

Transit house approach for post gender-based violence against most incapable MSM in Cross river State, Nigeria.

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Issue

Men who have sex with men are exposed to gender and human right violations in Nigeria because of the 2015 Nigerian same sex marriage prohibition law and harmful gender norms.

This act of violations targeted at this group only drive HIV and other infectious diseases that negatively affect the economic system of the Country.

Description

A transit house response intervention for post gender and human right violation was implemented using a minimum therapeutic package consisting of mental health and psychological, medical and legal services by Initiative for Health and Equality through rapid response fund provided by Women's Health and Equal Rights Initiative for most incapable MSM who survived GBV.

Objective

The objective of this study is to measure the impact of immediate transit house post gender and human right violations response for most incapable MSM in Cross River State.

Lesson Learned

A total number of 11 MSM who came into the house presenting with significant psychological distress where successfully managed within a period of one month.

5 (45%) of those who survived sexual violence were successfully provided with HIV services such as HIV testing, PEP and PrEP

a significant number 6(55%) of MSM reintegrated into the community within one month of intervention before the three-month maximum stipulated period.

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Next Step

With the level of gender and human right violation targeted at MSM in communities where some laws and gender norms are harmful, it is recommended that transit house approach should be integrated as part of post gender-based violence response because of its cost effectiveness and high-level immediate recovery mechanism.