Fragile states: boosting community systems for an effective HIV response

What role can communities and the community health workforce play in improving access to HIV services in fragile states?

Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided
About this event
Strengthening the HIV response in fragile states is imperative and remains a significant challenge to progress towards meeting the HIV prevention and treatment targets. Populations living in fragile states often experience public health consequences exacerbated by population displacement, food scarcity, and the collapse of basic health services, which ultimately often give rise to complex humanitarian emergencies.

While many fragile states are supported through international humanitarian agencies there has been limited success to date in initiating locally-led responses to HIV and building long-term capacity. Communities and the community health workforce, including volunteers, refugees, and people living with HIV represent a sustainable and critical resource to work with the formal health system in linking clients to available HIV services, mobilizing communities and reaching hard to reach populations.

This satellite meeting will discuss the role of communities and the community health workforce in the HIV context and response in fragile state.

Moderated by
- Dr Tonya Nyagiro, Head, HIV/AIDS and TB Unit, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

Speakers
- Ms Miriam Maluwa, Chief, Office of Security & Humanitarian Affairs, UNAIDS
- Dr Sathyanarayanan Doraiswamy, Senior HIV and Reproductive Health Coordinator, UNHCR
- International HIV/AIDS Alliance
- Dr Syed Jamal Shah, Health Coordinator, IFRC Pakistan

Invited speakers will share case studies, experiences and operational models that are sustainable, cost-effective, culturally appropriate and innovative.

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