

## Participation & Partnerships in HIV/AIDS Policy Development

<b>The Course</b>	
<p>The Course has been developed by international development specialists as a practical, skills-based program designed to enhance sustainability of outcomes. The course design provides the maximum opportunity for learning through participatory and experiential learning processes that include structured presentations, case studies, group work and field visits. The course will cover the following six modules:</p>	
<b>Module 1</b>	<b>Module 2</b>
<p><b>What is policy?</b> Includes an overview of how policy is used at all levels of the HIV/AIDS response. Examples of policies and approaches to setting direction and standards.  <b>Outcome:</b> Participants have a greater understanding of the types of policy responses available to them and the way that policy is used in a range of settings</p>	<p><b>Getting the information you need to generate policy.</b> Includes an overview of the potential sources of information to assist in policy development – mapping techniques, surveillance, behavioural and social research data, community knowledge.  <b>Outcome:</b> Participants understand the need for evidence-based policy and can identify and use a range of sources of information to assist in policy development</p>
<b>Module 3</b>	<b>Module 4</b>
<p><b>Participatory policy development processes.</b> Includes information and skills development in involvement of affected communities and other stakeholders in policy development. Provides practice in designing and implementing policy development strategies, conducting consultations, focus groups.  <b>Outcome:</b> Participants have a greater understanding of the range of processes available to them for participatory policy development and have increased skill levels in participatory processes</p>	<p><b>Working in partnership.</b> Includes an examination of the types of partnerships that exist between government, civil society and other stakeholders, implementing GIPA (the greater involvement of people living with HIV and AIDS) Issues of shared power, establishing rules of engagement, working with marginalized communities, working with business and other stakeholders  <b>Outcome:</b> Participants have a better understanding of partnership and levels of participation and of the techniques they can use to develop and foster productive long-term partnerships.</p>
<b>Module 5</b>	<b>Module 6</b>
<p><b>Implementation: Turning good policy into good practice.</b> Includes an examination of the link between good policy development processes and good implementation. Covers issues of policy dissemination, training and ownership.  <b>Outcome:</b> Participants have identified the connection between process and impact in policy and have an increased understanding of the strategies that can ensure effective implementation.</p>	<p><b>Measuring the impact of policy.</b> Includes information on how to monitor policy impact, how to adapt policy to changing conditions and how cycles of learning can be established and maintained. Skills development in techniques to measure change.  <b>Outcome:</b> Participants can identify and use a range of techniques to monitor policy implementation and measure the impact of policy.</p>