

Tackling HIV-related stigma and discrimination in South Asia

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Description:

In its 2008 round, Tackling HIV and AIDS Stigma and Discrimination, the South Asia Region Development Marketplace (SARDM) supported 26 implementers from six countries to pilot innovative interventions over a 12- to 18-month period. The findings in this report are based on project monitoring and evaluation data collected by SARDM implementers and six case studies conducted by the International Center for Research on Women (ICRW). They suggest some broad crosscutting principles as well as programmatic lessons associated with specific approaches. In terms of broad lessons and principles, the experiences of SARDM implementers suggest the following: - Community organizations can achieve a great deal for relatively little investment (high return on investment); - Development Marketplace grants seeded considerable innovation; - The most effective projects required substantial up-front planning and effort; - The most promising work uses multiple strategies and stakeholders to address stigma; - Effective efforts are led by or continuously engage marginalized communities. In conclusion of these case studies, recommendations are made.

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