Peer education is an effective strategy in support of people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) and in prevention of HIV/AIDS in the community. The creation of context-relevant peer education materials and training modules is essential to provide information, tips and guidance on health talks prior to antiretroviral therapy (ART) clinic visits or psychosocial counseling for example.

Stemming from a post by moderator Peter Ehrenkranz describing how he and colleagues at the National AIDS and STI Control Program in Liberia worked with the Positive Living Association of Liberia to develop peer education training and materials, members participating in this discussion exchange resources and advice on how to adapt materials.

Key Points
- Peer support groups are an integral part of ART clinics.
- They can:
  - Perform health talks prior to ART clinics.
  - Help with triage.
  - Provide counseling: 1-1, adherence and psychosocial, HIV treatment and testing.
  - Do outreach in the community
- Materials such as modules should be short, in 'simple' English or native language preferably, exemplify information with images, charts, and graphs; and provide notes for counselors and healthworkers.

Key References
- WHO, The United States Department of Health and Human Services-Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (HHS-CDC): Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV (PMTCT) Generic Training Package(English)
- Zanmi Lasante-Partners In Health Accompagnateurs Curriculum, including Accompagnateur Training Guide; Accompagnateurs Handbook; Visual Aids (Powerpoint); Visual Aid Notes (English; Kinyarwanda; Kreyol; Sesotho).
- Health Education for Developing Countries; scripted manual with color illustrations (English, Spanish, Mandarin, French)
- Living well with HIV (nutrition-focused) (English)
- A Positive Woman's Survival Kit, including issues of breastfeeding (PDF, English)
- Advice on antiretroviral from Treatment Action Campaign (PDF, English)
- Positive Living Association of Liberia Peer counseling modules for PLWH in clinics or communities (October 2009; English)
- Positive Living Association of Liberia website (English)
- Living Positively with HIV: Follow-Up Counseling Toolkit Training; Government of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, National AIDS Control Organisation, International Training and Education Center on Health (English)
- Toolkit on positive prevention training, Mozambique (English/Portugues)
- Greater Involvement of People Living with HIV in PMTCT and Care and Treatment Programs: Comprehensive Peer Educator Training Curriculum and Implementation Manual, including: Trainer Manual; Participant Manual; and Implementation Manual (English).

Enrich the GHDonline Knowledge Base
Please consider replying to this discussion with the following information
- Your organization's peer education and support materials: files or links
- Pieces of advice on how to engage people living with HIV/AIDS in their treatment and support activities
- Sharing your experience on creating materials for patients peer education, and/or on implementing peer support interventions within your organization.