Data Utilization

R2P has developed accessible, user-friendly fact sheets for program managers and policy makers that summarize the evidence on HIV prevention interventions. Fact sheets topics include:

- Peer education
- Needle/syringe exchange programs
- Voluntary HIV counseling and testing
- Positive health, dignity and prevention
- Condom social marketing
- Impact of treatment on prevention
- Family planning for women living with HIV
- Provider-initiated HIV counseling and testing
- Income generation
- School-based sex education
- Behavioral counseling
- Social capital

Building Local Capacity

R2P has a Small Grants Program that aims to strengthen in-country capacity to conduct HIV prevention research. Each year the Program has a specific research theme of importance to HIV prevention.


Research to Prevention (R2P)

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What are effective interventions for preventing the spread of HIV?

Research to Prevention (R2P) is a five year (2008 - 2013) USAID-funded task order under the Project SEARCH IQC which aims to identify effective interventions for preventing HIV and improving HIV prevention programs in countries most affected by the HIV epidemic. The specific objectives of the project are:

1) To conduct applied research and program evaluation to identify interventions that successfully increase access to and the quality of HIV prevention services;

2) To promote the utilization of data in the design or mid-course modification of HIV prevention programs to make them more effective;

3) To build local capacity, both in applied research and in the utilization of data for improving HIV prevention programs and influencing policy.

Conducting Applied Research

R2P includes approximately 30 applied research projects across 18 countries addressing multi-level aspects of interventions related to HIV prevention, including biomedical, behavioral, structural and combination prevention approaches. R2P also examines and addresses the intersections of HIV with other public health challenges and examines the specialized HIV prevention, treatment and care needs and context surrounding key populations.

R2P Research Activities

Structural Aspects and Combination HIV Prevention Interventions

- Assessing Barriers and Facilitators to Linkages to Care in Iringa, Tanzania
- Formative Research to Inform Combination HIV Prevention in Iringa, Tanzania
- Understanding the Mechanisms, Effects and Consequences of Cash Transfer Initiatives in Johannesburg, South Africa

Intersections with Other Health Challenges

- HIV Serological and Behavioral Surveillance among Alcohol Venue Patrons in Botswana
- Formative Research Regarding the Sexual Risk Behavior of Drug Users in Guatemala
- Manual Development for the Integration of Mental Health Services into HIV Prevention and Care

Key Population Groups

- West Africa Research for Programming Project among Sex Workers and MSM in Cameroon, Burkina Faso, and Togo
- Formative Research among Key Populations in Swaziland: Sex Workers and Men who have Sex with Men.
- Exploring Positive Health, Dignity and Prevention Needs of HIV-infected KPs in Swaziland and the Dominican Republic
- Understanding HIV-related Vulnerability among Sex Workers and their Regular Partners in the Dominican Republic
- Evaluating a Pilot Combination HIV Prevention Intervention for MSM in Malawi

Biomedical Aspects and Interventions

- Systematic Monitoring of the Male Circumcision Scale-up (SYMMACS) in Kenya, South Africa, Tanzania and Zimbabwe
- Integration of HIV Testing and Counseling with Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision Services in Tanzania
- Exploring Aspects of Demand Creation and Mobilization for Male Circumcision among Older Men in Kenya

Behavioral Aspects and Interventions

- Improving the Validity of Reported Sexual Behaviors including Partner Concurrency in South Africa
- Evaluating the Impact of Mass Media Efforts on Multiple Concurrent Partnerships in Mozambique
- Formative Research on Multiple Concurrent Partnerships in Malawi and Tanzania
- Interpretations of HIV Campaign Messages in Tanzania and Botswana