sex workers, MSM and people who inject drugs and the prison population (on remand and convicted prisoners)

Capacity building will benefit the police, prison staff, civil society organisations, health workers, immigration

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FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Government of Seychelles is responsible for the implementation of the Plan.