

Misconceptions and stigma

- **At different levels:**

- Service provider – healthcare professionals
- Community – to improve support services
- Patient – to improve their understanding of their affliction

Short term goal: do a systematic review of KAP and other studies

- scales of stigma and other instruments available in literature
- Form an alliance to formalise these issues

Long term goal:

More data is needed from NGOs, CBOs, political leaders, healers, Village health workers, religious institutions, patient records, health professionals experiences

Different methodologies: qualitative data, survey data, patient records

Context specific sensitisations at different levels

Recommendations

- Training for healthcare providers to include stigma reduction in consultations
- Providing information at community level
- Dissemination of research to the community and to healthcare providers
- Combining treatment programmes (EP and oncho)
- Improving treatment gap!!
- Improving the overall health system!

Target group

- International community, pharmaceuticals, researchers
- Clinics need trained social workers and psychologists to support the patients at clinic and community level
- Outreach services
- Lobby the policy makers, MoH, MPs, pharmaceuticals

Sexual and Gender Based Violence- Recommendations

- Explore and strengthen family support system
- Professionals have to evaluate best procedure: traditional and modern mechanism of punishment e.g. incest within family
- Institutional support- parents and professionals work together
- Government support rehabilitation, group homes e.g Hope for Humans
- Community involvement- parents take turns in care taking
- Sensitizing the whole community that there are people at risk
- Informing about rights
- Strengthening community conflict resolution strategies
- Telephone hotlines, WhatsApp groups
- Strategies to improve livelihoods
- Incorporate community liaison focal persons for effective reporting and record keeping
- Further context specific research is needed at different levels and methods i.e qualitative and quantitative, systematic reviews