CONSULTATIVE MEETING
MSM & HIV/AIDS IN THE PHILIPPINES

SACCL Conference Room, San Lazaro Hospital
Department of Health, Manila

25 August 2006
Background

- Expressed need
- Evidence-informed gap
  - MSMs least reached by prevention services:

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<td>Sex workers</td>
<td>20%</td>
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<td>IDUs</td>
<td>&lt;20%</td>
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<td>MSMs</td>
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- Increasing HIV incidence among MSMs
- Mandated Responsibility: UNIVERSAL ACCESS
  - Go to scale!
  - Think “impact”!
No impact can be achieved without reaching the *critical threshold*.

- 60% behaviour change among most-at-risk groups
- 80% of ARVs for eligible HIV+ individuals
MALE SEXUAL HEALTH AND HIV IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATION:
Risks and Responsibilities

New Delhi, India
23-26 September 2006
Organizers

- Indian National AIDS Authority
- Family Health International (FHI)
- UNAIDS India
- Khmer HIV/AIDS NGO Alliance (KHANA)
Participants

• 32 countries:
  ☑️ Government
  ☑️ Non-government, community-based and people’s organizations

• Donor community

• Research institutions
Objectives

• To generate and share knowledge and learning on *technical, social, policy, rights and resources issues* relevant to male-to-male sexual behavior and HIV in Asia and the Pacific

• To identify obstacles and challenges that impede on scaling up HIV prevention, treatment, care and support programmes and services for MSMs

• To inform the formulation of strategies and programmes for improving and scaling-up HIV prevention, treatment, care and support interventions and services for MSMs
Expected Outputs

• **Recommendations** on:

  ✶ **actions** that will facilitate and ensure the inclusion of male-to-male sexuality in national and sub-national HIV strategic frameworks and plans (e.g., resources allocation; epidemiology; intervention strategies; rights and legal issues);

  ✶ **advocacy initiatives and policies** that need to be developed and maintained in relation to MSM, sexual health and HIV vulnerabilities;
**Expected Outputs**

- Declaration of Commitment by policymakers and donors;
- Agreed set of principles on male sexual health and HIV;
- Enhanced knowledge base on the technical, social and policy issues relevant to regional male-to-male sexual behaviours;
- Pan-regional network of organizations that will facilitate region-wide coordinated advocacy, and ensure that MSM issues remain in the HIV agenda in the region.
In-Country Consultation

- To assess the current epidemiological situation on MSMs;
- To identify key challenges, gaps and opportunities in the MSM response, particularly the technical, social and policy issues relevant to male-to-male sexual behaviors in the Philippines;
- To identify key actions to:
  - formulate strategies for scaling up advocacy, policy development, and rights promotion, and access to programmatic resources in the Philippines;
  - scale-up MSM-specific HIV prevention, treatment, care & support programmes and services;
In-Country Consultation

- To develop country recommendations for the Male Sexual Health and HIV in Asia and the Pacific International Consultation: Risks and Responsibilities in New Delhi on September 2006
Tenkst!