

Positive Motherhood

Opportunities and challenges of HIV prevention, treatment and care

Evaluation of the Conference, 26 April, 2007

Overall impression:	Yes			no
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1. Were you satisfied with the content of the conference?	11	5	1	-
2. Did you gain new insights?	10	17	-	-
3. Was the conference useful?	10	17	-	-
Inputs in the morning: How do you evaluate the presentations?	Good			insufficient
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4. Claudia Kessler	12	3	-	-
5. Marleen Dermaut	8	5	1	-
6. Lida Lhotska	14	3	-	-
7. Saskia Walentowitz	6	7	2	-
Working Groups:	Yes			no
8. Did you appreciate the lively discussions and sharing?	9	3	-	-
9. Could you contribute to the discussion?	5	9	-	-
10. Do you support the Declaration of Commitment "Towards a future generation without HIV and AIDS"	Yes			no
	14	1	-	-

11. Personal commitments:

Most of the participants feel personally committed take the discussion on positive motherhood, vertical HIV transmission and related issues into their field of work, e.g. in order "to create awareness of the topic and surrounding problems", "to take more into consideration the child perspective of the issue of vertical transmission", "to take the lessons learnt into the PSS approach", "to share the commitment with the commission", to "continue the work of advocacy and awareness raising within the field where we work as well as in Switzerland", and "to lobby with SDC and beyond".

12. Take home messages:

The take home messages are more varied. Some are quite concrete, such as "I have to work on infant feeding", "the importance (=imperative) of maintaining a regimen for exclusive breastfeeding during at least 6 months", or "often women do not have a choice but just a decision". Other take home messages are more philosophical and general, e.g. "Keep on in humility doing what is possible in the face of an overwhelming and highly complex tragedy", "Solidarity is needed on an international level to bring further the affected societies in order to improve their situation", or "Local culture and western ideas have to be function together in order to be successful".

14. General comments (What else I wanted to say):

Comments on content of the conference: "Very informative", "Much richer in content than last year!", "The title „positive motherhood“ implies much more than what the theme of the conference was", and "Lack of input/views of the South and a more resource oriented approach, lack of the political dimension".

Comments on (working on) the Declaration: "Discussions about the Declaration takes too much time (group and plenary)", "Working on declaration in working group was not what I expected. Would have appreciated much more to have the opportunity to go more in depth in the workshop topic", and "The Declaration is an interesting tool – now we need to have a concrete strategy in order to implement this tool!"

Comments on the aidsfocus.ch platform: "Excellent platform for exchanging and learning", and "I have the impression that the platform is becoming more concrete/proactive"

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