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Male Engagement Programming Checklist November 2024

BACKGROUND

- There is widespread agreement about **the need to engage men and boys in health programming** to: meet men's own health needs and wellbeing; support the health and wellbeing of their intimate partners/families; and create enabling environments for better Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and gender equality for all.
- Guidance is needed** about how to best engage men and boys in HIV and SRHR programming.
- A 2024 systematic review of reviews synthesized evidence from 35 systematic reviews (covering over 900 primary articles) identified common lessons and key **components of comprehensive male engagement programming** to improve service uptake and outcomes related to HIV and SRHR.

PURPOSE

- Building on the evidence synthesised during the review, **this checklist is designed to help stakeholders quickly assess potential areas of focus for programming** to engage men and boys as clients, partners, and agents of change for SRHR.












As Clients

















As Partners



As Agents of Change

ENGAGING MEN AND BOYS AS CLIENTS, PARTNERS, AND AGENTS OF CHANGE IN MY COUNTRY CONTEXT	ASSESSMENT (Check appropriate box)			REASON FOR SUB-OPTIMAL PERFORMANCE (If applicable)	NEXT STEPS: Prioritise which elements need to be addressed and state short- and longer-term plans to address them
	Absent	Present but not optimal/not implemented at scale in priority geographies	Present and working well at scale		
FOR INDIVIDUAL MEN & BOYS					
 Approaches to change gender attitudes that influence men and boys’ engagement as clients					
 Support groups, e.g., for men living with HIV, tailored to their needs					
 Strategies to increase detailed knowledge about partners’ health and communicate specific ways men should be involved					
 Strategies to change gender attitudes that influence men’s engagement as partners					
 Evidence-based gender transformative group programming of sufficient duration					
 Approaches to counter inequitable gender attitudes related to violence and controlling power dynamics					
FOR COUPLES					
 Strategies to increase women’s knowledge and support for men/boys’ SRH services					
 Options for men to engage in services alongside their partners					
 Couples counselling by specially trained, acceptable staff using well established techniques					

 Invitations from facilities or from men's partners (but not as the only strategy implementation)					
 Strategies to build couple communication and conflict resolution skills					
 Both men/boys and women/girls are included in group programming					
IN COMMUNITIES & HEALTH FACILITIES					
 Welcoming health facility environment for men seeking SRHR services					
 Community-based options complement facility services					
 Convenient and non-judgemental health facility environment for men seeking SRHR services					
 Welcoming health facility environment for male partners					
 Community Health Worker implementation of education and couples counselling					
 Community mobilisation beyond small group programming					
REGARDING POLICIES & SOCIETAL NORMS					
 Approaches to counter inequitable gender attitudes related to violence and controlling power dynamics					
 National SRHR programmes include men as family planning users					
 Approaches to shift gender normative environment to support male involvement in partner's SRHR					
 National SRHR-related programmes include men as allies and partners, rather than as barriers					
 Mass media and other approaches to promote more equitable gender power dynamics, counter gender-based violence					
 Legislation related to sexual and gender-based violence is in place and enforced					



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