

Zimbabwe national behavioural change strategy for the prevention of sexual transmission of HIV 2006-2010

Zimbabwe. National AIDS Council, 2006. 40 p.

Organizations:

Zimbabwe. National AIDS Council

Description:

The Zimbabwe National Behavioural Change (BC) Strategy is a multisectoral framework to reduce sexual transmission of HIV by promoting responsible practices. Comprehensive epidemiological and behavioural reviews form the basis of this strategy. They found that HIV prevalence had declined in Zimbabwe and that behavioural change including partner reduction and increased condom use had already started. At the same time, multiple concurrent partnerships and a number of related practices were still seen as key drivers of the epidemic. Imbalanced gender relations, relatively high levels of stigma and other factors continue to be underlying factors for risk practices that lead to new infections. The Strategy builds on past successes and at the same time closes gaps in addressing key drivers of HIV. Four key outcome areas have been defined. Enabling environment for behavioural change created including through increased leadership and gender-equality as well as reduced stigma associated with PLWHA; Increased adoption of safer sexual behaviour and reduction in risk behaviour; Increased utilization of HIV prevention services (T&C including post-test support, PMTCT, PEP); Improved national and sub-national institutional frameworks to address behavioural change.

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