

A SMART objective



Federated States of Micronesia: Comprehensive management of HIV and STIs

Objective:

By 2017, we will have achieved the continuum of care for HIV and STIs

The Objective is:

Specific: It names the continuum of care, which is understood by all those involved

Measurable: It will be possible to measure this in various ways, such as counting the number of people who are tested, the number who are on treatment for HIV or STIs, the number who receive community based support visits (importantly, these measures are not included here; they become “results”, which are defined later in the planning process)

Achievable: FSM only has small numbers of people living with HIV, so the planners considered that it is possible to provide a continuum of care for all of them; FSM has high prevalence of STIs, but has good systems in place for testing and treatment of STIs

Realistic: FSM has trained medical staff, laboratories, access to the regional supply of antiretroviral treatment drugs for HIV, and stocks of treatment drugs for STIs

Timebound: The statement makes clear that this will be achieved by 2017, which gives FSM five years to improve all aspects of the continuum of care