**Work Assignment 1**

*Remember to save a copy of your completed work assignment. You may need to review your answers again when you complete work assignments for other lessons.*

**Purpose**

In Lesson 1, you were introduced to the GPP guidelines and began to understand the fundamental importance of stakeholder engagement throughout the research process. To effectively plan and implement GPP in a research context, you need to have an in-depth understanding of the HIV epidemic in your own setting as well as knowledge of how your government and civil society are responding. This information will help you determine where to best focus your energy and resources for stakeholder engagement.

**Activity: Know Your Epidemic**

Briefly describe the HIV epidemic in your own setting. Try and answer the following questions when developing your response. Your response will also act as a foundation and framing exercise for the subsequent work assignments.

Type your answers in the box below.

* What are some of the main modes of HIV transmission in your community?
* Which populations are at most risk of HIV in your community (for example, is HIV established in the general population and/or in key populations such as sex workers, men who have sex with men, or people who inject drugs)?
* Which populations have the largest number of new infections in your community?
* What are some of the key economic, political, and historical factors contributing to HIV transmission in your community?
* What are some of the key social and behavioral factors contributing to HIV transmission in your community?
* Are there any other key drivers and/or important characteristics of the HIV epidemic in your community?