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### Reach of the Health4Men competency programme and intensifying linkage for men who have sex with men in public sector health services at city of Johannesburg, Region D

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**Statement of the Problem:** MSM experience a significant HIV/AIDS burden and their epidemic is thirteen times larger than in the general population. The lack of support for MSM, stigma, homophobic violence and discrimination are identified as major barriers to access quality health care services. Beyrer et al. (2012:349) found that most MSM have limited access to relevant HIV/AIDS information services in SA, as HIV prevention programs and health information is focused on the heterosexual population. It is evident that access to quality HIV/AIDS services for MSM must be enhanced and improved. The study aimed to determine the reach of MSM by the health services and whether they are attending the clinics and also interventions to intensify Linkage to improve access to care for MSM.

**Methodology & Theoretical Orientation:** Quantitative survey was used to estimate the reach in men and MSM across all competent sites in Region D, A structured questionnaire was used to investigate the proportion of MSM attending competent sites, as well as their exposure to the Health4Men. The survey was conducted in Region D, City of Johannesburg, South Africa, covering competent sites.

#### Objectives:

1. To conduct survey by collecting Strategic Information at the competent health facilities in CoJ, Region D
2. To determine the proportion of MSM attending competent sites in CoJ, Region D through structured questionnaires
3. To estimate the reach/uptake of priority services provided at competent sites in Region D, CoJ, in men and MSM, specifically HTS services.
4. To Deliver MSM-targeted services at the competent health facilities and Promote MSM-Competent Facilities by partnering with community based organization.

**Result:** On average 5% of MSM were accessing the clinics, the highest seeing MSM in Region D was Diepkloof clinic that was seeing 13% of men being MSM.

#### Biography

K C Modibedi is an experienced R/N, Nurse Educator, worked at hospital setting and at Chris Hani Baragwanath Nursing College as a lecturer for community nursing science for 10 years, she acquired her Degree in nursing education, nursing administration, Assessor, and moderator and majored in community nursing science. Continued to have Masters in Public Health and has 5 years' experience in the public health sector, she currently is working at an NGO, Anova health Institute where she is a programme manager for the MSM project. She is very passionate about access to health by all key population groups for HIV/AIDS. She has publications in 3 journals and is still producing research work under Key population context, at the same time running a programme to provide services to key population group and closing the gap within the public health sector.

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