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Brief Summary of Trip

Please include a 5-6 *summary of the overall trip*, including major accomplishments and deliverables:

The purpose of the trip was to implement and supervise a data collection activity utilizing the Sub-Saharan Africa MSM Engagement Tool (SAME Tool). The tool was piloted among four Kenyan MSM/LGBTI organizations, which helped to hone the tool so that it was more easily understood. The instrument was then distributed to eight organizations in Tanzania, Rwanda, Malawi, Zambia, Togo, Cameroon, Mozambique, and Ghana. Data collection was delayed due to AMSHeR being slow in giving a final confirmation. Despite the delay, three countries responded in 24 hours.

Five Key Words

Please include the **five key words** that should be used to label this trip report in Institutional Memory and IM/DEC (for example, common key words include: HIV/AIDS, AIDSTAR-Two, USAID, Country trip took place, TWG sponsoring activity) :

1. *MSM*
2. *Engagement*
3. *USAID*
4. *Africa*
5. *HIV/AIDS*

1. Scope of Work:

Destination and Client(s)/ Partner(s)	Nairobi, Kenya; collaborated with the Health Policy Project in Washington, D.C. and Kenya offices; partnered with AMSHeR and USAID\W
Traveler(s) Name, Role	Darrin Adams, MSM Technical Advisor (consultant)
Date of travel on Trip	April 12 – 21, 2013
Purpose of trip	To oversee data collection of SAME Tool
Objectives/Activities/ Deliverables	The purpose of the TDY is to initiate and supervise a capacity building strategic information activity in engagement of men who have sex with men (MSM) at the national and sub-national planning processes. Key MSM organizations throughout Africa have been identified by amfAR, the Health Policy Project, and the African Men for Sexual Health and Rights (AMSHer) Network.
Background/Context, if appropriate.	<p>Given the recognized political and epidemiological importance in better addressing key populations within the broader strategy for PEPFAR and the administration, it is critical that programming within PEPFAR serves men who have sex with men (MSM) in the most optimal way. PEPFAR developed technical guidance on combination HIV prevention for MSM in 2011 and launched a series of regional workshops in 2012 including one in Johannesburg, South Africa.</p> <p>The objective of this effort is to contribute to support MSM programs in Africa by building greater partnership among USAID's implementing partners (Health</p>

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	<p>Policy Project, AIDSTAR-Two, Research to Practice, etc.) with other key stakeholders, including amfAR, UNDP, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), WHO, UNAIDS, among others. The partnership, which focuses on developing an MSM Task Force for Africa, will then engage relevant stakeholders, data collection partners and the regional network for MSM in Africa called the African Men for Sexual Health and Rights (AMSHer) to support improved programming and advocacy efforts as well as technical assistance (TA) requests and follow-up activities from USAID/DC working with USAID staff, especially under the direction of the Senior HIV/AIDS Advisor for Most At Risk Populations.</p> <p>To implement this activity, AIDSTAR-Two contracted Darrin Adams as an external consultant. Below is a summary of the main accomplishments of his TDY to Kenya.</p>
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2. Major Trip Accomplishments: Should include the major programmatic goals realized, relevant metrics, and stories of impact from the trip.

Met with Health Policy Project Kenya collaborator, David Kuria
Piloted SAME Tool among four Kenya MSM networks (Persons Marginalized and Aggrieved (PEMA Kenya) – Mombasa; UPPER RIFT MONIRITE – Lodwar; and Let Good Be Told In Us Nyanza Rift Valley Western Kenya LGBTI Coalition (NYARWEK) – Kisumu).
Captured advocacy and engagement example for a case study from the Gay and Lesbian Coalition in Kenya. The example highlights their engagement on the national HIV planning, how they earned the respect from their government colleagues, and used advocacy techniques to include water-based lubricants in the government procurement mechanisms.
Began translations in French of the SAME Tool.
Developed a methodology for dissemination of the SAME Tool and collected data on three organizations using a self-administered, online survey.
Made contact with majority of MSM organizations involved in data collection

3. Next steps: Key actions to continue and/or complete work from trip.

Description of task	Responsible staff	Due date
Support David Kuria to finish data collection through frequent Skype calls and email	Darrin	Ongoing
Complete data collection and begin analysis	Darrin	May 1
Present analysis at AMSHER partner and stakeholder meeting in Johannesburg, South Africa	Darrin	May 7

4. Contacts: List key individuals contacted during your trip, including the contacts' organization, all contact information, and brief notes on interactions with the person.

Name	Contact info	Home organization	Notes
David Kuria	dmbote@futuresgroup.com	HPP, Kenya	Collaborated on data collection
Solomon		UHAI	Program assistant for an East Africa

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			donor institution that provides support to LGBTI, MSM, and sex worker organizations in Tanzania, Kenya, Burundi, Rwanda, and Uganda. Possible collaboration in the future.
Stephen Muchiri	smuchiri@futuresgroup.com	HPP, Kenya	Program director of HPP Kenya

5. Description of Relevant Documents / Addendums: Give the document's file name, a brief description of the relevant document's value to other staff, as well as the document's location in eRooms or the MSH network. Examples could include finalized products and/or formal presentations, TraiNet Participant List, Participant Contact sheet, and Meeting/Workshop Participant Evaluation form are examples of relevant documents.

File name	Description of file	Location of file
Annex 1. SAME Tool_English_FINAL	Data collection tool in English	Attached
Annex 2. SAME Tool_French_FINAL_30APR13	Data collection tool in French	Attached