Rolling Out SGBV Service in Zimbabwe within the NMSVF system, using 3-Tier Model

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1995

- Team from Wynberg Courts, Cape Town invited to Zimbabwe by Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace – Zimbabwe, to present the Victim Friendly Courts System.

- Victim Friendly (VF) Police and Victim Friendly (VF) Courts in liaison with Family Support Clinic/Trust (FST) – Harare Hospital, developed Multi-Sectoral Victim Friendly services in Harare and Bulawayo
1998 - 2009

- Various models of SGBV Health service provision developed under the supervision of the Ministry of Health and Child Welfare, focused on Child Sexual Abuse, but including Adult Sexual Assault management

- Mostly Workshop based, with optional Attachments

- Always in liaison with VF Police and VF Courts

- 2006 Legal Instrument passed in Parliament allowing trained Nurses to perform Forensic examination and complete Sexual Assault Affidavit
2003-2005 Design and Development of New Medical Affidavit

- A3 form gradually designed so that the History and the Investigations would be retained together with the back copy of the Affidavit/Examination findings
- New Affidavit appropriate for Adults and Children, Females and Males
- Focus on Visual Inspection of Genitalia
- Designed to also be a Data Capture Tool
- Piloted at FSC before being passed by Attorney Generals Office
2009-2015

- 2009 Adult Rape Clinic (ARC) opened at Parirenyatwa Hospital

- 2010- 2013 ARC together with FST started training other NGOs Medecin San Frontiere (MSF), and Population Services International (PSI) and developing the 3-Tier model.

- 2014-2015 ARC initiated 3 Tier training in the 26 Integrated Support Program (ISP) Districts of Zimbabwe, in liaison with the Ministry of Women’s Affairs, Gender and Community Development – in progress

- 2014 UNODC visit – ARC 3-Tier model “Best in the region”
Tier 1. 4 Day Workshop

- **Multi Sectoral:** VF Police, VF Courts, Min of Health, Min of Gender, Social Welfare, Health Personnel usually Nurses/Doctors 4/1 ratio

- **Knowledge** – Urgency of medical care to prevent HIV seroconversion, prevent pregnancy, prevent STIs, capture evidence and document findings, counselling, arrangement of Termination of Pregnancy (TOP)

- **Attitudes** – Addressing prevailing social and cultural norms which tend to exonerate and protect male perpetrators, and blame the victim for the sexual assault

- **Team building** – highly effective in facilitation of referrals between Police, Health and Courts
Tier 2. 10 Day Attachment for Health Personnel only

- Supervised Hands-On Training at ARC and FST to:
  - take History
  - perform Forensic Examination
  - complete Affidavit
  - pre-test counsel and perform HIV test
  - give Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP)
  - perform Pregnancy test
  - give Emergency Contraception
  - Counselling and Follow up
Tier 3. Mentoring + M&E visits

- 5 site visits over 2 year period.
- Initially 4 monthly x 3, then 6 monthly x 2.
- Experienced Nurse Counsellor/Examiner + M&E officer.
- Knowledge (eg never saw a male survivor while on attachment), Practical (eg no torch batteries), System (eg poor cooperation with other sectors), Emotional (eg vicarious trauma) - issues addressed.
- All Affidavits since last visit reviewed for coherence, and photographed. Coherence issues addressed.
Manuals


- 2009 Management of Sexual Violence – Guidelines for Health workers

- 2015 National Guidelines on the Clinical Care and Management of Survivors of Sexual Violence (not yet released)
Map of Trained Sites
2016 – 2020 (funding willing!)

- Audit of sites: no training, workshop only, workshop + attachment only, and all 3 Tiers – assess for knowledge, attitudes, referral patterns, Affidavit numbers, Affidavit completeness

- Continue training in the remaining 33 Districts using NMSVF 3-Tier training model

- Support development of Provincial Training Centres who can provide ongoing training and support to their Districts, and at least give sensitization training to Primary Care Clinics
Thank You!