



Western Cape
Government

Health

Group work report back WOMAN'S HEALTH

GENERAL COMMENTS

- 4 presentations
 - Inequality a major driver impacting on woman's health
 - Inequality given lip service but not sufficient attention within health
 - Women and gender neglected and not well described in BOD
 - GI is a major driver impacting on woman's health
 - Recognising GBV as a health priority is critical
 - Successful Evidence based interventions addressing GBV & HIV not scaled up

Projects: IPV in PHC

- IPV screening and management in PHC setting shown that it can be implemented
- Improves mental health & Child health
- Key component of project is IPV champions that are caring, empathetic, non-judgemental and responsive to WH needs

Projects: Perinatal Mental Health

- Under recognised burden 1:3 women attending perinatal services screen + for depression
- Multiple risk factors that impact on WH during pregnancy
- Call for integration of screening for mental health into general health screening

Projects: Sonke Gender Justice

- Men's behaviour impacts on WH
- Research on GBV & HIV show men who are violent more likely to engage in risky sexual behaviour
- Domestic violence as opposed to sexual violence more likely to be associated with HIV/AIDS
- Men unrepresented in HCT and PMTCT
- Long term interventions based on evidence needs to be scaled up

Priority actions to address the burden and to be considered by work groups

- Recognition of WH services (sexual, reproductive and maternal health)
- GBV should be integrated into the above
- WC Gov. to do audit of all projects/programmes/research that address upstream factors already in process
- Need to address gender norms needs collaboration with communities
- Quality of care within services (esp. birthing units, counselling) requires training
- Need to work with girls and boys

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Policy gaps:

- **NO GBV policy** within health services – need to start a process of policy development
- mental health should be a key component
- Opportunities to integrate into new NSP/PSP

How do we work better together as different sectors

- Key sectors for WH is
- D Of Education, D of Social Development, trade and industry
- Needs to work more interactively across programmes i.e.. HIV/Nutrition/child health

Suggested amendments to the declaration and why?

- Concern that declaration addresses broad issues that are indisputable
- Concerns who are present and representative to sign off the declaration on behalf of civil society
- Need to involve communities in the process