

HIV and Ageing: Addressing the neglect of older people in the HIV response

HelpAge International Conference – 2-3 December 2011, Addis Ababa

HelpAge International, an international development NGO that helps older people claim their rights, challenge discrimination and overcome poverty so that they can lead dignified, secure, active and healthy lives, is hosting a 2 day conference on HIV and ageing in Addis Ababa ahead of the International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa. The conference will take place on the 2-3 December 2011. We will bring together policymakers, programme implementers, academics and older people with an interest and expertise in HIV and ageing to share experiences and knowledge.

The aim of the conference will be to:

- highlight the impact of the epidemic on older people aged 50 and above
- address the widespread neglect of older people in HIV policy and programming
- develop recommendations for an effective response for older people affected by HIV

If you have experience working in the field of HIV and ageing that you would like to share at this important event, we invite you to submit a proposal to HelpAge International using the form below. Proposals should be submitted to hiv-aids@helpage.org no later than **5pm GMT on 26 August 2011**

OUTLINE FOR DRAFTING A PROPOSAL:

Please give all general information requested in section one. In section three, please underline and bold the relevant answer. Please ensure you adhere to the word limits in sections two and four. Applications over this limit will not be considered. For section four please use the format outlined on page 4. A guidance note is attached to this application form – pages 5 and 6.

Requirements:

Language: English

Define all abbreviations and concepts in your abstract at first use.

Format of the presentations will be a panel presentation followed by discussion. Individual presentations will be **not more than 15 minutes** per submission.

1) General Information:

Name of your organization:

Contact person:

E-mail address:

Tel:

Address:

Street:

City:

Country:

Website:

2) Brief description of the work of your organization, specifically relating to HIV, older people and care and support. Please include types of activity and results (150 words maximum)

3) Session you are applying for (please mark)

- Care and Support – Research
- Care and Support – Programmatic approaches and learning
- Care and Support – Policy and advocacy
- Older people living with HIV – research
- Older people living with HIV – programmatic approaches and learning
- Older people living with HIV – policy and advocacy

Cross-cutting themes:

It is noted that research/program approaches and policy can often have a cross-cutting themes and thus it is often not able to fit strictly into one thematic area. If the area for which you are submitting an abstract has cross-cutting themes then please try to indicate which section of the themes (1-6) you feel is most relevant.

Type of Presentation you are proposing (please mark):

- Oral Presentation
- Poster Presentation
- Film Screening

Please indicate if you require (please mark):

- LCD projector
- DVD player

4) Title and summary overview of your presentation (150 words maximum):

Title:

5) Please indicate an overview of your presentation based on the format below (400 words maximum):

Please follow the relevant format below: FOCUS 1 **OR** FOCUS 2 (and follow the relevant guidance notes pages 5 and 6 focusing on the content for the day you intend to present)

AREA OF FOCUS 1: 'New Research' abstract/proposal:

The first option is most suited for scientific research/evaluation. Abstracts presented under the first option should contain concise statements of:

- **Background:** indicate the purpose and objective of the research, the hypothesis that was tested or a description of the problem being analyzed or evaluated.
 - **Methods:** describe the setting/location for the study, study design, study population, data collection and methods of analysis used.
 - **Results:** present as clearly and detailed as possible the findings/outcome of the study, with specific results in summarized form. Inclusion of gender and age disaggregation of data is strongly encouraged.
 - **Conclusions and Recommendations:** briefly discuss the data and main outcome of the study. Emphasize the significance for HIV prevention, treatment, care and/or support, and future implications of the results.
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AREA OF FOCUS 2: Programmatic/Advocacy Approaches' abstract/proposal:

It is suited for information that was gained through systematic forms of knowledge production/management, by means other than scientific research or evaluation including community level experiences and best practices in response to HIV and AIDS. This process must include some evidence provided through some data obtained.

- **Issues:** a summary of the issue(s)/policy area addressed by the abstract.
- **Description:** a description of the intervention, project, experience, advocacy activity/experience and process of engagement (if applicable).
- **Lessons learned:** conclusions and implications of the intervention or project. Data (qualitative/quantitative) that support the lessons learned and evidence must be included. Or in reference to policy: conclusions, implications and outcomes of the policy engagement process
- **Next steps:** possible next steps for implementation programming/advocacy/policy, and recommendations.

Guidance Note:

When submitting your proposal please bear in mind that the conference will be framed using the following themes and your application should explain how one or more of these themes will be addressed in your presentation (relevant to the correct session for which you are applying).

DAY 1 – CARE AND SUPPORT AND OLDER CARERS: THEMES

Based around the 5 dimensions of UNAIDS definition of care and support with specific focus on impacts and implications for older people (as carers):

1: Psychosocial:

“Includes counseling services; treatment of mental health disorders such as depressions and anxiety, emotional and spiritual support; reduction of stigma and discrimination; positive health and dignity” (UK Consortium on AIDS and International Development, 2011, pp.6).

2: Physical:

“Includes testing; prevention of opportunistic infections, symptom control and pain management; treatment of AIDS-related illnesses and opportunistic infections including TB; paediatric care; treatment adherence support and information; nutrition; alternative and traditional medicine” (ibid)

3: Socio-economic:

“Includes financial support; income generation and employment opportunities; workplace policies and programmes; capacity building and advocacy support; clean water; transport; positive prevention; education; orphan support; adoption services; help in the home and child care” (ibid).

4: Nutritional:

“Includes food and nutrition assistance as a therapeutic adjunct to medical treatment; targeted food and nutrition support on the basis of an assessment of vulnerability to food insecurity; nutrition education and safe food guidance (proper storage and preparation); and appropriate agricultural inputs and services” (ibid).

5: Legal:

Includes access to legal aid, legal support and accessible legal information; human rights legislation and implementation (including anti-violence and anti-discrimination; land, inheritance and property rights; labour laws); succession planning, rights-based approach and rights advocacy training” (ibid).

For full description of what is included in these dimensions please refer to “UK Consortium on AIDS and International Development, 2011, *Care and Support: The Forgotten Pillar of the HIV Response*, pp.6. http://www.aidsconsortium.org.uk/Care&Support/Care&Support_ForgottenPillar.htm

DAY 2 – OLDER PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV: THEMES:

Based primarily around the universal access focus areas with an additional category on links with broader health issues:

THEMES:

- 1: Prevention
- 2: Treatment: inclusive of (but not exclusively) access and adherence and any other treatment related topic
- 3: Care and support (of older people living with HIV)
- 4: Health, Aging and HIV: inclusive of (but not exclusively) co-morbidities, NCD's and any other topic related to HIV, aging and cross-cutting health concerns.