

Inclusion of LGBTQI+ in MSF health settings

Project Summary

Problem

MSF is working with LGBTQI+ population in many settings where they face harassment, violence, legal and societal discrimination and exclusion, and high levels of stigmatization against the community. Additionally, there is also a significant knowledge gap and often cultural or religious bias when LGBTQI+ self identified persons seek healthcare.

Proposed Solution

Reduce barriers to appropriate and dignified healthcare by transforming how LGBTQI+ patients are welcomed and treated in MSF health projects through increased organizational literacy and competencies. Develop multiple tools for field use and training modules for medical providers, leveraging best practices and other MSF models.



Potential Impact

- Directly addresses stigmatization and discrimination against the LGBTQI+ community
- Improves health care outcomes through improved health seeking behavior.

Viability

- Adapts learnings from Safe Abortion Care Task Force and Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities TIC.
- Applying patient-centered-care approach

Risk Mitigation

- Uses a test-and-learn approach with two waves of pilot testing, incorporating feedback into the design

Scalability

- Ensures learning content/training materials can be easily adopted by other MSF Operational Centers and Sections.

Area/Type: MRD; Incubator

Sponsor/Support: OCA, support: MSF Rainbow Network, MSF Brazil, USA, SA and UK

Length/Project Status: 12 months; **ONGOING**