

APMG: Using the law and legal policy for an effective response to HIV

The Course has been developed by international experts as a practical program that is skills-based and designed to enhance sustainability of outcomes. The course is designed to encourage participants to learn from the facilitators and from each other, using a range of learning techniques that include structured presentations, case studies and group work. The course will cover the following six modules:

Module 1	Module 2
<p>Creating an enabling environment for HIV/AIDS policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is an enabling environment for HIV/AIDS policy and why does it matter? • Understanding the social, economic and cultural context of HIV/AIDS policies and programs • Includes a discussion of different terminology used to describe HIV policy approaches (e.g. rights-based, public health approach) <p>Outcome: Participants understand the concept of an enabling environment and the range of different factors that influence the effectiveness of HIV/AIDS policies and programs.</p>	<p>The role of the law in HIV/AIDS policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Why are laws and legal policy a key part of the response to HIV/AIDS? ▪ How the law can be used constructively to strengthen a national response. What kinds of laws are relevant? ▪ Includes an overview of international conventions and legal instruments affecting HIV/AIDS policy <p>Outcome: Participants understand the range and scope of relevant legal policy on HIV/AIDS.</p>
Module 3	Module 4
<p>Public health legislation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Traditional approaches to public health law, and why HIV/AIDS may call for a different response ▪ How public health laws can support an enabling environment for HIV/AIDS policy <p>Outcome: Participants are able to undertake a critical analysis of the public health legislation in their own country and identify potential areas for law reform.</p>	<p>HIV Testing, Confidentiality and Partner Notification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Different approaches to HIV testing: achieving the desired public health objective ▪ Rights and responsibilities in relation to HIV test results ▪ Why confidentiality matters ▪ Overcoming tensions between confidentiality and disclosure <p>Outcome: Participants understand the legal, ethical and public health considerations involved in developing an effective policy on HIV testing and partner notification.</p>
Module 5	Module 6
<p>Laws affecting marginalised populations (e.g. commercial sex workers, injecting drug users, men who have sex with men, children)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Understanding how the law may increase the vulnerability of certain groups to HIV/AIDS ▪ Addressing stigma and discrimination: what role can the law play? ▪ Decriminalisation as a public health strategy <p>Outcome: Participants understand how the law can be used to strengthen rather than obstruct effective HIV/AIDS programs for marginalised groups.</p>	<p>Law reform, legal advocacy and access to legal services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Multi-sectoral approaches to law reform and legal policy ▪ Strategies for legal advocacy for people with HIV and affected groups ▪ Giving effect to legal rights in practice: ensuring access to legal advice and assistance <p>Outcome: Participants have strategies for developing and implementing effective legal responses to HIV/AIDS in their own country.</p>