

Developing Practical Evaluation Indicators for Programs Led by People Living With HIV and People Who Use Drugs

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Objectives

- Develop a standard list of practical evaluation indicators that are:
 - Tailored to the unique needs and functions of peer-led programs and organisations
 - Deemed useful from the perspective of PLHIV and PWUD peer staff and program funders

Background

- Peer-led responses are a vital part of the overall health response to HIV.
- Despite their importance, peer-led organisations and programs often find it difficult to demonstrate the full impact and value of their work.
- The W3 Framework defines 4 W3 Functions (engagement, alignment, adaptation, and influence), which are the core roles or purposes fulfilled by effective peer work.
- We worked with national peak and state peer-led PLHIV and PWUD organisations to develop organisation- and program-level evaluation indicators against each of the W3 Functions.

W3 Functions

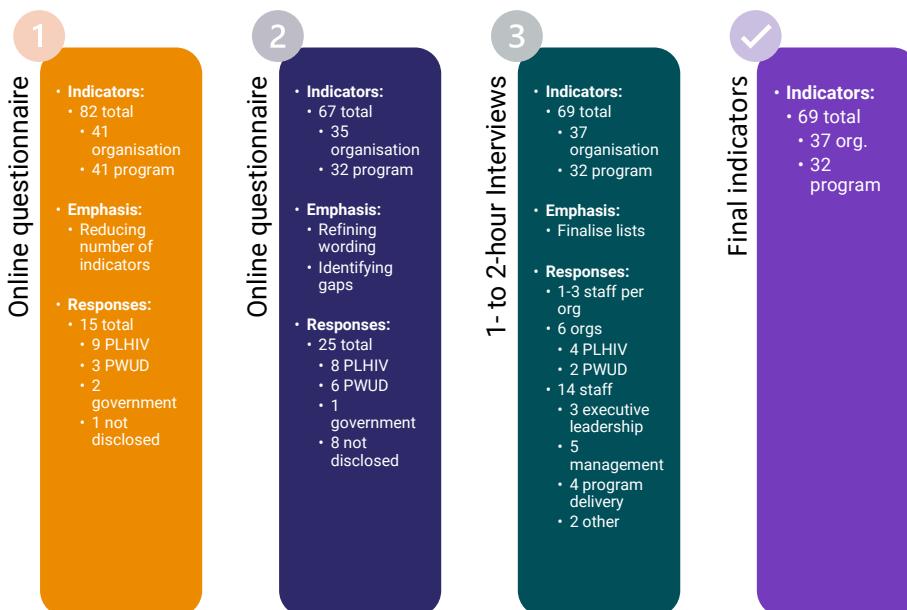
Engagement	How the peer organisation or program interacts with and learns from its communities
Alignment	How the peer organisation or program interacts with, partners with, and learns from the broader health sector and policy environment
Adaptation	How the peer organisation or program changes the way it works to suit its changing environment
Influence	How well the peer organisation or program is able to affect its community as well as the broader health sector and policy environment

Conclusions

- This is the first time (to our knowledge) that such a process has been utilised at a national level to gain consensus among peer workers and government policy representatives in the development of a set of standard indicators for use in evaluating HIV-related peer-led work.
- This will significantly improve efforts to understand and demonstrate the critically important role that peers play within the HIV related response in Australia.

Methods and Results

- A consultative process was conducted with staff from:
 - 4 national peak and state PLHIV-led organisations
 - 3 national peak and state PWUD-led organisations
 - 1 state government health department BBV and AOD division
- Feedback was sought from staff from across diverse levels of participating organisations, including staff working in:
 - Program delivery
 - Management
 - Executive leadership
 - 'Other' (e.g., evaluation)
- A 3-stage modified Delphi process was used:
 - In each round, draft lists of organisation- and program-level indicators were prepared and participants were asked to provide feedback on the lists.
 - The feedback from each round was analysed and used to refine the list for the next round



“ [I] was truly impressed with the quality of the work presented in the surveys. It’s clear that a lot of thought and consideration has gone into the indicators and I genuinely found it hard to identify gaps. Whilst reading through I could instantly appreciate how relevant and useful this work will be to both [our organisation] and its members.

(Respondent from a PWUD-led organisation in stage 2)