



Uganda Key Populations Consortium

**Virtual Validation Meeting
on Operational Framework**

**Wednesday,
September 30th, 2020**



Virtual Validation Meeting on Operational Framework Report

Introduction & Background

For close to four (4) months now, Uganda Key Populations Consortium (UKPC) has been in the process of developing an Operation Framework that will streamline the operations of the organization. To achieve this, a consultant was hired to oversee the process and as a result, conducted interviews with selected organizations that led to the first sharing of the draft on September 10th, 2020 with the UKPC Steering Committee members where feedback was provided.

As a follow up, a second meeting was held on September 30th to share the revised document with inputs from member organizations and validate the report. This meeting was attended by 68 representatives from the different UKPC member organizations.

Objectives of the validation meeting.

1. To share and validate the revised Operational Framework
2. To address any other matters arising from the revised framework

Activity methodology

1. **Sending email invitations.** To ensure participation is inclusive, an email invitation was sent to UKPC member organizations via the list serve and Whatsapp group. The email included the dates, time and purpose of the meeting. This gave an overview of the meeting thereby allowing participants to prepare way ahead of time.
2. **Inviting the consultant to prepare a presentation.** The consultant that has been overseeing the operational framework development process, was invited to make a presentation to the group to ensure that sharing initial feedback on the framework, had been incorporated into the validated version. The invitation was responded to in affirmative and presented in the meeting.
3. **Conducting the validation meeting.** The meeting was then held on September 30th and 68 representatives from the different UKPC member organizations took part in the process where they shared thoughts about the framework.

Key areas of the Operational Framework

Purpose of the framework

In the meeting, the purpose of the framework was discussed. It (purpose) provides guidance on UKPC's main internal operating policies and procedures. These, specifically are; written instructions that describe the composition and structure of the UKPC, key systems and activities of the consortium and clarification and instructions for all members and stakeholders involved with the UKPC on effective management and governance practices.

UKPC's Mission

UKPC's mission is a very key driving force in ensuring that we reach many key populations stakeholders in the country and beyond. Our mission was shared in the meeting and it is

A Uganda where Key Populations have secured full realization of their health and human rights, as evidenced by the legal and policy framework of the country.

Discussions about UKPC's Objectives

The objectives laid out in the framework are

1. To coordinate and amplify the voices of key populations in Uganda on issues related to the right to health, and funding for effective health service delivery
2. To mobilise and facilitate efficient and accountable use of resources that support interventions of KPs on HIV/AIDs, sexual and reproductive health rights(SRHR), and other aspects of health rights
3. To facilitate networking and coordination amongst its membership and between its members and key stakeholders
4. To foster effective information sharing and communication on key issues of common concern

UKPC's Values

- **Diversity:** UKPC respects and values all individuals, and recognizes that understanding and appreciating the diversity of KPs will result in more effective actions
- **Empowerment:** UKPC understands empowerment as the process of becoming stronger and more confident, especially in controlling one's life and claiming one's rights. Through its activities, the consortium seeks to contribute to the empowerment of KPs in all parts of Uganda
- **Accountability:** UKPC emphasizes accountability at various levels including to its members, to its partners and for the effective use of all resources entrusted to the consortium
- **Participation:** UKPC values the participation of all its members, and believes in the importance of active, informed and voluntary involvement of people in decision-making and the life of their communities.

Feedback from the member organizations

1. Participants were very positive of the process so far. There was a general positive attitude towards the establishment of structures for UKPC and many were eager to see how best they can be involved to support the process.

Areas of contention.

1. Subscription of members. A concern rose about how much fees and how often, should be paid by member organizations as subscription fees. Suggested fees for annual subscriptions stood at UGX 100,000, UGX 300,000, UGX 500,000 and UGX 1,000,000. A vote/Doodle Poll was shared and most member organizations went for UGX 100,000.