Gender Equality and Country Dialogues:
Zimbabwe’s Experience with

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OBJECTIVE 1: Global Fund’s policies, procedures and structures effectively

• Country Dialogues not controlled by Global Fund
• High levels of participation essential for all applications
• Inclusion of women in all their diversity, ensures broad range of perspectives understood and effective programmes to meet women’s needs and rights are
Background

• The development of the NFM by GF offers an exciting and more predictable opportunity for any country response.

• A requirement to develop the Concept Note (CN) is the need for ‘robust country dialogue’ process including active involvement key populations in a country.

• The opportunity ensures continued and helpful engagement with GF secretariat throughout the process, unlike during the...
Strategies Used

• Dialogues were embedded in existing structures eg TWG on gender, TWG on MIPA
• Allowing another key population sector to lead the process.
• Took advantage of existing on going processes e.g Zimbabwe Investment Case through NAC and UNAIDS
• Taking advantage of other pre–
Strategies continued

• Representative of women living with HIV on Concept Note writing team & secured ongoing consultation

• Existing frameworks and strategic documents guided inputs, inc
  – Zimbabwe Agenda for Accelerated CAP
  – Women, Girls, Gender Equality and HIV 2011–15 strategy
  – WHO guidelines on HIV infection & AIDS in Prison
  – CSS framework (UNAIDS)
  – GF Concept Note Guidelines
Weaknesses

• No technical support expert on gender, CSS etc to guide the Concept Note writing team
• Our team working on CSS and Gender team was heavy on programme people, but weak on costing and M&E yet the focus needs to be immediate impact.
• Country dialogue limited to National organisations and those with physical presence in Harare – time and budgetary limitations
• Limited data on other key populations (due to legal constraints)
• Civil Society caught off guard – involved in our

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Challenges and Opportunities

• Marginalized and criminalized communities may fear joining public dialogues
• Diverse groups present multiple needs and Country Dialogues do not have time to deal with all

• Caucusing ahead of Country Dialogues can identify priorities
• In Kenya, private consultations have been held for young sex workers
• Other gender advocates then present their views
Thank you!