

HDT becomes the secretariat for Men Engage Network in Tanzania.

As HDT re-focusses its work on maternal child health; a key area that will contribute to improvement of maternal child health is engaging men as partner in the health of mothers and children. To this end with the support of CHAMPION (*Channeling Men's Positive Involvement in a National HIV/AIDS Response*) an Engender health project, Men Engage network has been established. CHAMPION goal is to promote a national dialogue about men's roles and to increase gender equity, hence reduce the vulnerability of men, women, and children to HIV and other adverse Reproductive Health outcomes.



CHAMPION has five overarching project objectives:

1. To promote partner reduction and fidelity and reduce high-risk behaviors,
2. To create an enabling environment that promotes positive social norms including fidelity, non-violence, and respect for healthy relationships,
3. To promote positive health-seeking behavior and men's participation in clinical health services,
4. To mobilize workplace environments to advance gender equity and constructive male engagement in HIV prevention and reproductive health promotion,
5. To develop strategies for strengthening national, regional, and district laws and policies to engage men in HIV prevention and reduce the risk of both men and women.

MenEngage Tanzania (MET) is a network of about 26 organizations (national and international) and envisages strengthening the accessibility of health services to promote men as partners in gender equity, HIV prevention, and improved reproductive health outcomes. The network seeks stimulate dialogue and collaboration among partners to influence the development of the national policy agenda on health service delivery for men and women together as partners. HDT is the secretariat to the network; where by it hosts network meetings, undertakes specific advocacy events for engaging men, engages Kinondoni councilors, the reproductive health unit of ministry of health and supports other local NGOs in advocacy on engaging men.

HDT believes that by engaging in MenEngage network¹, it will contribute to increasing the number of men who accompany their wives to clinic for PMTCT and ordinary antenatal clinic as well as those who go to test for HIV together. Did you know that?

- Only 21 pregnant women in each 100 had their male partner tested for HIV?
- Only 3 in 100 women attending PMTCT were accompanied by their partners?

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¹ MenEngage Network is composed of 26 members (2 Government Institutions, 12 INGOs and 12 LNGOs)