Aging and Family care in the Age of HIV

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The macro-situation

- Role of older people as carers remaining in ART era

- Little recognition of HIV in older people: *Minding the Gap- HelpAge International*

- Limited access to health services by and for older people
Aging and transformations in family care in the context of HIV

- Longitudinal perspective needed to understand consequences of HIV for older people

- Older people embedded in broader family care relations. Issues of mobility and monetisation of care relations.

- Mutuality of care relations, transformations in notions of family care.
Older people’s role in filling gaps in family care

- Triple and intertwined care role: patients (also on ART), orphans, themselves
- Older men versus older women distinctively different roles in family care
- Accessing treatment (Caring for HIV + grandchildren and issues of forgetfulness, money for transport, ability to move) Skovdal et.al 2011
Gaps in family care for older people

- Support for care giving tasks limited.

Interventions and Family Care


- Home-based care interventions, different forms, but roll-out limited

- Psycho-social interventions
Aging and Care over time

- Global aging and changing dependency ratios in families
- Aging and care over time (care for grandchildren, fears for losing strength and health)
- Aging with HIV: accessing drugs, issues with ART on the older body (AIDS fonds study on Aging with HIV in the Netherlands)