

Key Populations



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- South Africa's HIV response is guided by its National Strategic Plan for HIV, TB, and STIs (NSP): **2023-2028** and focuses on ending inequalities and breaking down barriers to eliminate public health threats with a specific focus on key and other priority populations.
- Key populations include **sex workers, gay and men who have sex with men (MSM), transgender people, people who inject and use drugs, and people in prisons.**
- Key populations are disproportionately affected by HIV due to **certain risk behaviors, marginalization, and structural factors such as stigma, discrimination, violence, human rights violations, and criminalization which contributes to limited access to health services.**



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Goal of Training



- The training will involve capacitating the RTCs and the identified facilities in the District to implement the Key Populations Sensitization and Competency Development Toolkit (“the Toolkit”).
- Sensitize clinical and support staff at primary care and community level on issues related to stigma and discrimination as they relate to five key populations (Sex Workers, MSM, Inmates, PWID, and LGBT).
- Provide health workers with the knowledge and skills necessary to perform a comprehensive and sensitive risk assessment of key population members.
- Provide health workers at facility level with the tools and resources necessary to treat, care for, and refer key population members to appropriate services.



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