It’s time to strengthen linkages between family planning (FP) and HIV interventions

This visual highlights current guidance from WHO on best supporting and strengthening FP and HIV linkages in the context of human rights and gender equality. It complements and builds upon work by partners in the Interagency Working Group on Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) & HIV Linkages and others.

WHO global strategies support linkages between FP and HIV
- Global health sector strategy on HIV, 2016-2021
- Reproductive health strategy to accelerate progress towards the attainment of international development goals and targets

Scaling up FP programmes that include sexually transmitted infection (STI) and HIV interventions can reduce incidence of unintended pregnancy, HIV and STIs
- Scaling up what works in family planning / reproductive health
- The global elimination of congenital syphilis: rationale and strategy for action

Integrating FP into HIV prevention can reduce mortality and morbidity associated with unintended pregnancy
- Preventing HIV and unintended pregnancies: Strategic framework
- Strategic considerations for strengthening the linkages between family planning and HIV/AIDS policies, programs, and services

Access to condoms (and water based-lubricants) offers triple protection for unintended pregnancy, HIV and STIs
- Condom programming for HIV prevention manual for service providers
- Use and procurement of additional lubricants with male and female condoms

Certain types of hormonal contraception may affect contraceptive efficacy and HIV risk
- Medical eligibility criteria for contraceptive use
- Hormonal contraceptive methods for women at high risk of HIV and living with HIV

Human rights are key to providing contraceptive choice and options, including for people living with HIV
- Ensuring human rights in the provision of contraceptive information and services
- Consolidated Guideline on SRHR of women living with HIV

Training for health care workers in understanding the needs of people living with or at risk of HIV improves sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) outcomes
- A guide to family planning for community health workers and their clients
- Safe abortion: technical and policy guidance for health systems (2nd edition)

Supporting FP/HIV services can reach more couples with life-saving commodities
- Reproductive choices and family planning for people living with HIV
- Selected practice recommendations for contraceptive use (3rd edition)

Evaluating health systems integration of FP and HIV services can help countries develop targeted approaches
- SRHR and HIV Linkages Index
- Rapid assessment of SRH and HIV linkages country summaries

Monitoring contraceptive use and HIV risk among adolescents can help to meet their SRH and HIV needs
- HIV and SRHR linkages infographic country snapshots
- Adolescent contraceptive use

Improving quality of care includes training health providers in integration of FP and HIV
- Global Recommendations and Guidelines on Task Shifting
- The evidence for contraceptive options and HIV outcomes (ECHO) study