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HIV & Mobility:

what are we talking about?



Mobile populations: *People who move from one place to another temporarily, seasonally or permanently for a host of voluntary and/or involuntary reasons.*

Impact of Mobility

Mobility can:

- Be a risk factor for HIV
- Increase vulnerability to HIV
- Exacerbate existing risk factors for HIV acquisition
- Drive HIV epidemics

A Road Map for Action

71 strategies, Five Action Areas

1. International Leadership and Global Health Governance
2. Commonwealth and State Leadership
3. Community Mobilisation
4. Development of Services for Mobile or Migrant People and Groups
5. Surveillance, Research and Evaluation



Five Areas for Action

Five areas for action are proposed. The overall goals and strategies related to each of these action areas are outlined in the tables below. They include the proposed primary responsibilities and suggested timelines.

More activity is needed in some areas than others, however there should be a commitment to activity in all areas.

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There are likely to be associated resource implications for the groups suggested for primary responsibility for particular strategies. In addition, given the changing epidemiology of HIV infection in some locations in Australia (WA, north QLD, SA) some consideration of equity in resourcing responses (including national research) is required. CW government buy-in and support for these strategies will be necessary in some cases, and the associated lead-in times for advocacy and budgeting would need to be considered. It should be noted that specific recommendations for action concerning particular priority populations have been detailed elsewhere.¹ The five areas for action presented here should be considered in conjunction with other recommendations for mobile and migrant communities.

Road Map – Examples

Action Area	Strategy	Action
Development of Services for Mobile or Migrant People and Groups	4.1 Ensure travel medicine clinics continue to deliver HIV information to travellers	<p>HIVFQ will follow up with this in the coming months.</p> <p>TasCAHRD is a member of the 62 providers' network organised by the Tasmanian Migrant Resource Centre.</p> <p>Northern Territory AIDS and Hepatitis Council (NTAHC) has an ongoing relationship with Clinic 34 and Tope End Medical Services who deliver HIV information to travellers.</p> <p>ASHM delivers wide range of education and resources to support health professionals in a variety of settings to increase testing and improve management & treatment.</p>
	4.2 Encourage sexual health testing for travellers upon return to Australia	<p>The NT CDC and the NTAHC are currently designing an HIV testing campaign targeting CALD communities and people travelling to high-prevalence countries.</p> <p>HIVFQ will follow up with this in the coming months.</p> <p>Through ECCQ's education program participants are made aware of the risks of travelling home to high prevalence countries and are encouraged to get tested on their return.</p> <p>Victorian AIDS Council's (VAC) ongoing Drama Down Under Campaign targets regular STI testing.</p> <p>WA Health funds the WA AIDS Council to provide on-line and airport based sexual health information. This campaign encourages safe sex and STI/HIV testing.</p> <p>ASHM delivers wide range of education and resources to support health professionals in a variety of settings to increase testing and improve management & treatment.</p> <p>ACT Testing Month targets sexual health testing for travellers.</p>



Ten principles for a strategic approach

- **Incorporate a human rights approach—stigma and discrimination directed at mobile populations and migrants must be reduced**
- **Reduce all barriers to testing and access to treatment**
- Pay attention to the confluence between HIV and mobility
- Move beyond ‘narrow protectionist policies’
- Commit resources to improve migrant health
- **Continue to develop links and cooperative partnerships with affected communities locally and internationally**
- Participate in and contribute to global health governance
- Create closer cooperation between Australia and the HIV policy, public health, treatment and support sectors in countries of origin and destination for Australian mobile populations and migrants
- **Acknowledge that mobile population and migrants need more than information (even if it is translated). Specialist services as well as generalised services need to be provided.**
- **Know your epidemic(s)—continue surveillance and monitoring and develop evaluation strategies in conjunction with migrant populations.**



Community of Practice for Action on HIV and Mobility (CoPAHM)

Vision

- Increase partnership and collaboration among stakeholders
- Identify ways of working together to progress the five action areas
- Facilitate policy, research and practice efforts regarding HIV and mobility


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74 members from a range of backgrounds, across all jurisdictions.

- Government
- Non-government
- Research
- Community groups
- National peak bodies



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**Jill Sergeant**
Replied to **Skye McGregor's** forum post.

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

RE: Surveillance Data


Hi, I have a couple more points that were raised at AFAO's African Reference Group face-to-face meeting in July, although they are not necessarily easily addressed: People felt it was possible...

**Skye McGregor**
Replied to **Chris Lemoh's** forum post.

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

RE: Surveillance Data


Thanks Chris. Quick note on the subtype information. We're actually taking a proposal to CDNA BBVSTI subcommittee in December, for more national data collation and reporting on subtyping and...

**Chris Lemoh**
Replied to **Skye McGregor's** forum post.

Tuesday, November 17, 2015






RE: Surveillance Data

Hi Skye, That is a helpful summary. I would suggest that we do not ignore the CALD dimension to the MSM epidemic, as it may well influence risk and testing behaviour, and definitely influences...

**Jill Sergeant**
Replied to **Skye McGregor's** forum post.

Monday, November 16, 2015

RE: Surveillance Data



Report Card

Audit conducted with CoPAHM members (February – May 2016)

- 28 responses nationally
- 184 activities listed across 71 *Road Map* strategies

Momentum in the Five Action Areas:

1. International Leadership and Global Health Governance
2. Commonwealth and State Leadership
3. Community Mobilisation
4. Development of Services for Mobile or Migrant People and Groups
5. Research, Surveillance and Evaluation



Report Card: what is needed?

- Partnerships with transnational organisations that employ people in Australia and high prevalence countries with frequent cross border travel of employees (3.9)
- Consider needs of travellers before, during and after travel (4.17).
- **Further research with migrant communities, including treatment and support needs of people living with HIV (5.7, 5.8, 5.10, 5.11, 5.14)**
- **Core evaluation indicators for programs aimed at migrant groups or mobile populations (5.12)**



Where are we at today?

- Advocacy to include priority action areas in the second implementation of the 7th National HIV Strategy
- Discussions of surveillance data in regards to CaLD groups
- Supporting the push for national surveillance of HIV knowledge and use of health services among people from CaLD backgrounds
- Maintaining an online CoPAHM as a space for members to network and host discussions
- Developing case studies with CoPAHM members to showcase work in HIV and mobility
- Finalising CoPAHM's 2nd Report Card to distribute online

To come...

- Evaluation of CoPAHM
- Priority setting with CoPAHM members



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