



Community-Based Testing

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Acronyms & Useful Terms

- **TasP** = Testing as Prevention
- **CBVCT** = Community Based Voluntary Counselling & Testing;
- **MSM** = Men who have Sex with Men;
- **Trans*** = A “Gender Identity” frame*, opposite to “cis”;
- **PWID** = People Who Inject Drugs;
- **PLWH** = People Living With HIV;
- **ChemSex** = Having sex while on specific drugs, usually for longer durations;
- **SWOT** = Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats;
- **CHW** = Community Health Worker;
- **ART** = Antiretroviral Treatment;
- **U = U** / Un-Detectable equals Un-Transmittable;
- **PEP** = Post Exposure Prophylaxis
- **PrEP** = Pre Exposure Prophylaxis



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Important Aspects to Consider

- Operation Environment
- CBVCT Services & Organisation Needs
- Counselling / Testing / Linkage to care
- Communication
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Testing Strategies Session

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- Regulations & Legal Frameworks
- Financial Sustainability
- Participation & Empowerment
- Collaborations & Networking



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Operation Environment

- **Regulations & Legal Frameworks**
 - NGO legal frame
 - Authorisation for Testing
 - Compliance with labour laws
 - Professional Standards
 - Responsibility & Liability
 - Insurance
- Financial Sustainability
- Participation & Empowerment
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Operation Environment

- Regulations & Legal Frameworks
- **Financial Sustainability**
 - Awareness Campaigns
 - Fundraising Activities
 - Research
 - Private Funding : Corporate Responsibility
 - State Funding
 - International Funding
 - Funding in the form of “in kind contribution”
- Participation & Empowerment
- Collaborations & Networking



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Operation Environment

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- Financial Sustainability
- **Participation & Empowerment**
 - Volunteerism & Empowerment
 - Organisational Structures
 - Target Populations : Gay/Bi & Other MSM, Trans*, PWID, PLWH, etc.
 - Clear Roles of Administration, CHW, Volunteers, etc.
- Collaborations & Networking



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- **Collaborations & Networking**
 - Local Community Networking
 - International Community Networking
 - Funding Bodies (Local & International)
 - Public Health Services
 - Research Institutions
 - Commercial Networking
 - Other Partners



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CBVCT Services & Organisation Needs

- Infrastructure (Permanent Space and/or Outreach)
- Materials (Test Kits & Other Consumables)
- Human Resources
(Infection Control / Waste Disposals / Condoms & Lubes / info material)
- Outreach (spaces/tents/mobile unit/transportation etc.)
- Creating an “Accepting & Inclusive” environment (space and/or outreach)
- Monitoring & Evaluation



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Counselling / Testing / Linkage to care

- Counselling/ Peer-Support (pre- & post- test) / Risk Assessment;
- Anonymity, Confidentiality, Safe Environment (intervention);
- Client consent;
- Data Collection;
- Announcing a Reactive Test;
- Accompanying Clients to Public Care (confirmation of positive results);
- Psychological Support & Empowerment;
- Partner Notification;
- Linkage to Care & ART coherence;
- Data & Analysis & Other Data (i.e. Continuum);
- CHW Supervision;

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Communication

- Clear Goals
- Defining audiences
- Compliance with data protection laws
- Communicational channels, tools & means
- SWOT Analysis
- Monitoring & Evaluation



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Advocacy

- List of Advocates
- Priority issues
- Supporting Data
- Strategies
- Synergies



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Quality Improvement & Innovation (Expanding Activities)

- Condoms & Lubes (Lubricants)
- PEP awareness
- PrEP awareness
- U = U
- Sexual Practices, Safer Sex & Harm Reduction
- Self Testing



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Useful Tools

- OptTest
<http://www.opttest.eu>
- EURO HIV EDAT
<http://msm-checkpoints.eu>
- DATA : Collect & Analysis
<https://www.cobatest.org>
- ESTICOM (Training Material for MSM Checkpoints)
<http://esticom.eu>



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