

# **Integrating gender perspectives and programs into costing of HIV responses**

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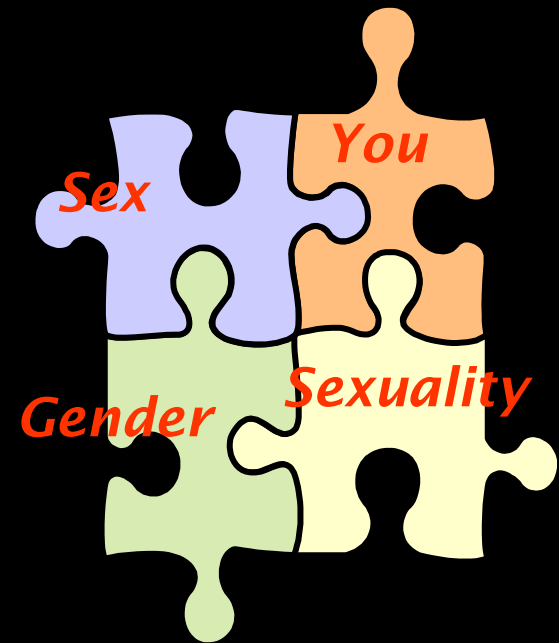
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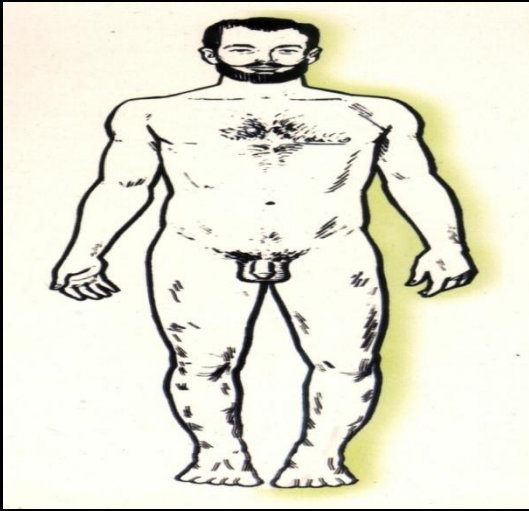
*Start with definitions .....*

*Sex ~ is what you are born with*

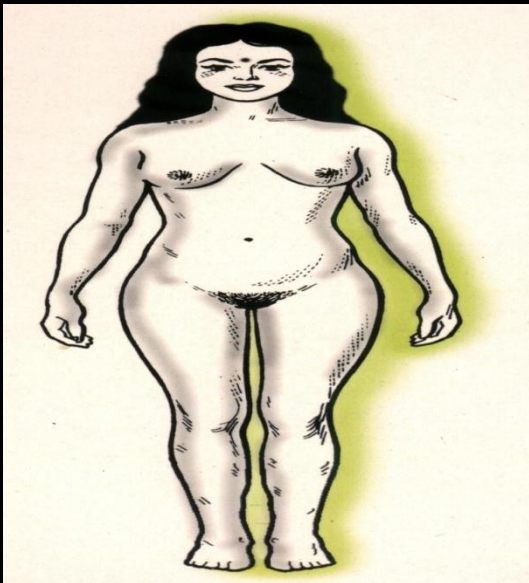
*Sexuality ~ is how you perceive sex and your preferences*

*Gender ~ is how you socially exhibit your sexuality/ social construction*



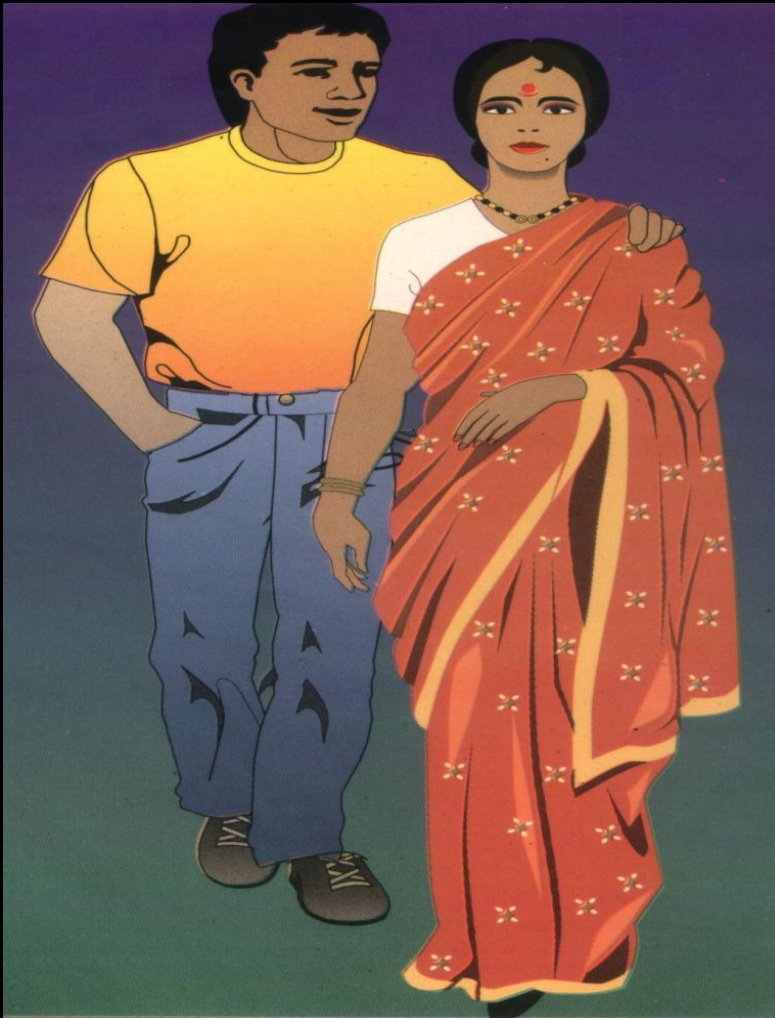


Born as a male



Or as a female

**Gender is how you are socially constructed as a man or as a woman**



# How gender identities affect vulnerabilities of community?

- *Inappropriate and insensitive services*
- *Inadequate reach of services*
- *Isolation and marginalization*
- *Violence: Physical and mental abuse*
- *Violation of human rights*
- *Psychological distress*

# 2008 analysis

- UNGASS indicators bio-medical and don't address women's/ gender issues (new gender indicator in 2010 as part of UNGASS review?)
- Need for synergy between work on violence and HIV work to address unequal gender relations and cultural norms of power & decision making
- Programmes must address links between GBV, HIV and access to sexual and reproductive health care and rights - risk behaviour happens in a context!

We have now have strong policies

# *Gender is integral to priority areas of UNAIDS Outcome Framework*

- “ we can reduce sexual transmission”*
- “ we can prevent mothers from dying and babies from becoming infected”*
- “ we can empower MSM, SWs and TG people to protect themselves from HIV and to fully access ART”*
- “we can meet the HIV needs of women & girls & can stop sexual & gender based violence”*



# UNAIDS Agenda for Women & Girls 2010 - 2015



- *26 strategic actions to catalyze action at country level*
- *Building synergies between women's rights movement & AIDS response*
  - *reproductive health networks, women's rights advocates*
  - *Using existing initiatives: SG's UNiTE campaign 25/11/10*
  - *Strengthening and broaden partnerships*
- *Time-bound and results oriented*
- *Accountability built in: progress report to PCB twice a year*

# Key Recommendations

- 1. Jointly generate better evidence** and increased understanding of the specific needs of women and girls in the context of HIV and ensure tailored national AIDS responses (*“knowing your epidemic and response”*)
- 2. Translate political commitments into scaled-up action and resources** that address the rights and needs of women and girls in the context of HIV
- 3. Champion leadership** for an enabling environment that promotes and protects women’s and girls’ human rights and their empowerment, in the context of HIV



## Really know your epidemic....

- Countries collect & analyze epidemiological & qualitative data - disaggregated by sex, age & setting, on how the epidemic affects target groups ex women and girls and KAPs
- Support women's groups & networks to contribute to national data collection (UNGASS & qualitative data)
- Countries include equality analysis in assessments of national AIDS spending ex services for KAPs and sexual partners
- 2010 for one indicator on HIV/gender in 25 UNGASS HIV core indicators

# Scaled up action and resources



- Incorporate action on gender in new National Strategic AIDS Plans (AP region all countries 2010 - 11)
- Include HIV into national UNiTE to End Violence against Women campaign in the region (25 November launch)
- Ensure a national minimum package of services for HIV, tuberculosis, sexual and reproductive health services and MCH (one stop shop = increase access)
- Ensure HIV policies are engendered and scaled up

# The time for bold leadership and advocacy



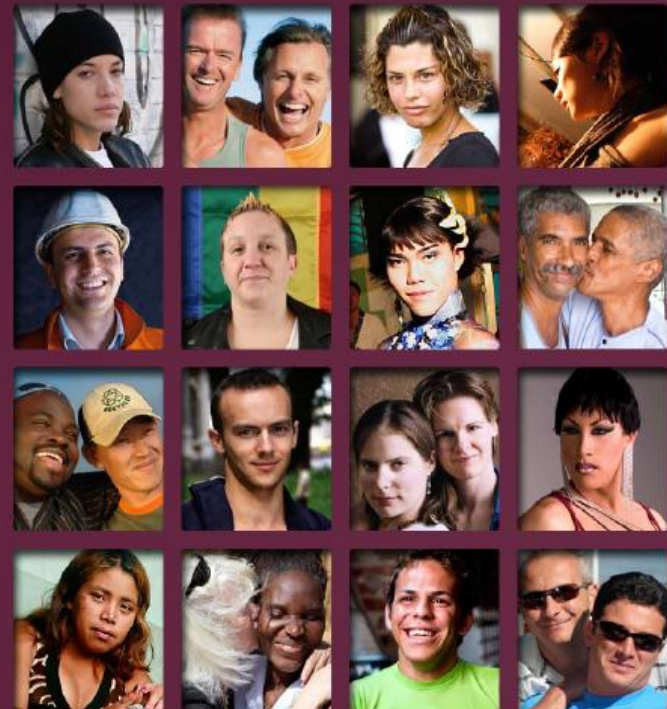
- Rapidly strengthen capacity and coalition building among women's groups, networks of women PLHIV, organizations of men working (ex APN+ Regional Proposal)
- Engage men & boys to address and redefine masculinity
- Regional technical support hubs to dedicate resources
- Advocate for **40% of positions in CCM** to be allocated to women (experts)

# Gender and SO/GI Strategies

## GLOBAL FUND GENDER EQUALITY STRATEGY



## THE GLOBAL FUND STRATEGY IN RELATION TO SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITIES



# Key messages

The gender equality and the SOGI strategies were approved by GFATM Board to:

- To ensure positive bias in Global Fund proposals and programming and
- To be more proactive in addressing equity in proposals and grants supported by the global fund and
- To address ***the vulnerabilities and needs of women and girls, men and boys, MSM, transgender people, and sex workers*** in the fight against the three diseases

What about progress to date in 2010?



# General Gender-related weaknesses in previous proposal – review 2010

- *Most gender neutral, some gender sensitive and none gender transformative*
- *Gender still treated as an add-on, not a key aspect to be integrated in all phases of proposal development*
- *Little gender analysis underlying the GFATM proposals*
- *Limited or no gap analysis*
- *Findings from the gender analysis are not translated into targeted programmatic actions*
- *Intervention or actions planned have no budget and indicators*
  - *Budgeting is a big issue (proposed activities have no clear budget)*
  - *Lack of gender sensitive indicators*
  - *Performance framework with no disaggregated input and outcome data*

# Examples PCB progress report 12/2010

- *9 countries developing new NSPs have undertaken gender analyses of their NSPs*
- *9 countries are developing programmes for men and boys to address social norms around gender and sexual relationships related to gender equality*
- *9 countries developing new NSPs have provided leadership development programmes for women, young women and girls living with HIV*

# Country Initiatives

- Strong engagement UNJTAs in China, India, Nepal, Cambodia, Thailand, Viet Nam, PNG (priority countries)
  - India in gap areas – best model to reach intimate partners of HR men, female IDUs and clients of sex workers
  - China – through support \$500 million RCC (5 priorities) 6 priority provinces
  - Nepal – building on amendment of property rights and land ownership bills + many female MPs
  - All countries revising NSPs this biennium

# We know what interventions work - ex responses to gender based violence

- Address gender inequality ex empower women (income generation)
- Work with community, men and boys to challenge gender norms
- Provide comprehensive post rape care
- Address violence in context of HIV testing
- Focus on violence against SWs

What can costers do?

# Know about the gender tools ....

- Gender sensitive measuring and assessment mechanisms
- Gender planning including monitoring and evaluation
- Gender impact assessments
- Gender audits
- Gender responsive budgeting

# Use gender and HIV check lists

- 1 Gender in the National AIDS Action Framework (core packages etc)
- 2 Gender in one national AIDS coordinating authority (capacity)
- 3 One gender sensitive monitoring and evaluation system (integration)

And finally ....

This is work in progress and we need your support so that programmes are engendered and effective ...