Future perspectives for quality improvement activities

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Introduction

• Prevention continues to play a major role in the HIV response
• Great progress has been made in the biomedical approaches to prevention. However, they are complex interventions that demand high quality implementation.
• ‘How do we know what works’ – conference title in 2008 - remains crucial.
How do we know what works – the first quality assurance conference in the field

- Organised by BZgA and WHO Regional Office for Europe
- 80 participants from 20 countries
- Follow up:
  - Collecting existing QA/QI instruments from the HIV and general health promotion field
  - Establishing a coordinating body
  - Awareness raising for quality in HIV prevention (workshops, roadshows, capacity building etc.)
  - Capacity building
  - Establishing a strong exchange between government and non-government organisations
The foundation of IQ HIV

• Coordinating body: Federal Centre for Health Education, WHO Regional Office for Europe and AIDS Action Europe

• Collection and adaptation of tools to the field of HIV prevention

• Workshops to familiarize a group of experts with the tools

• Roadshows and workshops at national and international conferences

• Organisation of a follow up conference in Berlin 2012
Preparing for an EU project

• IQ HIV with the support of the German Ministry of Health advocated for an EU project

• In 2012 concrete preparations started
  – A working plan was drafted
  – Partners were brought on board
  – Complex negotiations were held
  – Political and financial support was secured.

• 2013: Start of the Joint Action
And now?

• IQ HIV – the launch pad of the Joint Action - is ready to be the home to the activities that have defined the Joint Action.

• IQ HIV has resumed its activities and is prepared to help ensure the continuation of the Joint Action’s successes and look to the future.

• It is the existing network for quality in HIV prevention.
What comes next?

• IQ HIV should define specific goals for the next period. Options include:
  • Promoting the Joint Action’s policy kit
  • Ensure the adoption of the Joint Action’s Charter
  • Establish and foster linkages to countries, institutions and national organisations – continue strengthening and expanding the network
  • Continue exploring the role of participation in QI
  • Promote the use of ‘Shift‘ for national and regional programmes
  • Do advocacy for Quality improvement
  • Revisiting ‘doing the right things right‘ and focus on the ‘right things‘ – work on Standards