Program: Targeted Community Programs

Situation:

In response to the evolving HIV epidemic in Malawi, GAIA is focusing on current areas of greatest need: HIV prevention among youth and other high-risk populations; targeted, home-based HIV testing; and rapid linkage to HIV treatment and adherence support for those newly testing HIV-positive. In Malawi, adolescent girls and young women are at much higher risk of acquiring HIV than their male peers. In 2014, there were an estimated 112,269 young people aged 15-24 years living with HIV, of whom 62% were female. In 2015 in Sub-Saharan Africa, young women age 15-23 represented 23% of all new infections compared with 11% among young men of the same age. By targeting young women and their adult male partners we aim to break the transmission cycle, decreasing HIV incidence, and for those found positive, improving rates of viral suppression to break the HIV epidemic by 2020 in accordance with UNAIDS 90-90-90 treatment targets.

Outputs

Outcomes

Impact

 Needs Assessment  
Process Monitoring  
Outcome Evaluation  
Impact Evaluation

Assumptions (Program Focused):

1. Funding for community programs is maintained or increases.
2. Increased education and increased opportunities for income reduce HIV infection risk.
3. Participants are motivated to use new health knowledge and improve health.
4. Cost of key inputs (fuel, supplies, tuition) do not increase dramatically.

External Factors (Environment Focused):

2. International donors continue to provide funding for/donations of medications, specifically ARVs.
3. Government (MOH) and community support for HIV programming continues.