

TESTING THE FEASIBILITY OF POLICE PROVISION OF EC IN MALAWI

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Project Goal

- To determine the feasibility of trained police officers as first points of contact for sexual assault survivors to safely and effectively provide EC as a way of broadening access

Methods

- Capacity building of Police officers in EC provision
- Analysis of statistical and qualitative data
 - Review of VSU Statistics
 - key informant interviews with stakeholders
- Advocacy : dissemination of findings

Findings

- Increase in & timely presentation by SA survivors
- Effective screening of SA survivors by police officers to determine eligibility for EC
- Improved collaboration btw police & Hospital
 - Kanengo & Lilongwe VSUs vs KCH, Bwaila, Area 25 Health Centre, DHO, RHU
- EoI from development partners to upscale (UNFPA, UNICEF)

Project Impact

- Introduction of SA Logbooks in VSUs
 - SA assault data recorded separately
- MoH approval of EC provision by Police officers
- Police officers trained in EC Provision providing synergy to similar interventions

Conclusion

- Police provision of EC to SA survivors will improve effectiveness & access : 1st point of contact
- Comprehensive package advised (EC & PEP)
- Capacity building : human, equipment & material – more advocacy

Unfinished Business

- Study underway : August 2012 (endline)
- Critical stage : data collection & analysis
 - Review of VSU statistics,
 - Key informant interviews
- Consolidation of findings
- Dissemination /advocacy

Challenges

- Regular & frequent interfacing of stakeholders
 - Development Partners' competitive environment
 - Resource constraints
- Ethical approval of relevant bodies before study commencement
- Redeployment of police officers
 - Need for specialised & localised officers

OPPORTUNITIES

- Advocacy/ 'hype' around SRHR
 - Safe motherhood
 - Amendment of abortion law
- EoI by Development partners to collaborate/upscale
 - UNICEF : One Stop Centres
 - UNFPA : Police training in SA management (11 June 2012)

Opportunities (cont'd)

- Capacity building
 - Human & capital (equipment & material)
- Advocacy
 - Mainstreaming EC in Family Planning
 - Resource allocation towards EC
- Look & learn within network

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