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HOW DID WE GET HERE? MILESTONES IN INCREASING ATTENTION TO MEN IN THE HIV RESPONSE

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WORLD AIDS CAMPAIGN 2000

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization



World AIDS Day 2000

World AIDS Campaign

AIDS MEN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

“Men make a difference is the title of the first year of a two-year campaign focusing on the role of men in the AIDS epidemic. The new campaign aims to involve men more fully in the effort against AIDS and to bring about a much needed focus on men in national responses to the epidemic.

Focusing the campaign on men also acknowledges the fact that men are often less likely to seek health care than women. Greater attention must be given to the health needs of men, including those living with HIV and AIDS.

WHY THE SLOW PROGRESS FROM THE 2000 WAC?

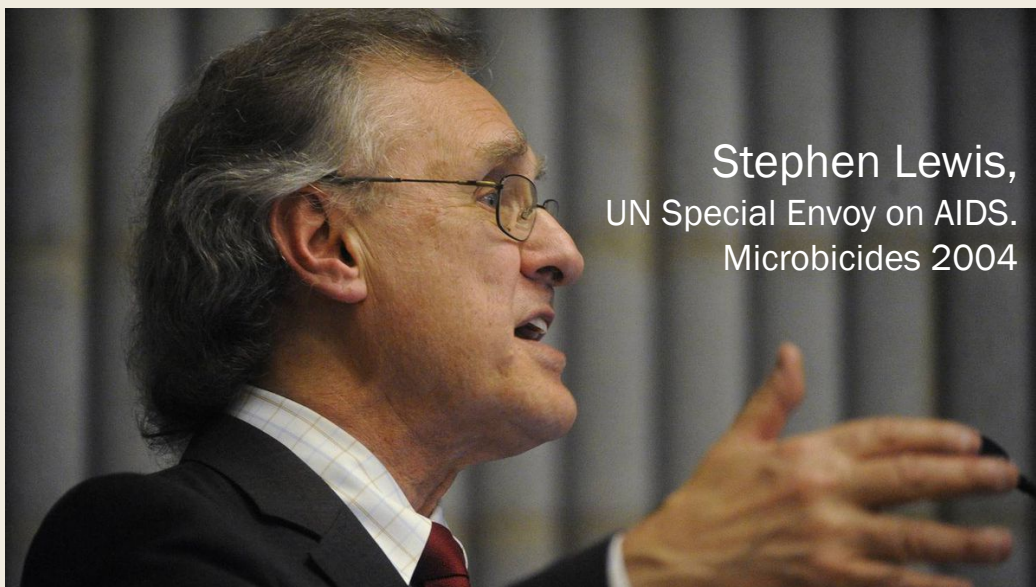
1. Gender all too often framed as zero sum proposition—as though women and men living entirely separate lives.
2. Health systems and policies focused on women’s reproductive years and little attention or commitment to engaging men.
3. Turf and resource tensions within the NGO sector.
4. Pervasive pessimism about men and men’s ability to change.

ZERO SUM FRAMINGS IN THE MIDST OF EMERGENCY

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Stephen Lewis,
UN Special Envoy on AIDS.
Microbicides 2004

“People say to me, Stephen what about the men? We have to work with the men. Of course we do. But please recognize that it’s going to take generations to change predatory male sexual behaviour, and the women of Africa don’t have generations. They’re dying today, now, day in and day out.”

Women and HIV

The new face of AIDS

The
Economist

Women will soon be a majority of those infected with HIV. Male chauvinism is largely to blame

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Nov 25th 2004 |



**“African men
will probably
never change”.**

Margaret Wentz
Toronto Globe and Mail
August 16, 2006.

LATE 2000: EMERGING EVIDENCE BEGINS TO SHIFT THE DEBATE

“While there has been an expectation of gender inequality that favours men, the evidence indicates that we are doing a disproportionately poor job of providing them with the medical assistance they need.”

Expanding HIV care in Africa: making men matter. The Lancet Vol 374 July 25, 2009, Edward J Mills, Nathan Ford, Peter Mugenyi.

THE LANCET 

Annals of Internal Medicine

ORIGINAL RESEARCH

Life Expectancy of Persons Receiving Combination Antiretroviral Therapy in Low-Income Countries: A Cohort Analysis From Uganda

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Viewpoint

Men and antiretroviral therapy in Africa: our blind spot

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Summary

Most antiretroviral therapy (ART)-related policies remain blind to men's treatment needs. Global and national programmes need to address this blindness urgently, to ensure equitable access to ART in Africa.

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Men's heightened risk of AIDS-related death: the legacy of gendered HIV testing and treatment strategies

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THE 2010 UNAIDS AGENDA FOR ACCELERATED ACTION ON WOMEN , GIRLS AND HIV/ AIDS

Operational plan for UNAIDS

Action Framework:

addressing women, girls, gender equality and HIV



Integrating into National AIDS plans strategies to prevent gender-based violence and engage men and boys to achieve gender equality



➤ Integrating strategies to address gender-based violence and engage men and boys to advance gender equality through National Strategic Plans on HIV and AIDS

IMPACT AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT: OVERVIEW OF FINDINGS

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TURNING THE TIDE TOGETHER:

Increasing men's use of HIV services—for men, women and public health.



A panel discussion hosted by Sonke Gender Justice Network and Promundo, in partnership with the AIDS 2012 Alliance

Thursday July 26th, 5:00-7:00PM
 RSVP: turningthetide.together.org.za



Engaging men in the AIDS response: A game changer

Thursday, December 3rd | 14:45 PM - 16:15 PM | Prof Soudre Room, ICASA, Harare

UNAIDS and Sonke Gender Justice invite you to a panel presentation and strategy development session on how to engage men more proactively in the AIDS response.

The interactive session will seek your input into how to develop a regional strategy to fully engage men in the response to HIV and AIDS in Africa, including how we can better engage men to challenge harmful gender norms and promote gender equality, and how we can address the problem of men's poor access to and limited use of HIV testing and treatment and men's high AIDS related morbidity and mortality.

Panelists

Dr Pierre Somse
 Deputy Director, UNAIDS East and Southern Africa

Reverend Phumzile Mabizela
 Executive Director, Inerela

Remy Shawa
 SRHR Portfolio Manager, Sonke Gender Justice, South Africa

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GATHERING MOMENTUM: UNAIDS, SONKE, IPPF GLOBAL CONSULTATION AND LAUNCH OF THE GLOBAL PLATFORM FOR ACTION ON MEN AND HIV

Male engagement
in the HIV response
—a Platform for Action



2017 AND 2018 BREAKTHROUGHS: WAD BLIND SPOT REPORT AND LAUNCH OF MENSTAR COALITION

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MenStar Coalition

To eliminate HIV for all, we cannot ignore men and boys.

Addressing a blind spot in the response to HIV – Reaching out to men and boys (Publication), 2017, November 20. Retrieved http://www.unaids.org/sites/default/files/media_asset/Addressing-a-blind-spot-en.pdf

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Accelerating Men's HIV service delivery and
uptake in Eastern and Southern Africa
22nd – 24 May 2019
Johannesburg, South Africa
Summary agenda



KEY NEXT STEPS TO SUSTAIN MOMENTUM

1. Get the framing right—it's not just about men's gendered attitudes to health services, it's also fundamentally about how health policies and services are structured.
2. Ensure health services are easier to access for men both in health facilities and in community and workplace settings.
3. Embed strategies to increase men's use of HIV services in national policies—not just in bilateral aid strategies.
4. Embed men and HIV strategies in broader focus on UHC and men's health, including potential development of men's health directorates within health ministries.
5. Scale up programmes to transform harmful gender norms –there are many good evidence based interventions.

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