

Q&A from MeSH Webinar 4: Using routine data and advocacy to identify and address gaps in HIV services for men in sub-Saharan Africa: a personal journey

Interesting to hear about your advocacy and research work and your personal journey Morna – given the numerous areas we could still be doing better (you highlight well a number of these) do you feel activism / campaigning still plays the role it should? If not, why not? What more should be done? By Brian Rice

Answered live.

What has been the overall response to your research and findings on men and HIV? Given that the spotlight is often on women's health like you said in your presentation. By Fariyo Abdullahi

Answered live.

Thanks Morna that was an excellent presentation and your comments echoed many of my beliefs about the marginalisation of men. I would be interested to hear more about your ideas on how we may overcome the barriers men experience to accessing and remaining engaged with care. I am particularly interested in the role HIVST has in giving men more agency about their engagement but know the issues are wider. By Paul Mee

Answered live.

Thank you Morna, this was wonderful. I wonder if you could reflect a little on what approaches you think look promising in relation to closing the gap for men in accessing HIV testing and treatment. By James Hargreaves

Answered live.

Do you think the conflation of "gender" with "women and children" might reinforce stereotypes that women need protection (and thus are always grouped with children), while men are supposed to be competent enough to look after themselves? How can evidence best be used to challenge this reductive approach? By Joanna Busza

Answered live.

Two further research focused questions if I may -

1. *you raise well the challenges we face with recording deaths among people living with HIV and how this impacts on our cascade estimates (e.g. retention) – what do you think we can do to improve the routine recording and reporting of deaths?*

2. *You showed men in care had lower mortality than HIV negative men and suggested something about their HIV care protects them wider (hope I heard that correctly) – will this primarily be the diagnosis and management of TB or do you think it is wider than that? By Brian Rice*

Answered live.