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The Role of Advocacy in Implementing and Sustaining Infection Prevention/Injection Safety Programs in Zambia

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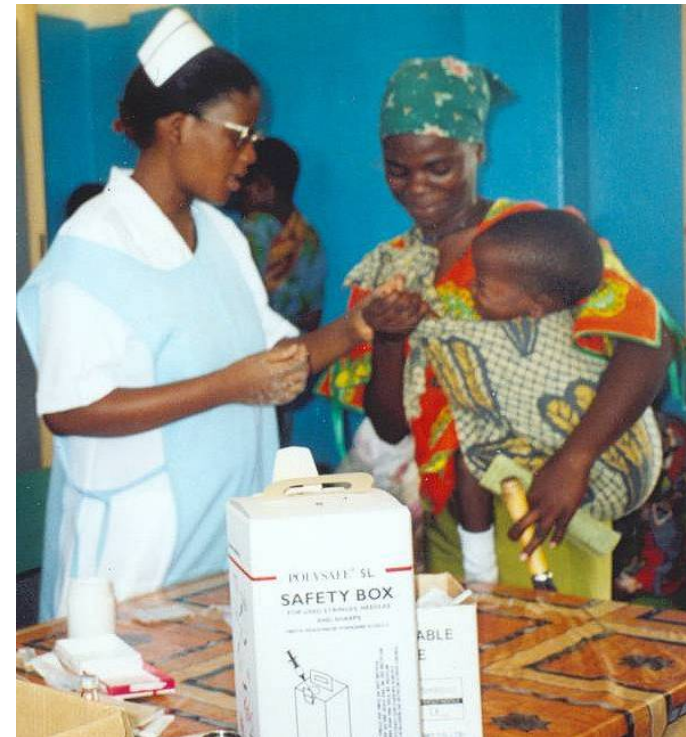
- 1. Describe advocacy strategies and approaches used by MISP**
- 2. Discuss the results of the strategy at both national and local levels**
- 3. Share lessons learned**



Medical Injection Safety Project Background

Project Goals & Objectives:

To prevent the medical transmission of HIV/AIDS through improved infection prevention and injection safety practices and behaviors.





Introduction to Project Strategies

- ***To achieve project goals, MISP relies on changing behaviors and/or decisions made at National, District, and Facility levels.***
- ***Support can be won through advocacy***
 - In resource-limited settings advocacy plays a major role in sustainability of infection prevention and injection safety programs. IP/IS programs consequently require careful planning and regular monitoring.



Advocacy Strategy (National Level)

- Garner political commitment in support of IP and waste management policies and guidelines
- Strengthen MOH National IP Working Group
- Develop MOU with the MOH on commodity procurement and distribution
- Increase supportive supervision visits in collaboration with PHO and DHOs



Advocacy Strategy (District/Facility Level)

- Increase support by management
- Continue training of healthcare providers
- Promote inclusion of IP/IS activities and commodities in action plans and through dedicated personnel
- Disseminate IP and waste management guidelines
- Review procurement of IP/IS commodities
- Supportive supervision





Selected Results

- Signed MOU with MOH for commodity procurement and distribution
- Supported IP/IS (4 day) training for 600 providers in 38 districts and orientations for 286 facility administrators
- Provincial and District health offices incorporated IP/IS into supportive supervision visits
- DHMTs/Hospital management developed and produced IP/IS guidelines (PEP, waste management)
- Appointed IP/IS facility coordinators and formed committees
- Procured supplies and included IP/IS issues in their budgets and action plans



Leveraging Resources

- Christian Hospital Association of Zambia – providing IP/IS commodity support (using project guidelines/training)
- Environmental Council of Zambia – finalizing the development of HCW management guidelines
- Zambia National Response to HIV/AIDS – funding the printing and dissemination process for HCW management guidelines



Challenges to Sustainability

- Finalization, dissemination, reinforcement of policies
- Continued inclusion of IP/IS activities in National/District action plans with associated funding
- Facilitating additional stakeholders buy-in to IP/IS
- IP/IS topics continually updated in the pre-service curricula and strengthening in-service programs
- NIPWG activities being funded and supported by MOH and other stakeholders
- Incorporation of IP/IS indicators in the national HMIS system



Lessons Learned

- Training front line health care providers coupled with supportive supervision is key
 - Provision of adequate supplies, information, and dedicated staff is essential too!
- Advocacy leads to better management support of IP/IS activities
- Active and consistent advocacy for IP/IS by DHMTs results in greater incorporation of IP/IS activities (on-the-job training, clinical demonstration sessions, and supportive supervisory visits) and budgeting



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- Appointed IP/IS focal person
- Revitalized IP committee
- UTH management lobbied for a construction of a new incinerator
- Continued purchase of personal protective equipments especially for maids
- Produced and started utilizing PEP protocols
- Started IP/IS demonstrations in all departments so far with 253 Health care providers
- Continued purchase of IP/IS commodities



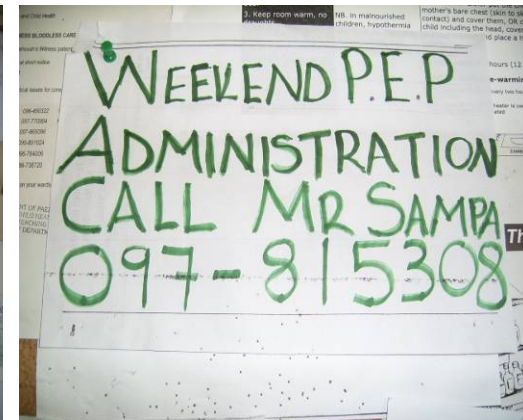
New and bigger capacity incinerator



UTH director Dr. P.Mwaba (in a black suit) presenting a certificate to a participant after a HCW management training



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