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VULNERABLE POPULATIONS
FOR AN INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

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Integrated, Interdisciplinary Interventions

BACKGROUND

The causes of social exclusion are complex and multi-faceted and require integrated, interdisciplinary and person-centred solutions. Social inclusion is fostered and influenced by town planning, engineering, water and sanitation, transport, parks and recreation, education, commerce, the private sector, community associations, legal and policy environment, religious institutions and media. We need new integrated social inclusion solutions that focus on problems and their solutions, not formal professional disciplines. How can we better identify co-benefits across sectors and act on those mutual objectives? We need to identify new methods that address problems through solutions that require wholly trans-disciplinary approaches and include the meaningful participation of those who are experiencing social exclusion. The socially excluded live in villages and cities, not departments or sectors. We are shifting from sectoral thinking to healthy, educated, well-housed, insured and productive workforces, living in health-promoting spaces and social environments. In many contexts, for example, a comprehensive, integrated slum improvement programme may be a better foundation for social inclusion than a narrow defined health project.

OBJECTIVES

This session will focus on practical experiences, examples and steps we can take to strengthen integrated, interdisciplinary delivery, tackling social exclusion through integrated health and wider development solutions.



MODERATOR

Mandeep DHALIWAL

Team Leader on HIV, Health and Development
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Mandeep Dhaliwal is the Director of UNDP's HIV, Health and Development Group, Bureau of Policy and Programme Support. Dr. Dhaliwal has over 20 years of experience working on HIV, health, human rights and evidence-based policy and programming in low and middle-income countries. Dr. Dhaliwal joined UNDP in 2008 and was the architect of the Global Commission on HIV and the Law. Prior to joining UNDP, she was a senior adviser to the Dutch Royal Tropical Institute's Special Programme on HIV/ AIDS. From 2000 to 2006, Dr. Dhaliwal worked for the International HIV/AIDS Alliance's Policy, Research and Good Practice Team in the United Kingdom where she focused on issues of HIV care and treatment in developing countries. She was instrumental in expanding the International HIV/AIDS Alliance's technical support and policy work on issues of HIV care, treatment and support in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America. While at the Alliance, she led the development of an operations research initiative in Zambia on community engagement for anti-retroviral treatment. From 1993 to 2000, she worked on HIV and human rights issues in India, including as the founding Coordinator of the Lawyers Collective HIV/AIDS Unit, a leading human rights organization, establishing the Unit's legal aid, public interest litigation, legal literacy and policy/advocacy work.



PANELISTS

Olga ATROSHCHANKA

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Started work at UNDP in 2007 in the area of implementation in Belarus of HIV and TB grants of the Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM).

Global Fund grants were the key area of work in UNDP from 2007 to 2015, when UNDP was the Principal Recipient of the GFATM grants in Belarus.

- Key achievements of the Grants:
- Provision of ARV treatment in Belarus;
- Introduction of DOTS (directly observed treatment) in Belarus;
- Development and introduction of the electronic TB Register;
- Introduction and support to Methadone substitution therapy in Belarus;
- Broad involvement of civil society into provision of services and promotion of rights of people with HIV and TB.

Since 2014 started work on non-communicable diseases, in particular EU funded small grants programme for NGOs and local authorities in Belarus, collaboration with UNICEF, UNFPA and WHO on implementation of the joint UN project on NCDs.

One of the important exercises was 'piloting' SEEDs (Social, Economic and Environmental Determinants) of Health in Belarus. One of its key objectives was to identify how SEEDs within non-healthcare UNDP projects influence healthcare development in the country.

Since 2014 area of expertise also includes issues related to persons with disabilities and gender inequality. One of the key achievements of the programme in Belarus is signing UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in December 2015, and its ratification in October 2016.



PANELISTS

Kelvin KHOW

Technical Officer (Tobacco Free Initiative)
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Mr Kelvin Khow has been working with the World Health Organization (WHO) since 2002. He is presently Technical Officer (Tobacco Free Initiative) at the WHO Representative Office in China based in Beijing. Mr Khow will play a key role in linking WHO's tobacco control work to the development and execution of WHO's strategy for addressing the growing burden of noncommunicable diseases in China. Previously, he was the Acting Coordinator of the Tobacco Free Initiative programme at the Division of Noncommunicable Diseases and Health Through the Life-Course (DNH) at the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific based in Manila, Philippines overseeing the tobacco control programme covering 37 countries and areas. Before that, he was the Programme Management Officer at the DNH Division. Mr Khow has worked at the WHO Country Office in Iraq on health sector reform and United Nations and donor coordination and before that at the WHO Headquarters office in Geneva, Switzerland on mental health and substance abuse issues and country support. Kelvin's broad areas of interest include advocacy for policy, health promotion, leadership capacity building and tobacco control and he is actively involved in assisting countries in the region establish health promotion foundations in order to increase investments in prevention of noncommunicable diseases. Kelvin has studied at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of Michigan, USA and University of Melbourne in Australia. He is an alumni of both the World Heart Federation Emerging Leaders Program for 2016 and the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Global Tobacco Control Leadership Program.



PANELISTS

Jeffrey ACABA

Education and Advocacy Lead
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Thailand

Jeffrey Acaba is a Filipino HIV and LGBT activist currently based in Bangkok. He has a decade of experience in working on HIV prevention programming, human rights advocacy and policy development, and community mobilization; and has facilitated and led missions in the Philippines and in other countries in Asia. He started as a peer educator and researcher in 2007, roaming the streets of Metro Manila at night educating sex workers about condom use and assisting community researchers in collecting information for a national surveillance activity. He has also worked with The Global Fund in the Philippines but eventually found his niche working with Action for Health Initiatives (ACHIEVE), helping local government units (LGUs) craft local HIV policies based on evidence and organizing lawyers on how to handle HIV-related stigma and discrimination cases of people living with HIV (PLHIV).

In 2011, Jeff became one of the focal points and co-founders of Youth LEAD, the Asia Pacific Network of Young Key Populations, and has since then become an advocate in recognizing and prioritizing young key populations in the global, regional, and national AIDS responses. In 2014, he moved to Bangkok and become the network secretariat's Education and Advocacy Lead, leading the development of and facilitating trainings and consultations, and coordinating the network's advocacy priorities. In 2015, he became one of the two Asia Pacific delegates of the NGO Delegation to the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board (PCB), the highest governing body of the UN Joint Programme on HIV/AIDS and will be serving his third and last term this 2017.



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Jeff is a graduate of Behavioral Sciences from the University of the Philippines in Manila and took postgraduate Anthropology courses from the same university. In 2013, he took a certificate course on Transnational History of Health in Southeast Asia 1914-2014 at the University of Cambridge, UK. His research interests include anthropology of emotion, research ethics and methods, and intersectionality. He enjoys swimming and yoga, and is a certified Pokémon Training Card Game (TCG) trainer since 2001.



PANELISTS

Justice DINGAKE

Judge
High Court of Botswana
South Africa

Judge Dingake did his LLB at the University of Botswana; LLM (University of London), Post Graduate Certificate in Development Studies at the University of Oslo, Norway, and PhD in Constitutional Law at the premier and leading University of Cape town. Judge Dingake has practised and taught law at the University of Botswana and other Universities. Judge Dingake, formerly Judge of the Industrial court, is a sitting judge of the High Court of Botswana, has sat as an acting Justice of Appeal before and also sitting judge of the Residual Special Court of Sierra Leone, having been appointed by the UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon in 2013. The Residual Special Court is an international court that presides over those accused of grave breaches of International Humanitarian Law in Sierra Leone. This court is the successor to the Special Court for Sierra Leone, the court that tried and convicted former president of Liberia Charles Taylor.

He was honoured as an Extraordinary Law Lecturer at the University of Pretoria while serving as judge of the High Court in recognition of his academic record. He has in the past been a visiting lecturer at the University of Pretoria and International Development Institute of Labour Law in Rome. He has written several books and articles in revered law journals. Judge Dingake is a worldwide winner of Justice Gender Award granted to him in 2013 and speaker of choice in international forums on diverse issues related to human rights more particularly on Labour, HIV and the Law and gender justice

Judge Dingake is currently an honorary Professor of Public Law at the University of Cape Town and Co-Chair of the African Think Tank on HIV, Health and Social Justice.