

FACT SHEET

A 'ONE-STOP-SHOP' FOR PRIORITY HIV INTERVENTIONS IN THE HEALTH SECTOR

Priority interventions: HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care in the health sector

Priority interventions is a compilation of WHO-recommended health-sector interventions to help countries, donors and other stakeholders mount an effective and comprehensive response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. This web-based resource includes technical information on a range of topics, from how to expand condom programming to the latest in treatment guidelines and standards. It also provides direction on prioritizing and applying interventions according to epidemic setting and health system capacity.

"This document responds to a long-standing country need," says Dr Kevin M. De Cock, Director of the WHO HIV/AIDS Department. "In one place, it captures WHO's best guidance on what the global HIV/AIDS health-sector response needs to deliver."

Priority interventions is intended for a broad audience of public health decision makers, national AIDS programme managers, health-care providers and workers, civil society groups, nongovernmental organizations, international donors, and people living with, and affected by, HIV/AIDS. It is 'living' resource that will be updated periodically based on the rapidly-evolving experience of health-sector scale up.

The purpose of *Priority interventions* is to:

- describe priority health-sector HIV/AIDS interventions that are needed to achieve universal access to HIV prevention, treatment and care;
- guide the selection and prioritization of interventions for HIV prevention, treatment and care; and
- direct readers to key resources and references containing the best available information on the health-sector response to HIV/AIDS.

These health-sector interventions address issues related to:

- HIV testing and counselling;
- prevention of HIV transmission;
- treatment and care of HIV;
- strategic health information;
- strengthening health systems and HIV;
- operationalizing the health-sector response.