



From: Zimbabwe National Network of People Living with HIV (ZNNP+)

And: National Meaningful Involvement of People Living with HIV (MIPA) Forum

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Subject: Impact of USG Stop Work Orders on the Zimbabwe HIV Response and Recommendations for Addressing Service Delivery Gaps

On April 16, 2025, the National Meaningful Involvement of People Living with HIV (MIPA) Forum convened in Kadoma to discuss the significant challenges posed by the recent United States Government (USG) Stop Work Orders on the HIV response in Zimbabwe. This meeting brought together key stakeholders, including sector wide representatives of people living with HIV (PLHIV) and government, to assess the current landscape of HIV service delivery and to formulate actionable recommendations.

Key Findings:

1. **Service Delivery Disruptions:** The USG Stop Work Orders have led to disruptions in the provision of critical HIV services, including testing, treatment, and support for people living with HIV (PLHIV). This has resulted in increased vulnerability among PLHIV, particularly in marginalized communities.
2. **Increased Stigma and Discrimination:** The interruption of services has exacerbated stigma and discrimination against PLHIV, as many individuals are unable to access necessary healthcare and support systems or feel unable to access given the uncertainty of services. This has further marginalized already vulnerable populations.
3. **Diminished Community Monitoring and Engagement:** The involvement of PLHIV in decision-making processes has been compromised, limiting the effectiveness of responses tailored to the needs of affected communities.

Recommendations:

Considering these findings, we urge the Government of Zimbabwe, international partners, and civil society organizations to take immediate and coordinated action to address the service delivery gaps affecting PLHIV. Our recommendations include:

1. Urgent Dialogue with all HIV response stakeholders: Engage in constructive dialogue with critical stakeholders in the national HIV response to assess the impact of the Stop Work Orders and explore avenues for resuming critical HIV services without compromising compliance and accountability.
2. Resource Mobilization: Increase domestic resources to fill service delivery gaps and support innovative approaches to HIV prevention, treatment, and care.
3. Strengthening Local Capacity: Invest in strengthening local organizations and community-based initiatives to ensure continuity of care and support for PLHIV during this challenging period and beyond.
4. Advance Community-Led Solutions: Meaningful involvement of PLHIV in the design and implementation of HIV programs is required to ensure that services are responsive to the needs of the community.
5. Enhance Data Collection: Implement robust data collection mechanisms to monitor the impact of service disruptions on PLHIV and to inform evidence-based interventions.

We believe that by working collaboratively and prioritizing the needs of PLHIV, we can mitigate the adverse effects of the current situation and strengthen the overall HIV response in Zimbabwe.

We call upon all stakeholders to join us in this critical endeavor to ensure that no one is left behind in the fight against HIV.

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