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Role of Faith-based and Community Initiatives in HIV/AIDS Programs: Gender and HIV/AIDS

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Gender...

- Refers to the economic, social, and political attributes, constraints and opportunities associated with being male or female.
- The social definitions of what it means to be a man or a woman vary among cultures, within cultures (by ethnic group, religion, region) and by age.
- Affects women/girls' and men/boys' vulnerability to HIV and ability to mitigate the impact of the disease

Two-pronged Approach to Addressing Gender:

1. Gender Integration in all technical areas: prevention, care and treatment

Guided by two key questions –

- a) How do women's and men's norms, roles and relations affect a program's ability to achieve its intended results?
- b) How does a program's implementation and results affect men and women?

- Five strategic areas of focus

Five Strategic Areas of Focus:

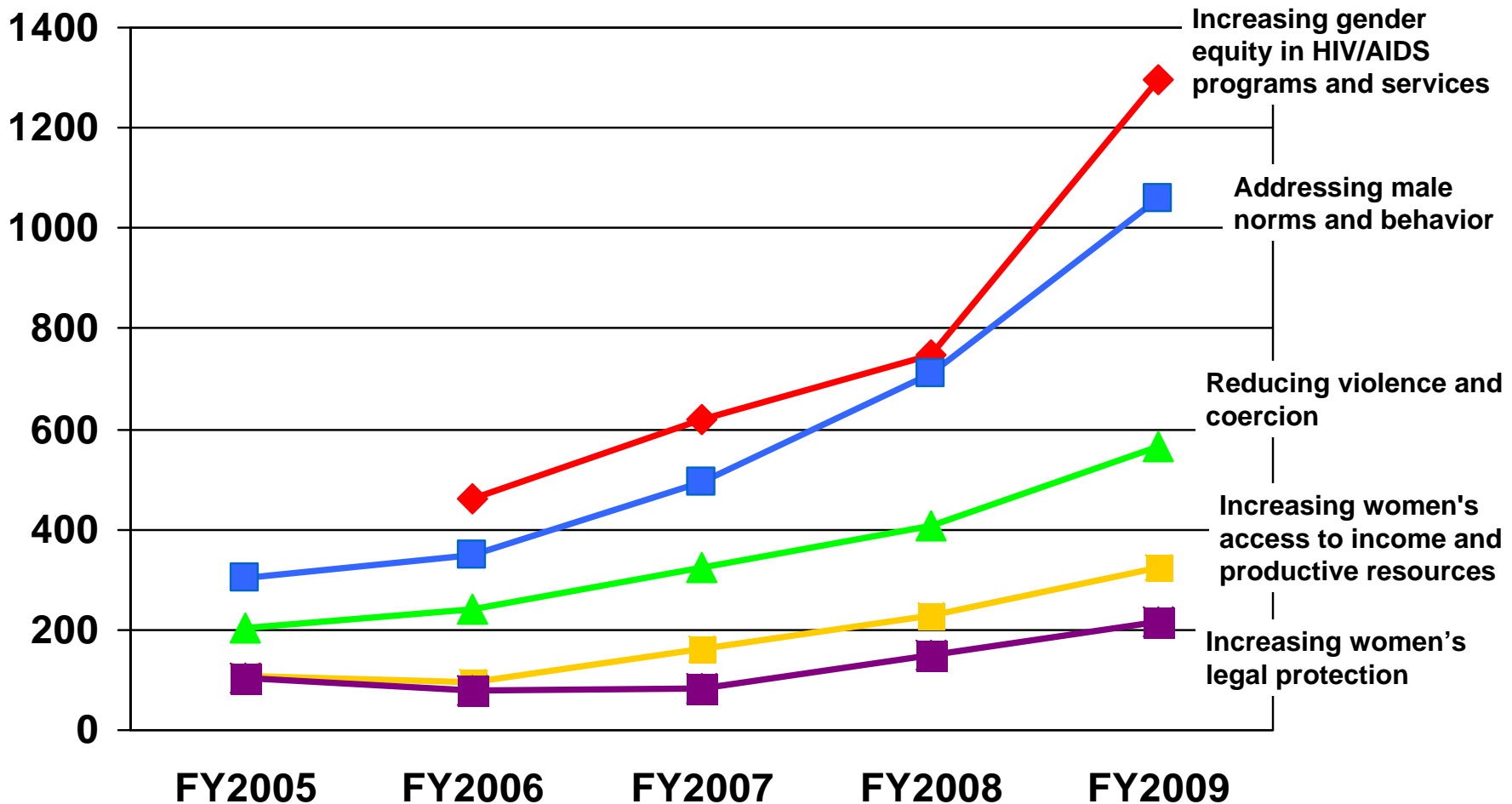
- ▶ Increasing gender equity in HIV/AIDS activities and services
- ▶ Addressing male norms and behavior
- ▶ Reducing violence and coercion
- ▶ Increasing women's and girls' access to income and productive resources
- ▶ Increasing women's legal rights and protection



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PEPFAR Gender Strategies

Number of COP activities* that include a gender focus area



* Among the 15 focus countries

AIDSTAR-One: www.aidstar-one.com

Integrating Multiple Gender Strategies to Improve HIV and AIDS Interventions: A Compendium of Programs in Africa

USAID Interagency Gender Working Group:

<http://www.igwg.org/>

USAID Office of Women in Development:

http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/cross-cutting_programs/wid/

UNAIDS

www.unaids.org/en/PolicyAndPractice/Gender/default.asp