



COBASYS
Community based system in HIV treatment



Roundtable Discussion:

COMMUNITY BASED SYSTEM IN HIV TREATMENT IN NAMIBIA
28 APRIL, 2011, 14:00-17:30

SAFARI HOTEL AND COURT, Corner of Auas and Aviation Street, Windhoek, Namibia

The aim of the roundtable is to share existing experiences of community based care system in fighting HIV/AIDS infection in Namibia, through a multilevel analysis that will consider socio-political, economic, medical and anthropological factors. The roundtable will involve different stakeholders such as Ministry of Health representatives, policy makers, Caprivi's local communities members and HIV/AIDS patients' associations, NGOs and medical staff, engaged in community based system for HIV treatment. The discussion will promote the role of community based system approach in the fight against HIV/AIDS and how a community based care system can contribute to the definition of HIV/AIDS policies.



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Women ranking their health needs, Chiwamba area, Lilongwe, Malawi



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Community members at the PRA research meeting, Kariba, Zimbabwe

ROUNDTABLE PROGRAM

Chairman: Prof. Pempelani Mufune (UNAM)

14:00 Registration

14:15 Introduction: Dr. Kenneth Matengu (UNAM)

14:30 Tour de Table

15:00 CHBC and OVC challenges and best experience from Caprivi Region: Ms. Agnes Mwilima, Mr. Joseph Mbucho, Mr. John Mafuta, Mr. Eugene Muluku, Mr. Marius Manepelo

15:30 The experience of local programmes. Comprehensive health care system and the challenge of decentralization of service provisions: Dr. Justice Gweshe, Directorate of Special Programs, Ministry of Health and Social Services

15:50 ART dependency and sustainability: Mrs. Dorkas Kapembe-Haiduwa, Namibian Red Cross Society, and Dr. Eric Sidile & Mrs. Emi Hango Catholic Health Services HIV/AIDS Program

16:20 Definition of a community based model: Dr. Ireen Namakhoma, REACH TRUST (Malawi)

Up to 17:30 OPEN DISCUSSION

CoBaSys strives to create a regional network for policy advocacy to empower communities to support delivery programmes for patients with HIV/AIDS infection in Southern and Eastern African Countries: targeting vulnerable groups.

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