



**Project Title:**

Differentiated Service Delivery Models (Prevention/Testing/ART Delivery) Among Young GMT and Sex Workers in Kisumu County.

**Implementing Organisation:** Men Against AIDS Youth Group

**Duration:** 3 Months

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**Project Summary Description:**

The services delivery models at MAAYGO is designed to cater for young GMTs/Male sex workers between the age of 17 and 35. The model is designed to increase access to Testing services, ARVS and effective monitoring follow-ups. Since majority of young GMT/MSW do not access HIV testing frequently (every 3 months), have poor linkages/enrolment to ART and adherence and do not notify their partners if infected for fear of stigma and rejection. MAAYGO implemented this project to demonstrate capacity within MSM -led organisations have to develop concepts and strategies to delivery effectively differentiated care services to improve better health outcomes.

**Targeted beneficiaries:** Young gay men, MSM and Trans-women and Male sex workers. Strategies: Community leadership and participation. MAAYGO involved young MSM in process of project design, planning, implementation and in monitoring process.

**Activities /Tasks conducted to achieve the project deliverables.**

1. Developing of Client Exit form: MAAYGO develop a client exit form to capture feedback from our clients/beneficiaries of differentiated care services delivery models to give their honest opinion at clinical level and community level. The clients were selected randomly after accessing health services at community level or within MAAYGO clinic/Drop in Center. A total 310 clients were issued with clients exist forms
2. Focus group discussions were conducted with outreach workers, 15 peer educators, Clinical staffs (HTS Provider, Clinical Officer as well as clinical volunteers and senior staffs (Programme manager, M&E officer, project officers), a support of 20 GMT living with HIV who are enrolled on care and accessing ART services at MAAYGO clinic. Another focus group discussion was conducted with another set of MSM who come regularly for services (every 3 months) and another 20 who are not frequently accessing services after every 4-6 months).
3. One on one interview were conducted with staffs within Kisumu County Ministry of Health Offices.
4. Dissemination; The findings of clients exist forms were disseminated to staff and MAAYGO clinical staff weekly, for effective management of information coming in from clients every week. Dissemination of the partial findings from focus groups discussions have been shared with staff of MAAYGO, County Health Management staff and leaders of Community Led Organizations that MAAYGO work with closely.

Outcomes: Services within MAAYGO have been enhanced with our clinical team working on Saturdays and sometimes Sundays for clients that cannot get time during the week. In reach activities have been enhanced to fish out new testers, activities like movie Mondays, buddy-systems, support groups at community level, partners notification, facility optimization, risk networks referrals have been adopted to increase linkages/ retention to care. MAAYGO will also be sending Viral load samples to APHIA ZIWANI directly

Sample Feedback from clients exit forms;

*" I like the clinic, i like the safe space, but as young gay man i would love to see the center providing additional components like career advice, avail computers, this will help young people including me to come here often"*

*" Kindly provide us with flavored condoms and scented lubricants, they smell nice"*

*" The clinic here is good, its private and clean, and also the services are free, but its far, coming here costs me 100 shillings"*

*" I like the integrated services within MAAYGO centre. Keep up the good work"*

*" Getting my ARVS refill here, in my house is good. Because i also get opportunity not to miss my appointments, but also to ask clinical officer personal questions. I feel very much connected with her"*

Sample feedbacks from Focus group discussions;

*" The services at MAAYGO are good, I like the integrated approach. But I read somewhere that MSM are likely to get hepatitis B and C and anal cancer, I would love to see these services on screening and prevention and even screen for anal cancer and HPV vaccination here"*

*" Mental health is a big problem among us gay men living with HIV because will deal with a lot, i would love to see a mental health programme within MAAYGO rather than the usual support group we attend"*

*" I like the buddy -system at community level. Now I know gay men living with HIV that I can hang around with, without fear of stigma"*

*" MAAYGO I like what you are doing with young MSM, but one thing I will emphasize on ensure all the professionals whether employed or low-cum are up to date in terms of training on the sexual health needs of young MSM, as well as relevant overlapping vulnerabilities such as sex work, alcohol use and other substances" Mr. Olilo from Kisumu County MOH office during dissemination meeting*

## PICTORIALS



Health talk session at the outreach before the client access services



Clients accessing clinical services at the outreach



Focus group discussion session; where honest opinions are expressed freely



Client accessing clinical services at the MAAYGO clinic





Meeting Kisumu County Health Management team



Breakfast meeting Kisumu county health management team