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Brief Summary of Trip

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

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

1. Scope of Work:

Destination and Client(s)/ Partner(s)	Johannesburg, South Africa; collaborated with the Health Policy Project; partnered with AMSHeR, UNDP East and Southern Africa Office, Southern Africa Trust
Traveler(s) Name, Role	Darrin Adams, MSM Technical Advisor (consultant)
Date of travel on Trip	May 4 – 10, 2013
Purpose of trip	To present analysis on SAME Tool at all partners/stakeholders meeting
Objectives/Activities/ Deliverables	The purpose of the trip was to present results and analysis from the Sub-Saharan Africa MSM Engagement Tool (SAME Tool). The tool was administered to eight African MSM organizations that are linked through AMSHeR in Tanzania, Rwanda, Malawi, Zambia, Togo, Cameroon, Mozambique, and Ghana. Major accomplishment was presenting the data and facilitating a discussion how the information can be used to inform AMSHeR's upcoming project on MSM and advocacy in those countries. The deliverable is the slide presentation developed by the consultant and AMSHeR.
Background/Context, if appropriate.	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

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of regional workshops in 2012 including one in Johannesburg, South Africa.

The objective of this effort is to contribute to support MSM programs in Africa by building greater partnership among USAID's implementing partners (Health 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.

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 South Africa.

2. Major Trip Accomplishments: Should include the major programmatic goals realized, relevant metrics, and stories of impact from the trip.

Participated in an all partner/stakeholder planning meeting for an upcoming project to increase MSM HIV and health care access through advocacy agendas of national key population technical working groups (TWGs). This strengthening will take place through policy and advocacy trainings and subsequent formulations of an advocacy plan.

Presented the results and analysis to UNDP, Southern Africa Trust, and Health Policy Project as well as seven MSM organizations and their respective UNDP country representatives:

1. Sisi Kwa Sisi (Tanzania)
2. CEDEP (Malawi)
3. CEPHERG (Ghana)
4. Afrique Arc en Ceil (Togo)
5. Friends of Rainka (Zambia)
6. LAMBDA (Mozambique)
7. AIDS Acodev (Cameroon)

The organization called My Rights (Rwanda) completed the survey but could not attend the meeting.

Moreover, I facilitated discussions on how the data can inform future programming, gaps in the data, and create future opportunities to follow up with the organizations in order to verify the data one-on-one. AMSHer will be using this tool in further and future programming decision-making processes. After the presentation and in other discussions, I realized that I made some assumptions about certain questions, which prevented participants from providing other insightful input. For example, one question asked if the respondent participates in the Global Fund as a CCM member, sub recipient, etc. If they answer "no", then the survey skipped to the next domain of questions, meaning that they could not respond to other questions related to the Global Fund proposal development in which they may have participated on. The Global Fund section of the survey was challenging

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because it is difficult to clearly track the money that is invested, so some beneficiaries are unaware about where the funds comes from if they are not implementing the project themselves. Sometimes, they may be receiving funds as a Global Fund sub-sub-recipient and be unaware of the origin of the funding.

The most impactful part of the analysis was showing that meetings with USAID were frequent and most often resulted in positive programmatic and organizational outcomes for the respondents including new or expanded projects and activities, increase in condoms and lubricants, and increase in engagement with other country stakeholders.

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

Description of task	Responsible staff	Due date
Develop country-level analysis snapshots for AMSHeR to use in the project and in the future as a way to know their members	Darrin	June 7
Provide feedback on AMSHeR's advocacy training curriculum for in-country stakeholders	Darrin \ HPP staff	Ongoing
Provide technical assistance as needed to implement the training (possibly to attend a training if time permits)	Darrin	Ongoing

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

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John J. Kashiha	tanzaniasikwasisi@yahoo.com	Sisi Kwa Sisi	Tanzania LGBTI group; nascent group
Yves	schneideo@yahoo.fr	Afrique Arc en Ciel	MSM group; well functioning
Juliet Mphande	julietmphande@gmail.com	Friends of Rainka	LGBTI group; well-functioning despite in a highly stigmatized and

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			dangerous environment; leader was very articulate on the issues
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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. AMSHer HPP baseline presentation_UNDP mtg_FINAL	Preliminary results of the application of the SAME tool	Attached