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14:00-15:30

What do we know about adolescents living with HIV in South Africa?

SESSION OVERVIEW

This dialogue will be hosted by the HSRC in collaboration with the UCT's AIDS and Society Research Unit, UNFPA and SANAC. As we approach the fourth decade of the HIV pandemic, there are still glaring gaps in the evidence-base regarding the mode of transmission, health, behaviours, sexual practices and lived experiences of adolescents living with HIV (ALHIV) in South Africa.

The HSRC and the UCT's ASRU implemented a project to further understand the context and lived experiences of adolescents aged 10-19 years living with HIV in South Africa. The project was also aimed at informing the SAMRC's Social Impact Bond (SIB) project that focuses on HIV interventions to support adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) in South Africa. The project is funded by Department of Science and Innovation (DSI) through a grant held by the SAMRC and the dissemination activities are funded by UNFPA.

In this dialogue we will unpack the results and engage with youth on what needs to be done to reach and improve the lives of ALHIV.

PROGRAMME

15 min	WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS Koketso Rathumbu – National AGYW Ambassador SANAC Lerato Morulane – UNFPA Youth Advisory Panel member
20 mins	PRESENTATION OF THE MAIN STUDY FINDINGS: BEING ALHIV: WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT ADOLESCENTS LIVING WITH HIV
	PRESENTERS Inba Naidoo – Senior Research Specialist, Human Sciences Research Council Rebecca Hodes – Director, AIDS and Society Research Unit, Centre for Social Science Research University of Cape Town
20 mins	SPEAKER Bubbly Winnie My story
	20 mins

30 min FACILITATED DISCUSSION Koketso Rathumbu – National AGYW Ambassador SANAC Lerato Morulane – UNFPA Youth Advisory Panel member

10 min SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

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THANK YOU AND CLOSING REMARKS Koketso Rathumbu – National AGYW Ambassador SANAC Lerato Morulane – UNFPA Youth Advisory Panel member

QUESTIONS TO BE EXPLORED

5 mins

1. How can adolescents living with HIV be supported to navigate sexual relationships and disclosure of their status to their partners. What does positive prevention mean?

2. What support do young people living with HIV have or need to better manage their HIV status (emotional well-being, relations with friends and peers, coping with schoolwork and social life generally)?

3. What are your thoughts around the current antiretroviral therapy available to you in relation to your lifestyle as a young person (side effects, treatment fatigue, regular clinic visits, etc)

4. If you were asked to design an adolescent youth friendly service (AYFS) what would it look like for ALHIV (does it exist)?

5. Do you believe that ALHIV (especially ALHIV from LGBTQI+ communities, those with disabilities, adolescent mothers living with HIV, other key populations among adolescents such sex workers and drug injecting users) are adequately included in the country's HIV agenda?

BIO'S

MODERATORS

Koketso Rathumbu is a 24-year-old, BA Corporate Strategic Communications graduate from the University of Johannesburg. Former secretary of the SANAC Civil Society She Conquers executive committee. She advocates for adolescent girls and young women as well as members of the LGBTIQ+ community. She is the founder of an LGBTI+ centered NGO called the LGBTI Leadership and Development Programme which has partnered with the Gauteng LGBTI sector, Nando's and the Constitution hill in 2017. She is the current AGYW National Ambassador at the South African National Aids Council (SANAC).

Lerato Morulane is a 23 year old, Youth Development Advocate from Pretoria, South Africa. Her Advocacy focus in the Youth Development Context are in the areas of SRHR, HIV prevention, Substance abuse prevention, LGBTI Rights and Youth participation within the Sustainable Development Goal, African Unions Agenda 2063 and United Nations Secretary General's Global Strategy on Women, Children and Adolescent Health 2015-2030.

SPEAKERS

Dr Naidoo is senior research specialist. She holds a Ph.D. Her general research interests are public health and epidemiology. Her research includes spatial and temporal applications in disease mapping, systematic reviews and integrated bio-behavioural surveys. She has a special interest in the health and well-being of women and children.

Dr Hodes hold a D. Phil from Oxford University and is a Director at the AIDS and Society Research Unit, Centre for Social Science Research -University of Cape Town. Current interests are on science, race and sex in South Africa. Her most recent research focuses on sexualities education, pictograms for public health, and risk and resilience among HIV-positive adolescent parents.

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