Annexure 3: Positive Prevention Needs

Remember the following with regard to HIV prevention needs.

Knowledge: Remember that all community members do not have correct knowledge about HIV and HIV transmission. Peer Educators (PEs), Outreach Workers (ORWs) and Counsellors in the project will pass correct information to the community and dispel the myths and misconceptions about the disease.

Beliefs about personal risk: Remember that some PLHIV think (wrongly) that there is no need to practice safer sex (for example, using condoms) with their sexual partner who has also tested positive for HIV or that by being on ART and/or having undetectable viral load means they can have sex without practicing safer sex.

The means to protect themselves and others: Remember that MTH members who are PLHIV do not always have access to condoms and PEs and ORWs in the project should help in procuring them.

Skills: Remember that some PLHIV may not have the necessary skills to practice safer sex. For example, they may not know how to use condoms, or negotiate with their sexual partners/clients for using condoms. As a PE, ORW or Counsellor, it will be useful to enhance these skills. It also means empowering MTH living with HIV to take charge of their lives and be able to take decisions that will keep them safe.

Support: Remember that PLHIV also need support from their sexual/romantic/marital partners. The project staff can help in reinforcing the responsibilities of the sexual partners in ensuring a safe and healthy sexual life.