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Prevention of HIV/AIDS in sex workers

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Globally, the HIV prevalence among Female Sex Workers (FSW) is 12%, with a higher prevalence of 37% in sub-Saharan Africa. The prevalence of HIV in Malawi is disproportionately high among the sex workers despite prevention activities. HIV-infected FSW have a higher number of sexual partners compared to other women of reproductive age, increasing the likelihood of HIV acquisition, as well as transmission to their clients. It is important that effective strategies are available to reduce HIV acquisition and transmission. Youth Net and Counseling is an organization that is providing services to sex workers to intensify HIV prevention interventions. Services that are provided include HIV testing and counseling of sex workers and their most likely customers at different centers as well as at their work places. In addition to providing treatment for Sexually Transmitted Infections and Anti Retroviral Therapy (ART) those that are HIV positive to mitigate the impact of HIV AIDs.

Biography

I am Nurse Midwife by profession. I work at Malawi College of Health Sciences as a principal. I obtained Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing and Midwifery in 2016 at North West University, Republic of South Africa. I have vast experience Maternal and neonatal health. I am a lecturer and a master trainer in sexual and reproductive health and accumulated experience I have also worked with John Hopkins International Education in Gynaecology and Obstetrics (JPIEGO) as a Master Trainer in Reproductive and sexual health issues including HIV Aids and Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV/AIDS (PMTCT). I am a board member of Youth Net and Counselling an organisation which promotes prevention and mitigation of the impact of HIV/AIDS including. prevention of HIV/ AIDs in sexual workers..

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