
UNIFEM and Development Connections

Global virtual course on “Empowerment, HIV, and Violence against Women”

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1. Objectives

The general objective of this training course is to develop competences of human resources working in governmental agencies and NGOs to integrate HIV and violence against women (VAW) in interventions related to prevention, care, and treatment, as well as to respond to problems related to both issues in emerging public policies.

Specific objectives

- a. Analyze intersections between HIV and VAW and the application of an empowerment approach when addressing both issues.
- b. Examine strategic and practical implications in the integration of interventions in HIV and VAW prevention, care, and treatment.
- c. Use tools to carry out integration of HIV and VAW intervention processes at the institutional and intersectoral levels.

2. Participants’ profile: the course is aimed at human resources staff of governmental and non-governmental agencies, community organizations, people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA), university professors, researchers, and professional associations.

3. Modules and Contents

| Module | Content |
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| 1. Conceptual framework | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Intersections between HIV and VAW▪ International commitments and national legislation on HIV and VAW▪ Principles of the empowerment approach applied to HIV and VAW▪ Methodological and ethical considerations regarding evidence generation on HIV and VAW▪ Understanding surveillance and epidemiological data |
| 2. Prevention | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Prevention strategies from the public health approach▪ Best practices in prevention of HIV and VAW▪ Key components of HIV and VAW prevention programs |

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| 3. Care and Treatment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Comprehensive HIV and VAW care components ▪ Voluntary testing and counseling ▪ Post exposure prophylaxis (PPE) in cases of sexual violence ▪ Access and adherence to treatment ▪ Perinatal transmission and VAW ▪ Integration of HIV in VAW services: case identification, care, treatment, referral systems and support groups. |
| 4. Considerations on key populations and specific settings/contexts | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Adolescents, migrants (including victims of human trafficking), sex workers, and prisoners. ▪ Emergencies, HIV and VAW (natural disasters, conflict settings). |

4. Working Hours

The course comprises a total of 95 hours, 7 hours per week, approximately. All activities are asynchronous, allowing each participant to enter the Campus at the hour most convenient according with his/her own schedule.

5. Certification

Participation will be evaluated and certified by weighting performance in the following three areas:

- a. Development of work guides: 30 points
- b. Participation in fora: 50 points
- c. Final project: 20 points

The evaluation criteria will be: *a)* theoretical support of the approaches, *b)* use of concepts for reflection, *c)* critical/prospective vision on the contents to be reflected upon, *d)* capacity to transfer the lessons learned to other social and institutional contexts.

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