

Rapporteur's report

Panel 1: Lessons from Technical Support and the implications of National Strategy Applications

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Key questions

- Why are technical support beneficiaries reluctant to access technical support?
- How can we do better, faster and over the long term?
- How do we help countries to define their prevention needs?
- How do we raise awareness among technical support providers about the real needs of countries?
- How do we reinforce the leadership of country authorities to ensure better harmonization?
- How can the various international institutions cooperate to validate national strategies?
- How can we reinforce a multisectoral approach which involves civil society at all levels (situation analysis, planning, implementation and evaluation)?

Challenges

- The resources and funding do not match demand
- The challenge to improve coordination between the various United Nations institutions
- The need for operational research
- The need for improved communication
- The need to “Know your epidemic”
- The need for longer-term technical support

Conclusions and Recommendations

- Define the principles of technical support (national leadership, ownership, meeting country needs).
- Identify the areas in which technical support is needed.
- Negotiate technical support (taking into account country needs and capacity).
- Improve communication between countries and partners, and between partners.
- Improve communication between the Global Fund and its partners.
- UNAIDS needs to improve understanding of the role and expectations of the Global Fund at the country level.

Conclusions and Recommendations (contd).

- Sharing experience and expertise in the context of South-South cooperation.
- Short-term technical support with a long-term visions.
- Technical support should not be limited to health but also take into account management and human rights.
- UNAIDS supports the participation of civil society in National Strategy Applications and should assess the participation of at-risk populations.
- Ensure the sustainability of technical support funding.

Conclusions et Recommendations (contd.)

- Establish a small task team to identify and share best practices and build national capacity, including the capacity of civil society, to design and implement proposals.
- Technical support is part of UNAIDS' mandate and sufficient funding for technical support must be included in the UBW