

## Socio-political context of HIV response and suicide prevention among disadvantaged men: challenge for promoting public health



Dear colleagues:

Globally, the risk of HIV infection is disproportionately higher among men, especially among racialised men and gender and sexual minority (GSM) people. This has been attributed to a number of cross-cutting factors related to the social determinants of health e.g. systemic discrimination, material deprivation, environmental factors, unemployment/occupational stress. In addition to the direct impacts on physical health, HIV/AIDS is associated with a wide range of psychosocial challenges that can exacerbate the health outcomes and treatment efficacy. Men living with HIV/AIDS are also at higher risk of experiencing psychological problems including self-harm behaviour such as suicidal ideation and attempt. Against the backdrop of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the situation of HIV is becoming further compounded due to increased competition for healthcare resources at individual, community and national levels. The situation is extremely challenging and requires quality research data to make evidence-based policy and decision making.

With that in mind, we are launching this special issue tentatively titled "sociopolitical contexts of HIV response and suicide prevention among men". The special issue welcomes both original and review articles investigating the sociodemographic and structural risk factors for HIV transmission and self-harm behaviour. Submissions that focus on establishing a link between HIV and suicide and other self-harm behaviour are particularly welcome.

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