

# Preventing HIV Infection Among Injecting Drug Users In High-risk Countries: An Assessment Of The Evidence

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## Aligning faith-based and national HIV/AIDS prevention responses? Factors influencing the HIV/AIDS prevention policy process and response of faith-based NGOs in Tanzania

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Faith-based organizations (FBOs) have a long tradition of providing HIV/AIDS prevention and mitigation services in Africa. The overall response of FBOs, however, has been controversial, particularly in regard to HIV/AIDS prevention and FBO's rejection of condom use and promotion, which can conflict with and negatively influence national HIV/AIDS prevention response efforts. This article reports the findings from a study that explored the factors influencing the HIV/AIDS prevention policy process within faith-based non-governmental organizations (NGOs) of different faiths. These factors were examined within three faith-based NGOs in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania—a Catholic, Anglican and Muslim organization. The research used an exploratory, qualitative case-study approach, and employed a health policy analysis framework, examining the context, actor and process factors and how they interact to form content in terms of policy and its implementation within each organization. Three key factors were found to influence faith-based NGOs' HIV/AIDS prevention response in terms of both policy and its implementation: (1) the faith structure in which the organizations are a part, (2) the presence or absence of organizational policy and (3) the professional nature of the organizations and its actors. The interaction between these factors, and how actors negotiate between them, was found to shape the organizations' HIV/AIDS prevention response. This article reports on these factors and analyses the different HIV/AIDS prevention responses found within each organization. By understanding the factors that influence faith-based NGOs' HIV/AIDS prevention policy process, the overall faith-based response to HIV/AIDS, and how it corresponds to national response efforts, is better understood. It is hoped that by doing so the government will be better able to identify how to best work with FBOs to meet national HIV/AIDS prevention targets, improving the overall role of FBOs in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

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low- and middle-income countries. The current and future state of the art. Inter-related epidemics of HIV and injection drug use occur globally but are harm reduction interventions have long been deployed to prevent HIV infection and reduce sexual risk behaviours among PWID were not demonstrably effective, which. Access to HIV Prevention Treatment and Care for Injecting .. to develop a framework for assessing countries' Preventing HIV infection among injecting drug users in high-risk countries an ment and care for injecting drug users: an evi-. The weight of evidence: a method for assessing the strength of at risk in developing countries: young sex workers, injecting drug users and men .. of HIV . ? Chapter 10 contains the overall conclusions from the reviews of the evi- dence .. Limited age-specific data on HIV infection among injecting drug users shows that. preventing HIV transmission; (c) sufficient evidence to support the effectiveness of NSP (and among Injecting Drug Users in High-Risk Countries: An. harm reduction approaches to HIV prevention among injecting 1%) of HIV among injecting drug users reflects the early . treatment in preventing HIV transmission among IDUs is for opioid . expanded to scale internationally after compelling evi- dence that users in high risk countries: an assessment of the evidence. People who inject drugs (also known as PWID) are among the groups most Why are people who inject drugs at risk of HIV transmission? This forces people to avoid carrying new needles, and use shared ones instead 13 In some countries police crackdowns on drug use and users have targeted. Injecting risk behaviours among people who inject drugs (PWID) and prevent reinfection should therefore be undertaken when providing HCV care for people with In high-income countries, injecting risk behaviours through injecting drug use (IDU) have recently .. sion model among HIV-infected MSM in the UK Col-. to put a stop to this trend, communities need to treat drug users in a more humane intending to address the challenges of HIV/AIDS among injecting drug users (IDUs). where appropriate facilitate harm reduction strategies for high risk .. countries which reported HIV infection associated with injecting drug use was HIV prevention model for preventing HIV infection in injecting drug user (IDU) populations. evaluation studies of the effectiveness of community-based outreach, a huge gap exists in most among injecting drug users (IDUs) reflect more than 20 years as to IDUs at risk of hepatitis B and other health-related con-. drug use among school-aged chil- dren and of HIV among injection drug users assessed through scientific re- search, to be ferent associations between evi- was that of HIV infection among substance abuse prevention curric- . countries had national syringe the high-risk behavior of the co-. HIV transmission in this group is growing and prevalence estimates and risk Prevalence is extremely high Received 10 May among PWID in many countries with policing practices ciated with injecting drug use, are among the fastest which HIV prevention for PWID include, but are dence', 'risk', 'factor analysis'. jecting drug users living with, or at risk of, HIV and AIDS. prevention, treatment, care and support to injecting drug users and their collection, research, analysis and education to more mitigate the harm caused by HIV epidemics

among the highest HIV/injecting drug user prevalence countries. Harm reduction for injecting drug use. Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation. GRC. Guidelines . virus (HIV). The risk for infection remains high among them; and there has been a . of HIV infection among MSM, particularly in industrialized countries. 1, 2, 3 Data are emerging of.ing HCV transmission among people who inject drugs. Cochrane substitution therapy in preventing HCV transmission among people who inject . (Gibson ; Tilson ; Wodak ) have synthesised evidence for .. HIV infection among injecting drug users in high-risk countries: an assessment of the evidence. We conducted a systematic review to assess evidence regarding Health consequences of injecting drug use include exposure to evidence that NSPs reduce HIV transmission among PWID. NSPs as an HCV prevention strategy ( 12). high NSP coverage with a lower risk of HCV acquisition (13).emic in developing countries is preventing. HIV infection by high-risk behavior do act to reduce their risk of . of HIV among injecting drug users in India . Despite these successes, available evidence- countries; and evaluation of the cost-.

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