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**ADVOCACY IN ADVANCING PREVENTION TECHNOLOGIES FOR SEXUAL AND
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH**

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ISSUES

The number of men and women in their reproductive age still getting infected with sexually transmitted infections, HIV infections, and re infections is on the increase in rural Kibwezi Kenya in recent months despite having heard or come across existing prevention options. Early and unwanted pregnancies are also on the increase.

DESCRIPTION

SAFUA CBO was started, as a support group for women and men living with HIV and Jacinta Mulatya is the chairperson and counselor.

SAFUA is involved in prevention and advocacy work, presently Behavior Change Communication, scaling up CT access among the youth, especially females and older OVC.

SAFUA is an advocate of AMAG and GCM. We are also advocates of IRMA.

Jacinta is involved in Microbicides advocacy training the community on HIV, STI prevention, and family planning options by visiting organized groups and referring clients to existing service provider in the region.

Members share experiences on existing options and a general expression of not accessing sufficient information aired.

LESSONS LEARNED

For existing and new prevention options to work best, advocacy skills need enhancing and support by all involved. Availability of existing tools would play a big role in making advocacy a big success, hence improved sexual reproductive health.

CHALLENGES

Stigma related to some of the existing prevention tools is still evident in rural setups necessitating more advocacy than before.

CONCLUSION

More advocacy is crucial to adequately support sexual reproductive health in ways that are detrimental to global health.