



2021 QUARTER 2 NEWSLETTER



WAAF STEP-DOWN LIVES TRAINING

In the field of HIV, one of the many sensitive factors that comes to play is Intimate partner violence (IPV). IPV is violence by a current or former spouse or partner in an intimate relationship which can occur in various forms. Unfortunately, the occurrence of IPV seems to be increasing especially during this COVID 19 era.

WAAF had the opportunity to take part in an FHI LIVES training as part of the EpIC project. It is against this backdrop that WAAF, as part of its efforts to address IPV, organized a Step-Down training on Intimate Partner Violence for Care givers and two of its implementing partners; Hope Alliance Foundation (HAF) & Worldwide International Youth Organization (WIYO). WAAF continues to ensure all negative factors that can sit in the way of achieving positive results in its HIV work are identified and addressed.

TAG TB PREVENTION THERAPY

With the close relationship between HIV and TB, WAAF with support from the Treatment Action Group (TAG) are implementing a project called IMPAACT4TB. WAAF continues to ensure that Persons Living with HIV and are on treatment (ART) are also protected from TB. This is done by initiating PLHIV who are sustained in ART and are virally suppressed, are also on TB Prevention Therapy; TPT for short. During the implementation of this project, Health care workers from selected health facilities in the Greater Accra region of Ghana have been trained on how to enroll PLHIV on TPT. 1,921 persons living with HIV have been reached with education on TB Prevention therapy. WAAF remains dedicated to reaching HIV epidemic control, ending AIDS by 2030 and Ending TB in our lifetime!

WAAF-GF NFM III CONTINUES

WAAF continues implementation of the project titled Scaling up quality HIV Care Cascade through Community Engagement and Addressing Human Rights Barriers in the Central region of Ghana. The 5 field officers working in 8 districts in the Central region are together with their teams of peer educators and case managers reaching key populations with testing, linking and enrolment of those who test HIV positive on to ART and encouraging those testing HIV negative to remain negative with healthy life choices through one-on-one education and the use of social media. All of these are meant to contribute to the country reaching the 95-95-95 goals. Since February 2021 till June 2021, 3,633 members of the key population have been reached through social media and have accessed condoms and lubricants.

WAAF BUILDS CAPACITY FOR STAFF



At WAAF, the belief has always been that investing in the engine of the organization which is the staff, leads to success as performance is enhanced. Therefore, we grab every opportunity to unlearn the old and learn the new as we grow and evolve as an organization and as individuals working in it. It is with this understanding that the management of WAAF saw the need to enhance the capacity of all project staff in the areas of workplan development, report writing, monitoring and evaluation by providing a training workshop. The training was also needed due to the constant changing trends of donor requirements, project implementation styles, approved lines/ channels of communication, activity report writing and the continuous setting up of WAAF's satellite offices as more projects come on board.

This training was led by Mr. Daniel Alimo; WAAF's Program Planning, Monitoring Evaluation, and Learning Consultant. Other facilitators and resource persons were; Dr. Vera Opatá; WAAF's Board of Directors Chairperson, WAAF's Technical Advisor; Dr. Naa Ashiley Vanderpuye-Donton and the WAAF Ag. CEO; Dr. Paul Sowah.

During the training, staff were taken through understanding and complying with key policies, processes, procedures of the organization and Value For Money. The training also covered Grant Management, Weekly Workplan Preparation, and the need to frequently update stakeholders on the work we do by giving proper information to the communications department to keep our website and social media handles active. After the training, Staff had a better understanding of project terminologies such as results, outputs and outcome whilst also gaining better insight into WAAF's organogram, business model and key policies, processes and procedures. Some also said they learnt to align their values with that of WAAF's in order to be well committed. It is important that our work be evidence based. Therefore in planning, project staff have to develop intended outcome and gather evidence. Staff were able to develop workplans that give a true reflection of their work in the field to enable management better understand what they intend to communicate. Staff were also asked to seize the opportunity provided to learn key skills and propose ideas that can help the organization grow and were also encouraged to continue to collaborate among each other whilst following protocols set by the organization. At the end of the training, participants left with enhanced knowledge on activity report writing, project workplan development, monitoring and evaluation of projects implemented as well as the importance of adhering to deadlines etc.

WAAF'S CLINIC, THE INTERNATIONAL HEALTH CARE CENTRE



IHCC continues to care for the general population amidst the COVID19 pandemic while also providing care to persons living with HIV. During the first six months of 2021, a total of **396** clients comprising **239** males and **157** females received HIV testing and counseling services at IHCC. Among these, **124** persons tested positive to HIV. This gives an HIV positivity yield of 31 %, which is significantly higher than the national yield from health facilities in Ghana which was 3.2% in 2020.

High HIV yield is not unusual at IHCC, and this is as a result of the cohort of population seeking services and care from the facility. IHCC functions predominantly as a referral facility for hospitals in the district who do not provide HIV treatment

services. Secondly, IHCC is known for its stigmafree and friendly services, which provides many, including those at high risk of HIV the confidence to access services there. Lastly, IHCC emphasises the importance of Index testing, where partners or close contacts of HIV positive clients are reached with HIV testing so they also know their status. All these contribute to the high number of people testing positive to HIV. At IHCC, every single person who is detected to be HIV positive is immediately linked to care and enrolled on Antiretroviral therapy. HIV testing, enrollment onto ART and sustaining of clients on ART in care are very important in the fight against the HIV epidemic. IHCC, in partnership with WAAF therefore continues to ensure these are at the center of their work.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR HIV STATUS?

At WAAF / IHCC our goal is to reach HIV epidemic control and we can only achieve this if we all know our HIV status.

GET TESTED to KNOW YOUR HIV STATUS!

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