

## **The Global Forum on MSM and HIV (MSMGF) Quarterly Report October 2011**

### **MSMGF Tracks Global Commission on HIV and the Law's Engagement with MSM**

- **Regional Dialogues:** The Global Commission on HIV and the Law is an international body of high-level Commissioners established by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) to investigate the role of the law in HIV responses around the world, holding seven regional dialogues across the globe. The MSMGF has actively advertised opportunities to participate in the dialogues among its global MSM networks and has made efforts to track MSM involvement in each dialogue. MSMGF Policy Associate Krista Lauer has worked with field advocates to better understand engagement with civil society, roll-out and major themes related to these discussions.

The last of the dialogues was convened in Oakland, California in mid-September 2011, focused specifically on high-income countries. The MSMGF was invited to participate, and MSMGF Executive Officer Dr. George Ayala participated in a panel to discuss the relationship between HIV and the law as it pertains to gay men and other MSM in high-income country settings.

- **Specialist Submission:** The MSMGF submitted a Specialist Submission to the Global Commission on September 30, 2011. This written submission attempts to detail the ways in which legal barriers undermine public health responses to HIV among gay men and other MSM worldwide. It also provides a roadmap for how legal responses can address the health and human rights of MSM when countered by such barriers.

### **MSMGF Convenes Focus Groups on HIV and the Law with MSM and Transgender Communities in North America**

As a North American Delegate to the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board (PCB) NGO Delegation, the MSMGF convened focus groups of MSM and transgender people living in Canada and the United States to discuss experiences with HIV and the law. Fellow PCB NGO Delegates and community partners conducted additional focus groups with additional affected communities in other world regions. Input gathered from the MSMGF focus groups on HIV and the law will feed into the UNAIDS PCB NGO Delegation Report scheduled to be released in December 2011.

### **MSMGF Monitors Global Investments Targeting HIV among MSM and Transgender People**

The MSMGF was commissioned by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) to conduct a big-picture mapping exercise of HIV investments targeting MSM and transgender people in low- and middle-income countries. The report, released in August 2011, revealed a wide-spread lack of disaggregated tracking and public reporting of investments by

major bilateral, multilateral and private philanthropic donors. In the few cases where this data was available, often through national AIDS spending budgets, we found that less than 2% of total prevention spending reaches programs for MSM. We were unable to locate any national governments that recorded prevention spending targeting transgender populations. The GFATM invited MSMGF Co-Chair Don Baxter to present the report's findings at a high-level consultation in Geneva related to most-at-risk populations and human rights.

The report is available online at:

<http://www.msmgf.org/index.cfm/id/11/aid/4327/langID/1/MSMGF>.

## **MSMGF at the Global Fund Partnership Forum**

The Global Fund Partnership Forum took place in late June in Sao Paulo, Brazil, gathering more than 300 participants from around the world to give input for the development of the Global Fund's 2012-2016 strategy. In preparation for the Partnership Forum, the MSMGF and B-Change conducted a small online survey to better understand MSM and transgender involvement and understanding regarding the Global Fund, including experiences and opinions of the Global Fund's recently-introduced strategy on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Results of the survey can be found on the MSMGF website at:

[http://www.msmgf.org/files/msmgf/documents/MSMGF\\_PrePartnership.pdf](http://www.msmgf.org/files/msmgf/documents/MSMGF_PrePartnership.pdf).

The results of the survey were presented to MSM advocates and allies during an MSM strategy session at the start of the Partnership Forum, and they were used to inform advocacy efforts throughout the Forum's full week of activities and deliberations. A more complete description of key highlights concerning MSM and transgender people at the Partnership Forum can be found on the MSMGF website at:

[http://www.msmgf.org/files/msmgf/documents/MSMGF\\_PrePartnership.pdf](http://www.msmgf.org/files/msmgf/documents/MSMGF_PrePartnership.pdf).

## **MSMGF Conducts Webinar on New Global Fund Equity Assessment Process**

The GFATM recently released announced the adoption of a new policy called the Equity Assessment Process, designed to promote equity in the implementation of Global Fund grants - especially among underserved at-risk populations. Soon after the announcement, the MSMGF conducted a webinar to help MSM advocates better understand the new policy and how to use it to hold GFATM structures accountable to MSM communities. Global Fund staffers Joanna Barczyk, James Bridge and Andy Seale participated in the MSMGF webinar to field questions from participants. The webinar was offered in both English and Spanish.

Recordings of both versions are available on the MSMGF website at:

<http://www.msmgf.org/index.cfm/id/11/aid/4937>.

## **MSMGF Conducts Webinar on MSM and Treatment 2.0**

On September 28th, the Global Forum on MSM & HIV (MSMGF) and Pangaea Global AIDS Foundation hosted a webinar providing an overview of Treatment 2.0 and the commitments made by a range of international and national partners across the current global HIV landscape.

The webinar is available on the MSMGF's website at:

<http://www.msmgf.org/index.cfm/id/11/aid/4848>.

## **MSMGF Conducts Webinar on New PEPFAR MSM Guidance**

On October 6, 2011 the MSMGF led a webinar in collaboration with amfAR, the Foundation for AIDS Research on the PEPFAR Technical Guidance on HIV Prevention for Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM). The webinar, hosted by MSMGF Policy Associate Krista Lauer and amfAR Deputy Director Owen Ryan, surveyed the major components of the guidance, including: PEPFAR Core Package of Services for MSM; working with national governments on MSM programs; and MSM activities eligible for PEPFAR funding. Experts from the US Government's Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator (OGAC) and from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) participated in the webinar to answer questions from advocates.

A recording of the webinar is available online at:

<http://www.msmsgf.org/html/videos/msmpepfar/lib/playback.html>.

The PowerPoint slides are available in PDF form here:

[http://www.msmsgf.org/files/msmsgf//Webinars/msmpepfar\\_webinar.pdf](http://www.msmsgf.org/files/msmsgf//Webinars/msmpepfar_webinar.pdf).

## **MSMGF Continues Its Advocacy Presence in Washington D.C.**

The MSMGF continues to foster its advocacy presence in D.C. through a number of avenues, including:

### PEPFAR

In addition to developing a webinar on the new PEPFAR MSM Field Guidance (referenced above) the MSMGF reviewed and made comments on a draft concept note for a Most-at-risk populations (MARPs) funding pool being considered by PEPFAR's Scientific Advisory board, encouraging addition of stronger language on human rights and enabling environments. The concept was presented at the September 2011 Advisory meeting. Follow up is on-going, and has the potential to create clear funding streams for MSM implementation.

### U.S. Congress

The MSMGF worked to craft a "Dear Colleague" letter in support of full implementation of the PEPFAR MSM Guidance in coordination with the office of Congresswoman Barbara Lee. The MSMGF then mobilized activists via the MSM Policy Working Group and wider Global AIDS Roundtable to solicit support from other members of Congress. The letter, addressed to U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator Ambassador Eric Goosby, ultimately garnered 47 signatures from both Republican and Democratic members of Congress, and will be a key advocacy tool for follow up action, implementation and funding for the MSM Guidance.

The MSMGF also hosted Sr. Legislative staff (Jirair Ratevosian) from the office of Congresswoman Lee for a strategic discussion at the MSMGF offices during recent visit to Oakland. We continue to monitor the FY2012 appropriations process, including providing support for advocacy letters denouncing damaging policy riders (i.e. re-introducing a ban on syringe exchange) and calling for robust support for global health and HIV budget lines.

### Human Rights Responses

The MSMGF continues to communicate information about human rights violations against MSM around the world with contacts at the U.S. State Department, including sharing press statements and updates from civil society partners on: arrests of MSM in Cameroon; rights violations targeting Gift Trapence and other LGBT advocates in Malawi; and potential re-emergence of the anti-homosexuality bill through various parliamentary actions in Uganda. The MSMGF continues to make efforts to enhance coordination with LGBT-rights specific groups, including IGLHRC and Human Rights Watch.

### The MSM Policy working Group

After more than 2 years of leadership since co-founding the MSM Policy Working Group, the MSMGF successfully led the group through an elections process to determine two new co-chairs: Kip Beardsley (Futures Group) and Cheikh Traore (UNDP) were elected. The MSMGF continues to participate in calls and contribute to its strategic direction, most recently crafting a draft 5-point sign-on letter directed to Secretary Hillary Clinton, taking to heart intelligence gathered that now is the time to make “legacy requests” before potential leadership transitions at the State Department.

### **MSMGF Lends Its Support by Joining Sign-on Letters**

FY 12 Policy Riders Letter for US Senate: The MSMGF signed on to a letter targeted at key members of the Senate in response to the House FY2012 State Foreign Operations (SFOPs) bill, which also includes several harmful policy provisions.

FY 12 Policy Riders Letter for US House and Senate: The MSMGF signed on to a policy rider letter focused on the bundling of global health accounts, syringe exchange programs and the Global Fund.

FY 12 US International Affairs Budget Sign-on Letter: The MSMGF signed on to an effort expressing concern about the potentially devastating effects of the deep and disproportionate cuts in the House of Representative’s International Affairs Budget.

Stop the ARV and HIV services shortage in Nepal: The MSMGF signed on to an online petition targeting three high-level political officials in Nepal to address administrative inefficiencies and delays which were leaving HIV programs unfunded and ARVs unavailable for people affected by HIV.

Italy and the Global Fund Sign-on Letter: The MSMGF signed-on to an effort asking the Italian Government to pay up on its pledges to the Global Fund for 2009 and 2010.

In support of Michel Kazatchkine: The MSMGF signed on to a global civil society effort that recognized the bold leadership shown by the Executive Director of the Global Fund especially on behalf of the health and human rights of most-at-risk populations.

## **MSMGF Provides Input on New MSM and HIV Research Guidance Document**

The MSMGF provided technical and advisory input on a forthcoming MSM and HIV Research Guidance developed by a coalition of organizations and partners led by the Foundation for AIDS Research (amfAR); Johns Hopkins University – Center for Public Health and Human Rights; International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI); and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The MSMGF specifically asked that the document explicitly speak to grassroots communities and their role in guiding researchers. In addition, we requested more case studies, a greater focus on human-rights related social research, and inclusion of training needs of local researchers on-the-ground.

## **MSMGF Steps Up Its Advocacy in the Lead Up to the International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2012)**

The MSMGF has worked with a number of partners and allies to encourage increased and more meaningful program coverage of MSM issues at the next International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2012) in Washington D.C. in July 2012. In order to better understand and advocate for the interests of MSM advocates around the world, the MSMGF conducted an online survey in English, French, Russian and Spanish, gathering input on preferred conference topics from early 300 advocates globally (more detail on this survey below).

Using input from the global survey, the MSMGF participated in community consultations and input gathering processes led by various members of the Conference Coordinating Committee and has provided topical and speaker suggestions for plenary, symposia and workshop sessions. In a letter addressed to members of the AIDS 2012 Conference Coordinating Committee, the MSMGF named eight plenary speakers and offered thematic suggestions that were developed based on priorities identified by survey participants.

## **MSMGF Begins Preparations for Its MSM and HIV Pre-Conference at AIDS 2012**

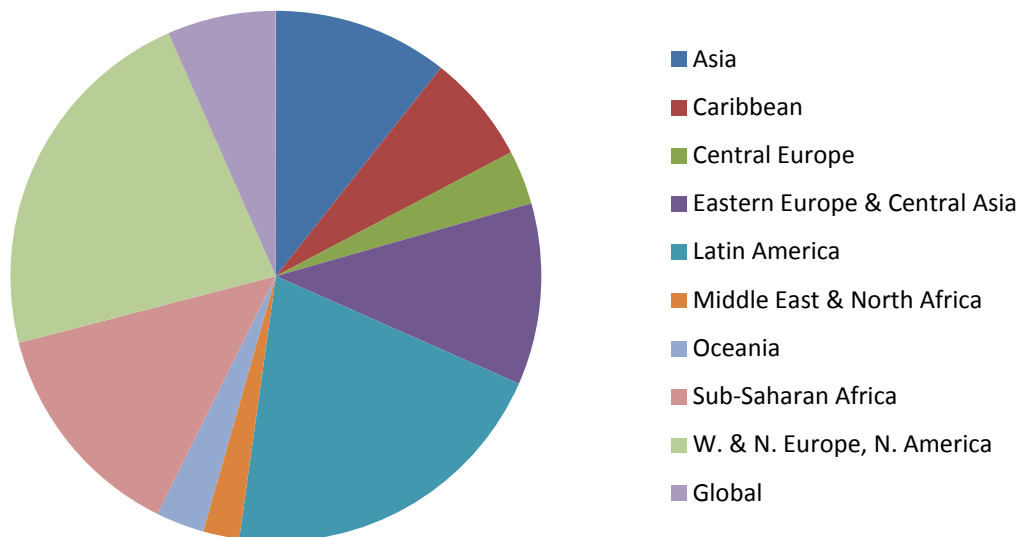
The MSMGF disseminated a “Save the Date” announcement and launched a website ([www.msmgf.org/aids2012](http://www.msmgf.org/aids2012)) for the MSM Pre-Conference to the XIX International AIDS Conference to be held on 21 July 2012 in Washington, DC. This free event will convene MSM advocates, researchers, public health officials, multi-lateral organizations, and global donors for a day of workshops, skills building, information exchange and networking sessions. Held in partnership with FHI 360 and the National Black Gay Men’s Advocacy Coalition, the 2012 MSM Pre-Conference will take place at FHI 360 immediately following the Living 2012 Conference.

A block of rooms has been reserved for MSM advocates in Washington DC for the MSM Pre-Conference and the International AIDS Conference. Pre-Registration, room reservations and scholarship applications will be announced and made available through [www.msmgf.org/aids2012](http://www.msmgf.org/aids2012) in December 2011.

On August 23, the MSMGF launched a survey to gather input from MSM advocates around the world about what kind of subject matter and structure would be most useful at the next MSM Pre-Conference in Washington, DC. The survey was conducted in English, Spanish, Russian and

French and was kept open for just over a month. More than 270 advocates responded, with 159 responding in English, 62 responding in Spanish, 34 responding in Russian and 17 responding in French. The regional breakdown of survey respondents is represented in the chart below. Their responses are currently being analyzed and a report is in progress. Once complete, the report will serve as the primary reference document for the MSM Pre-Conference Planning Committee as they design the event's program.

## Survey Respondents



## MSMGF Provides Technical Support on IPPF Report Cards on MSM and HIV Prevention

The International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), in collaboration with United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and with technical support from MSMGF, has developed report cards for HIV Prevention among MSM in Macedonia and Cambodia. The finalized versions of the Report Cards are currently available on the MSMGF website at the links below. Research dossiers are available upon request from the IPPF directly.

Cambodia:

[http://www.msmgf.org/files/msmgf//Publications/ippf\\_hivreportcards\\_msm\\_cambodia.pdf](http://www.msmgf.org/files/msmgf//Publications/ippf_hivreportcards_msm_cambodia.pdf)

Macedonia:

[http://www.msmgf.org/files/msmgf//Publications/ippf\\_hivreportcards\\_msm\\_macedonia.pdf](http://www.msmgf.org/files/msmgf//Publications/ippf_hivreportcards_msm_macedonia.pdf)

## **MSMGF Works with Local Partners to Implement *Speaking Out* in North Africa, Southeast Asia, and Central America**

### Morocco

The North Africa Regional *Speaking Out* Training of Trainers (TOT) will take place October 25-29 in Marrakech. The English-language Global-Level toolkit has been adapted into a French-language version that is specific to the context of the Middle East/North Africa (MENA) region. In addition to updated references and epidemiological and social examples that are MENA-specific, this version of the toolkit boasts a more streamlined format that focuses on building up educational understanding of (a) advocacy and (b) facilitating participatory approaches. Additional tweaks and changes to the toolkit are anticipated after the TOT, based on the lessons learned from the practical implementation.

In addition, the Global Fund will be holding a regional meeting in Casablanca prior to the TOT. This will be an opportunity for MSMGF Policy Associate, Krista Lauer and MSMGF key partner Association de Lutte Contre le Sida (ALCS) to introduce *Speaking Out* to regional players, including important regional funders of the HIV response (UNAIDS, Global Fund, etc). It is hoped these conversations will lead to more formal discussions for partnerships and synergies as *Speaking Out* moves into phase 2 in 2012.

### Honduras

MSMGF Program Associate, Omar Baños conducted a site visit in Honduras to meet with partner organization Asociación Kukulcan and other stakeholders in late June. The site visit provided the opportunity to have face-to-face meetings with staff working on the toolkit adaption to address any questions about the material or the preparation process for the TOT. Kukulcan also facilitated meetings with representatives from the UNAIDS country office and the Global Fund Principal Recipient Director to introduce the advocacy project.

Kukulcan submitted the first iteration of the adapted toolkit in July. This draft was reviewed and returned to Kukulcan with comments. Based on this first draft, Kukulcan began planning for the TOT scheduled for October 24-28 in Honduras. As part of the preparation phase, Kukulcan has tailored the TOT, recruited 16 participants and has finalized all logistics for the TOT.

### Vietnam

MSMGF Program Associate, Omar Baños conducted a site visit in Ho Chi Minh City to meet with partner organization GLink and other stakeholders in late June. The site visit provided the opportunity to have face-to-face meeting with the project's local consultant and staff working on the toolkit adaption to address any questions about the material or preparation process for the TOT. Baños also met with the UNAIDS Partnership Advisor to address questions about the project and future activities.

GLink submitted a first draft of the adapted toolkit in Vietnamese in September. A local consultant also tailored the TOT for 15 participants. Partners worked to finalize logistical preparation for the TOT during the months of August and September. During those two months, GLink recruited 15 participants, secured the space for the TOT and provided support

to the principle local consultant who will facilitate the training, scheduled to take place in late October.

### **MSMGF Support Various Project Activities and Conferences in Latin America**

MSMGF Program Associate, Omar Baños participated in, supported and provided technical assistance to various projects, conferences and activities to partners in the Latin American region, including:

- *amfAR's MSM Initiative for Latin America*  
Baños was invited to serve on a technical panel review for amfAR's MSM Initiative. His duties included reviewing a total of 18 proposals, providing technical feedback and offering recommendations for funding. The technical review panel met in Lima, Peru.
- *ASICAL MSM Regional Consultation*  
Baños attended a 5-day regional consultation organized by ASICAL in Lima, Peru.
- *Mexico's National HIV/AIDS Conference*  
In July, Baños also attended Mexico's National HIV/AIDS Conference and gave a plenary talk on new HIV prevention technologies and their implications for MSM.

### **MSMGF Hosts Bishop Christopher Senyonjo and Reverend Albert Ogle**

Pioneering Ugandan LGBT human rights activist Bishop Christopher Senyonjo and Rev. Albert Ogle met with key leadership at the MSMGF Oakland offices on September 2, 2011. Joined by a range of other advocates from the San Francisco Bay Area, including Ben Plumley (Pangaea) and Anne-Christine D'adesky (journalist/advocate/consultant), the wide-ranging discussion covered issues of the faith-based response to HIV and the need for secular and faith-based integration to combat stigma, discrimination, and homophobia. Overall, much synergy was evident surrounding the need to provide education and advocacy on LGBT rights, including "changing hearts and minds" toward evidence-informed, rights-based approaches to HIV and human rights. MSMGF Steering Committee members highlighted the impact of the faith-based response, particularly the Christian movement, as a critical factor in MSM and HIV policy and implementation at our 2011 meeting in Amsterdam. This meeting was a good first step to exploring and understanding this issue further.

### **MSMGF Helps Plan the Compass to Compassion Conference**

The MSMGF participated in planning a two-day conference on faith-based issues and LGBT human rights coinciding with the end of Bishop Senyonjo's 3 month tour of the U.S. The *Compass to Compassion* conference took place October 11-12 at Union Seminary in New York City. The MSMGF helped to assemble and then facilitated a panel on HIV issues, featuring keynote speaker Dan Baer (Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor); Julia Greenberg (the Fremont Center); Cheikh Traore (UNDP); Phillip Moeller (World Bank); and Ifeanyi Orazulike (International Center for Advocacy on Rights to Health (ICARH)). Featured speakers included Val Kalende (LGBT human rights activist, Uganda)

and Jeff Sharlet (author of “the Family”). The meeting provided critical updates on the LGBT rights work of the U.S. State Department, insight into key players, as well as possible strategic coalition work with faith-based communities on LGBT rights going forward.

### **MSMGF Hosts HIV Policy Summer Internship at its Headquarters in Oakland California**

The MSMGF offered a short-term summer internship in global HIV policy to Karla Bacayan, a law student based in California. Bacayan researched the impact of criminalization on global AIDS responses and in particular assessed the effects of criminalization on reporting of MSM-related data at the country-level.

### **MSMGF Launches HIV Drug Chart in Seven Languages**

The MSMGF launched an online HIV drug chart in September. The HIV drug chart is designed to provide updated basic medical information on HIV drugs for people living with HIV. It is unique in the sense that it is the only up-to-date drug chart available in seven languages. This addresses a severe gap in easily accessible HIV drug information in Portuguese, Chinese, Arabic and Russian.

### **MSMGF Gets Press Coverage**

From June 8 – October 15, the MSMGF issued five press releases and four statements. In total, the MSMGF was the subject of 60 media hits; of these hits, 50 were in English, six were in Spanish, two were in French, one was in Chinese and one was in Vietnamese. All materials are listed below.

#### Press Releases

*New Report Shows Major AIDS Funders Fail to Track Investments for Gay Men and Transgender People*  
9 August 2011

*Global Survey of Men Who Have Sex with Men Shows Widespread Lack of Access to HIV Services, Little Knowledge of PrEP*  
12 July 2011

*MSMGF Welcomes First-Ever WHO Guidelines on HIV Prevention for Men Who Have Sex with Men and Transgender People*  
21 June 2011

*For First Time, UN Political Declaration on AIDS Addresses HIV among Men Who Have Sex with Men*  
10 June 2011

*At AIDS Summit, UN Must Focus on Key Populations and Human Rights to Meet Goal of Zero New Infections*  
8 June 2011

## Statements

*MSMGF Launches HIV Drug Chart in Seven Languages*  
20 September 2011

*New Translations Available!*  
2 August 2011

*MSMGF Announces New Collaborative Blog on MSM and HIV*  
27 June 2011

*MSMGF Urges UN Member States to Support Resolution on Human Rights, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Identity*  
15 June 2011  
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## **MSMGF Facilitates Global Information Exchange**

Between June 8 and October 15, the MSMGF identified 962 new articles on the health and human rights of MSM around the world and uploaded them to the MSMGF's searchable online database. These articles were circulated through the MSMGF's Eblast in all seven target languages as well as the MSMGF's Twitter channels.

The MSMGF also sent 25 direct announcements to MSMGF members to ensure advocates around the world were aware of key advocacy opportunities in their regions and beyond. These communications were sent to different segments of the MSMGF network depending on members' language and focus area. When appropriate, the MSMGF invests in translating these announcements to connect non-English speaking advocates with important opportunities they might otherwise be unable to access. The full list of announcements can be found below:

*Join the global effort toward ICD reform and trans\* depathologization!*

12 October 2011

*MSM and Treatment 2.0: Webinar Recording Now Available!*

11 October 2011

*Webinar on PEPFAR MSM Guidance: Recording Now Available!*

10 October 2011

*¡Ayuda al Fondo Global a mejorar los servicios de VIH para HSH!*

4 October 2011

*New Webinar! Expand HIV Services for MSM through PEPFAR!*

29 September 2011

*MSMGF Five-Year Strategic Plan: Your Input Wanted!*

27 September 2011

*Conférence de lutte contre le sida - WASHINGTON 2012*

22 September 2011

*David Kato Vision & Voice Award: Nominations Now Open!*

19 September 2011

*Webinar Announcement: Treatment 2.0 - What MSM Need to Know About Recent Changes*

15 September 2011

*Help Shape the Program of the 5th MSM Pre-Conference at AIDS 2012 in Washington, DC!*

12 September 2011

(English, French, Russian, Spanish)

*Opportunity to Suggest Plenary Speakers for AIDS 2012!*

9 September 2011

*Help the Global Fund improve HIV services for MSM!*

31 August 2011

*Call for Applications: Scholarships for Africans to attend IRMA's Project ARM Meeting*

18 August 2011

*MSM at the Global Fund Partnership Forum*

17 August 2011

*Request for Input: Priorities for amfAR in Africa*

11 August 2011

(English, French)

*Reminder - Upcoming Deadline: Submissions for High Income Countries Dialogue on HIV and the Law*

3 August 2011

(English, French)

*New Translations Available for MSM Healthcare Primer and Global Prevention Survey*

2 August

(Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish)

*Save the Date: MSM Pre-Conference at AIDS 2012*

25 July 2011

*Survey Opportunity from Mapping Pathways*

29 June 2011

*Call for Submissions: Regional Dialogue on HIV and the Law for the Middle East and North Africa*  
27 June 2011  
(Arabic, English)

*MSMGF Announces New Collaborative Blog on MSM and HIV!*  
27 June 2011

*Invitation for Dinner and Strategy Session in São Paulo*  
22 June 2011

*Invitation to MSM and Transgender People: Your Input Needed at the Global Fund!*  
20 June 2011

*UN Human Rights Council Passes First-Ever Resolution on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity*  
17 June 2011

*Action Alert: UN to vote on sexual orientation / gender identity resolution this Friday!*  
14 June 2011

### **MSMGF Provides Translation Support Expanding Reach of Survey Opportunity**

The MSMGF provided translation for the International Rectal Microbicide Advocates' Rectal Douching and Enema survey. The survey is now available in Chinese, English, French and Russian.

### **MSMGF Website Receives 18% Increase in Daily Visits**

From June 8 – October 15, the MSMGF website received a total of 25,495 visits, of which 18,049 were absolute unique visitors. The average number of visits a day was 198. This is an 18% increase in daily visits over the average for the previous quarter (168). During the current quarter, the majority of visits came from the United States (6,491), followed by China (1,517), Brazil (1,392), Canada (1,116), the United Kingdom (1,056), India (776), Australia (632), Russia (578), France (553), and Mexico (472). Segmenting by language, the majority of visits occurred in English (16,368), followed by Spanish (1,903), Chinese (1,722), Portuguese (1,543), French (1,406), Russian (991), and Arabic (395). The total of number of page views during this period was 80,145.

### **MSMGF Gains More than 300 New Members**

From June 8 – October 15, the MSMGF gained 302 new members from 95 different countries, bringing the total membership to 2,585. Of the new members that joined during this period, 55% are from the Global South (167) and 45% are from the Global North (135). Segmenting by region, the majority of new members are from Western Europe, Northern Europe and North

America (118), followed by Sub-Saharan Africa (41), Asia (39), Oceania (30), Central Europe (12), Latin America (12), Caribbean (11), Eastern Europe (10), and the Middle East (9).

In terms of language, 66% of members joining during this period use the website in English (204), and 33% use the website in languages other than English (98). Segmenting by non-English languages, the majority of members signed up to use the website in Spanish (25), followed by French (20), Chinese (16), Russian (10), Arabic (9), and Portuguese (6). Twelve new members specified languages other than the seven languages supported by the MSMGF platform.

### **MSMGF on Facebook**

From June 8 - October 15, the MSMGF's Facebook page received 62,143 post views and 224 pieces of post feedback from visitors. During this period, 170 new people "Liked" the page, bringing the page's total number of Likes to 1889. Average number of monthly active users for this period was 822.

### **MSMGF on Twitter**

As of October 15, the MSMGF had sent out 1,541 tweets and accumulated 618 followers.