AN OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY, RIGHTS, AND GENDER (CRG)

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WHAT ARE HUMAN RIGHTS?

Human rights are basic rights and freedoms inherent to all human beings; i.e.,:

- Everyone is entitled to their human rights by virtue of being human
- These rights can never be taken away same way that being human can never be taken away from any individual
- Every human being has equal human rights, regardless of race, sex, nationality, ethnicity, language, religion, or any other status

In relation to health, many international human rights laws and instruments guarantee the right to health, including the right to potable food and water, housing, adequate sanitation, safe working and environmental conditions, and health-related education and information.

The Global Fund supports programs that address human rights barriers to ensure that countries can control their epidemics, scale up, and sustain their gains while ensuring that human rights of those most affected are protected and promoted. It suggests ways to reduce human rights-related barriers to health services, including through:

- Reducing stigma and discrimination
- Training health care providers on human rights and medical ethics
- Sensitizing lawmakers and law enforcement agents
- Reducing discrimination against women and transpeople
- Legal literacy and/or services
- Monitoring and reform of relevant laws, regulations and policies

Examples of human rights interventions:

Asia-Pacific: *Training TB and HIV Activists to Document Human Rights Violations in TB Responses*
India: *People Living with HIV (PLHIV) Successfully Advocating for Universal Access to Antiretroviral Treatment*

Reference: Global Fund - Human Rights https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/human-rights/

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