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ABSTRACT: This research guide has been compiled by Knowledge Center staff for review by the U.S. Agency for International Development. The guide is a focused selection of resources on HIV/AIDS.

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Communications in HIV/AIDS

GlobalHealthReporting.org – HIV/AIDS

<http://www.globalhealthreporting.org/diseaseinfo.asp>

Sponsored by the Kaiser Family Foundation, the GlobalHealthReporting.org site provides an overview, facts at a glance, frequently asked questions and up-to-date news summaries of current HIV/AIDS topics. It also contains a comprehensive list of links to: information clearinghouses; key data; reports and literature; and key organizations focused on global HIV/AIDS policy research and communications issues.

Media/Materials Clearinghouse (M/MC)

<http://www.m-mc.org>

The Media/Materials Clearinghouse is a leading international resource for health communications materials intended to promote health through pamphlets, posters, audiotapes, videos, training materials, job aids, electronic media and other media. This database is searchable by country/region, subject, type, language, and keyword, and provides direct links to materials.

- Materials on **Communication against HIV Stigma** include flipcharts, pamphlets, photographs, posters, training and videos.
http://www.m-mc.org/topics/hiv_stigma/index.php
- Materials on **HIV/AIDS Treatment Communication** include tools on communication, policy and advocacy, and reference guidelines.
http://www.m-mc.org/topics/hiv_treatment/index.php

Panos - Global AIDS Programme

<http://www.panosaid.org>

The Panos Network is comprised of eight autonomous institutions: Southern Africa, Eastern Africa, West Africa, South Asia, Caribbean, London, Paris and Canada. Its goal is to build capacity of local media to stimulate policy and debate through communication initiatives, particularly for those marginalized. The Global AIDS Programme website has links to various resources, including books, briefs, reports and media toolkits intended for journalists, media specialists, program managers, and policymakers.

PlusNews - Global HIV/AIDS News and Analysis

<http://www.plusnews.org>

Sponsored by the Integrated Regional Information Networks (IRIN) of the United Nations, PlusNews provides the most current information services for global HIV/AIDS via e-mail and Internet. The site provides links to news articles, weekly reports, in-depth reports, country reports, fact files and media tools from sub-Saharan Africa, the Americas, Middle East and Asia.

The Communication Initiative - HIV/AIDS

<http://www.comminit.com/en/hiv-aids.html>

The Communication Initiative (The CI) network is an extensive website of summarized information related to communication for health and development, covering a wide range of topics. This HIV/AIDS-themed webpage of The CI contains summaries of program experiences, behavior change theories, evaluation methodologies and data, training materials, workshops and other resources focused on HIV/AIDS communications.

HIV/AIDS Data and Statistics

HIV/AIDS Survey Indicators Database

<http://www.measuredhs.com/hivdata/start.cfm>

Under the USAID-funded MEASURE DHS project, the HIV/AIDS Survey Indicators Database serves as a comprehensive collection of HIV/AIDS indicators gathered from sample surveys. Primary sources are the Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS), the Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS), the Reproductive Health Surveys (RHS), the Sexual Behavior Surveys (SBS), and Behavioral Surveillance Surveys (BSS). Examples of indicator categories are: policy and political commitment; condom availability and quantity; stigma and discrimination; knowledge; voluntary counseling and testing; mother-to-child-transmission; sexual behavior; and HIV prevalence.

USAID Economic and Social Database (ESDB)

<http://ppc.usaid.gov/esds/data.html>

The Economic and Social Database of USAID is maintained by the Economic Analysis and Data Services (EADS) and provides access to international development data across multiple sectors, including health. It is searchable by country, sector, source or indicator and compiles data from the UN, WHO, World Bank and other institutions. Health indicators are available in specific technical areas such as nutrition, reproductive health, and HIV/AIDS.

UNAIDS/WHO Global HIV/AIDS Online Database

<http://www.who.int/globalatlas/default.asp>

The UNAIDS/WHO Global HIV/AIDS Online Database gathers the latest data on HIV/AIDS estimates, socioeconomics and demography, HIV/AIDS case reporting and sexually transmitted infections at country, region and global levels. It is comprised of data from the *Epidemiological Fact Sheets on HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections*; specifically, information on the spread and impact of the virus, risk behaviors, people receiving treatment and coverage of HIV counseling and testing. Users of this database can browse, view, query and search the contents as well as produce data in reports, charts and maps.

World Bank - HNPStats

<http://go.worldbank.org/55KCUEAOC0>

HNPStats is part of the World Bank's Health, Nutrition, Population (HNP) Group, and houses comprehensive data on health, nutrition and population by themes such as population dynamics, health financing, immunization and HIV/AIDS. This site contains selected HNP indicators by country for the most recent year available and earlier years.

HIV/AIDS Guidelines and Policies

Health Policy Initiative

<http://www.healthpolicyinitiative.com/index.cfm?id=publications&get=keyword&keywordID=27>

The Health Policy Initiative, supported by USAID, is being implemented by a consortium led by Abt Associates Inc., Chemonics International, Constella Futures, and Research Triangle Institute for an improved enabling environment in the areas of family planning

and reproductive health (FP/RH), HIV and AIDS and maternal health. Recent reports include: *Approaches that Work – HIV Economic Analysis*; *Promoting Evidence-based Responses to HIV in the Asia Region*; and *New Voices for Change in Tanzania*.

- **POLICY Project - HIV/AIDS Publications**

<http://www.policyproject.com/pubs.cfm>

The POLICY Project, funded by USAID and implemented by The Futures Group, worked in partnership with national governments to enable a more supportive political environment for FP/RH, HIV/AIDS and maternal health. Although this project has ended, the site contains useful resources in full-text downloadable documents, including policy guidelines, strategy reports and toolkits.

Kaiser Family Foundation - Global HIV/AIDS

<http://www.kff.org/hivaids/global.cfm>

The Kaiser Family Foundation is a private, non-profit foundation that develops and operates health policy research and communications programs, and serves as a clearinghouse for the latest health policy news and information. This website includes links to reports, fact sheets, data and news summaries on issues related to global HIV/AIDS policy and analysis.

- **Global HIV Prevention Working Group - Policy**

<http://www.globalhivprevention.org/policy.html>

Convened by the Kaiser Family Foundation and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Global HIV Prevention Working Group recommends specific actions for policy makers at all levels to support and accelerate scaled-up coverage of HIV prevention efforts. It provides fact sheets, guidance, reports and other advocacy tools for policymakers.

UNAIDS – HIV/AIDS Policy and Practice

<http://www.unaids.org/en/PolicyAndPractice/default.asp>

The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) develops and advocates for policy and technical guidance on a wide range of HIV-related issues. The Policy and Practice section provides links to key technical and information resources, searchable by themes, e.g., counseling and testing, prevention, care and support, treatment and populations affected by HIV.

WHO – HIV/AIDS Guidelines

<http://www.who.int/hiv/pub/guidelines/en>

WHO's HIV/AIDS Guidelines site contains full-text documents of WHO recommendations on key HIV/AIDS issues. Several recent examples are: *Guidance on provider-initiated HIV testing and counselling in health facilities*; *WHO recommendations for clinical mentoring to support scale-up of HIV care, antiretroviral therapy and prevention in resource-constrained settings*; and *Antiretroviral drugs for treating pregnant women and preventing HIV infection in infants*.

HIV/AIDS Technical Resources

AIDSPortal

<http://www.aidsportal.org>

The AIDSPortal is a network of over 80 UK-based organizations working in HIV/AIDS to promote knowledge sharing among organizations, and is being sponsored by DFID and the UK Consortium on AIDS and International Development. On this site, users will find

links to downloadable documents by topic area, e.g., priority groups, cross-cutting issues, policy initiatives and other useful resources.

BASICS – Tools and Publications

<http://www.basics.org/publication.htm>

BASICS partners with USAID to design and implement newborn and child survival strategies and to increase the use of evidence-based child health and nutrition interventions. Resources available on the Publications/Resources webpage are on health issues such as pediatric HIV/AIDS.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) - Global HIV Resources

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchstp/od/gap/resources.html>

The CDC's Global HIV Resources site provides links to downloadable documents on prevention, care and treatment and international laboratory tools, including training curricula and packages on couples counseling and testing, PMTCT and rapid testing.

The CORE Group – Child Health and Development Database

<http://www.coregroup.org/imci>

The CORE Group, a membership association of international nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), promotes and improves the health and well-being of children and women globally. The Child Health and Development Database contains useful resources submitted by member organizations on various community-based approaches and is searchable by topic areas such as HIV/AIDS, advocacy and community mobilization.

dgCommunities - HIV/AIDS

<http://topics.developmentgateway.org/hiv>

With support from the Development Gateway Foundation, the dgCommunities site houses more than 60,000 reports, best practices, events, websites, and other related information submitted by community members on a variety of health and development issues. This dgCommunity webpage for HIV/AIDS is a compilation of documents and links on key issues such as: care and treatment, drugs and vaccine, education and mobilization, policy and funding, prevention, research and surveillance.

Eldis – HIV/AIDS Resource Guide

<http://www.eldis.org/go/topics/resource-guides/hiv-and-aids>

Eldis is a web portal with publications, links, and information on a variety of health and development topics. This resource guide site for HIV/AIDS provides access to an extensive collection of research and policy documents on key issues, e.g., AIDS communications, ARVs, gender, and PLWHAs. All documents are editorially selected, summarized and available free to download in full text.

EngenderHealth - Publications and Resources

<http://www.engenderhealth.org/pubs/hiv-aids-sti>

EngenderHealth, a non-profit organization (formerly known as AVSC International), has been working to improve access to and quality of care in family planning, HIV/AIDS, maternal health and other global health issues for over 65 years. The Publications and Resources website provides links to a wide range of materials, including training curricula, clinical guidelines, instructional videos, brochures, working papers, articles, and online information by technical area.

Family Health International (FHI) – HIV/AIDS Tools and Publications

<http://www.fhi.org/en/HIVAIDS/pub/index.htm>

FHI's HIV/AIDS site provides access to an extensive collection of publications on HIV/AIDS, with more than 3,000 publications available as full-text documents. These resources include fact sheets, HIV surveillance and assessment reports, manuals and guidebooks and success stories on various topic areas ranging from behavior change communications to integration of nutritional services.

id21 – HIV/AIDS Research Highlights

<http://www.id21.org/zinter/id21zinter.exe?a=l&w=b5&u=47b5c772>

id21 provides current UK-sourced global health and development research to policymakers and program managers. This webpage of Research Highlights Online for HIV/AIDS offers over 300 summaries of the latest research in HIV/AIDS with links to the original documents and further related information.

INFO Project - One Source Database

<http://www.infoforhealth.org/onesource.shtml>

One Source is a new database of The Johns Hopkins' INFO Project supported by USAID. It combines the following six databases for one-stop access to over 390,000 resources: POPLINE, Photoshare, The Pop Reporter, Health Communication Materials Database, NetLinks and Q&As. The One Source Database is searchable by keyword(s), and users can conduct a search in each database separately, all six databases or a combination of databases.

International HIV/AIDS Alliance – Publications and Resources

<http://www.aidsalliance.org/sw47950.asp>

Based in the UK, the International HIV/AIDS Alliance brings together community-based organizations that work on HIV/AIDS issues in developing countries. The Alliance's Publications and Resources webpage features toolkits, training manuals, project reports and other valuable resources. It is searchable by keyword(s), type of document, country/region, language and date. This webpage also contains links to other useful websites such as on care and treatment, policy, international NGOs, and people living with HIV/AIDS.

Synergy HIV/AIDS Resource Center

<http://www.synergyaids.com/resources.asp>

The Synergy HIV/AIDS Resource Center, a USAID-supported project developed by Social and Scientific Systems, contains approximately 4,000 technical reports and documents that are relevant to HIV/AIDS project management and research. These documents are searchable by technical area, target group, country, etc. and many are available for download as PDF files.

- **Synergy HIV/AIDS Links**

This webpage provides links to a variety of useful HIV/AIDS websites, grouped by topic and by region/country.

http://www.synergyaids.com/aids_links.htm

UNAIDS - Knowledge Centre

<http://www.unaids.org/en/KnowledgeCentre/Default.asp>

The UNAIDS Knowledge Center provides a wealth of resources developed by the UNAIDS Secretariat and/or one of its cosponsors for advocates, policymakers, researchers, program implementers, the media and community members. Examples of

these resources are HIV data, data collection methodologies and tools, evaluations, best practices, multimedia products and other publications on key HIV/AIDS issues.

World Bank - HIV/AIDS

<http://www.worldbank.org/aids>

As one of ten co-sponsors of UNAIDS, the World Bank assists countries to prevent HIV infections and to scale-up treatment, care and mitigation activities, in partnership with governments, NGOs, and the private sector. The World Bank HIV/AIDS site provides links to tools and guidelines, data and statistics, publications and research and other information for both World Bank and non-World Bank resources.

World Health Organization (WHO) - HIV/AIDS Publications

<http://www.who.int/hiv/pub/en>

WHO's HIV/AIDS Publications site provides links to publications and documents in full-text – available in multiple languages – on various topic areas such as advocacy and policy, strategic information and surveillance. These resources include advocacy materials, brochures, case studies, guidelines, meeting reports, newsletters, progress reports and toolkits.

HIV/AIDS Monitoring and Evaluation Tools

AIDSQuest - HIV/AIDS Survey Library

<http://www.popcouncil.org/horizons/AIDSquest/index.html>

As part of the Horizons project being implemented by the Population Council and funded by USAID, the AIDSQuest HIV/AIDS Survey Library is a collection of HIV/AIDS-related data collection tools for researchers. These instruments have been gathered from both international and local organizations, and from the published literature. The site provides links to selected survey questions as well as full instruments on various HIV/AIDS topic areas available for download. Also included are information on development and use of each survey, tips on methodology and design and explanation of major behavioral theories.

MEASURE Evaluation - Publications

<http://www.cpc.unc.edu/measure/publications/index.php>

MEASURE Evaluation is implemented by the Carolina Population Center at UNC/Chapel Hill and its partners, with support from USAID, to improve collection, analysis, and utilization of data for design, management and monitoring and evaluation of various health programs. The Publications section provides free downloads of over 250 publications related to monitoring and evaluation; of note are: *The Priorities for Local AIDS Control Efforts (PLACE)* manual and *Community-based HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care and Support Program* case study.

President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR/Emergency Plan) - Data Quality Tools

http://www.pepfar.gov/implementer_resources/data_quality/index.htm

Under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, a group of multilateral and bilateral organizations have collaborated to develop three tools to help programs and projects improve the data management and reporting aspects of their M&E systems and to improve overall data quality:

- **M&E Systems Strengthening Tool**
http://www.pepfar.gov/implementer_resources/data_quality/c20983.htm
- **Data Quality Assessment Tool (forthcoming)**
http://www.pepfar.gov/implementer_resources/data_quality/c20984.htm
- **Data Quality Assurance for Program-Level Indicators**
http://www.pepfar.gov/implementer_resources/data_quality/c20985.htm

Synergy APDIME Toolkit Database

<http://www.synergyaids.com/apdime/index.htm>

The Synergy APDIME Toolkit database contains annotated citations to over 1,000 technically reviewed tools relevant to the Assessment, Planning, Design, and Monitoring and Evaluation (APDIME) cycle of HIV/AIDS programs.

Integration of HIV/AIDS and Sexual/Reproductive Health (SRH)

Resources for HIV/AIDS and Sexual and Reproductive Health Integration

<http://www.hivandsrh.org>

The Resources for HIV/AIDS and Sexual and Reproductive Health Integration website is supported by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, and is maintained by JHUCCP and Constella Group. This resource offers links to documents such as technical reports, training manuals, news articles, photos and communication materials that are designed to assist in development of policy, guidelines and practices on key technical approaches to integration of HIV/AIDS and SRH.

HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis (TB) Co-Infection

Global TB/HIV Working Group of the Stop TB Partnership

http://www.stoptb.org/wg/tb_hiv/default.asp

Established in 2001, the Global TB/HIV Working Group is one of the working groups of the Stop TB Partnership. Its goal is to coordinate the global response to the dual TB and HIV epidemic, and develop policies and guidelines to support program implementation of TB/HIV collaborative activities. Examples of resources available on this website are TB/HIV talking points, presentations from meetings and events and TB/HIV circulars.

WHO – Tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS

<http://www.who.int/tb/challenges/hiv/en/index.html>

WHO's Tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS section contains links to various resources, including fact sheets, talking points, publications and events on issues related to HIV/AIDS and TB co-infection. Some of the recent WHO TB/HIV publications available for download focus on advocacy training, TB/HIV clinical training, TB/HIV research priorities, and guidelines for implementing TB/HIV collaborative programs.

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