



## Germany's response to HIV & AIDS





## Human rights matter

- The German Government's response to HIV and AIDS nationally and globally is **based on human rights principles**.
- Germany **follows a multi-sectoral approach** that takes into account the social and health policy dimensions of the response to HIV and AIDS.





## Human rights matter

- Essential are
  - the respect for human dignity,
  - non-discrimination,
  - gender equality,
  - the right to sexual and reproductive health
  - and universal access to health services.





## Key elements of the German Government's HIV strategy (1)

- Unbiased awareness and prevention campaigns including the recommendation of behaviour change and condom use to prevent new infections;
- Universal access to HIV testing and to adequate therapy and care for people living with HIV, as well as strengthening basic social services;







## Key elements of the German Government's HIV strategy (2)

- Creating a social climate of solidarity and non-discrimination;
- Coordination and cooperation among national and international actors;
- Surveillance systems to analyze the epidemiology of new infections;





## Key elements of the German Government's HIV strategy (3)

- Biomedical, clinical and social science research;
- Continuous evaluation and quality assurance of national programmes.





## Successes in Germany

- Characteristics of Germany's HIV response are:
  - the linking of both targeted approaches for vulnerable groups and approaches addressing society at large,
  - the cooperation and partnership with PLWHA, NGOs and the private sector.





## Successes in Germany

- It focuses on:
  - awareness creation,
  - behaviour change
  - and an enabling environment.
- HIV prevalence in Germany is among the lowest in the world.







## German Development Cooperation

- German Development Cooperation has been engaging in the global response to HIV and AIDS since the mid-1980s,
- Based on the expertise from the domestic HIV response and international experiences,
- Focusing on the prevention of new infections and access to treatment, care and support,





## German Development Cooperation

- Germany stresses the importance of the realization of human rights principles as a prerequisite for effective HIV prevention.
- Establishing the necessary frameworks as well as empowering and encouraging the participation of civil society are key elements.





## German Development Cooperation

- Germany is one of the largest donors with regard to the global HIV response.
- Since 2008, the German government has provided approximately 500 million Euros per year.





## Germany's Contribution to the IAC 2012

- Representatives of the German Government, non-governmental organisations, and academics jointly present the German response to HIV and AIDS.
- The thematic focus of the pavilion is on
  - structural interventions for an enabling environment,
  - behaviour-based preventive measures
  - and human rights.







## Germany's Contribution to the IAC 2012

- The individual is at the centre: experts and political decision-makers outline strategies and interventions.
- Role models from Germany, Nepal and Niger share their personal stories and illustrate successful ways of dealing with the challenges associated with the disease.





## More information

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