**Integrating strategies to address gender based violence and engage men and boys to advance gender equality through national HIV strategies and plans**

Country Action Plan-Template

Country: **MALAWI**

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| ***Green-light thinking for addressing gender based violence in the context of HIV*****Vision:** A GBV FREE MALAWI |
| ***Gaps in national policies and plans***1. Policies exclusively addressing issues of women and girls only.
2. Lack of addressing systems and structures that perpetuate GBV e.g. Government structures, family, peers groups, cultural & traditional systems etc.
3. Inadequate resources to address GBV and HIV interventions.
 | ***Priority areas for advocacy around national policies and plans***1. Policies to engage men and boys in addition to existing policies that exclusively address issues of women and girls.
2. Policies to incorporate principles to address systems and structures that perpetrate GBV including advancing MIWA
3. Improve access and uptake HIV and AIDS related services including SRH
4. Improve resource mobilisation including the implementation of Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB)
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| ***Entry points to influencing national GBV-HIV policies and plans***1. National response to combat Gender Based Violence 2008-2013
2. National HIV and AIDS strategic plan 2012-2016 and Implementation plan
3. Draft National AIDS Commission Strategic planning process
4. HIV and AIDS legislation process
5. National HIV and AIDS Policy
6. National Gender Policy
7. Men for Gender equality now country strategy
8. National Youth Policy
9. Review of the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act No 5 of 2006
10. National TWG on GBV
11. National Steering Committee on Gender
12. Development Assistance Group On Gender (DAGG)
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| ***Time frame*** | ***Key action/strategy:*** ***Immediate/Preliminary activities*** | **Partnerships** |
| Dec 2012 | 1. Back to Office briefing by individuals who attended the workshop
2. Collective de-briefing to the GBV National Technical Working Group and presentation of the Country plan. **$5,000**
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|  | ***Key action/strategy 1***: ***Male involvement/engagement*** |
| Quarter 1, 2013Quarters 2-4 2013 | ***Policies to engage men and boys in addition to existing policies that exclusively address issues of women and girls.***1. Review the NSP to ensure priority strategies (Enabling environment advancing Human rights and access to justice, preventing HIV transmission among women and Girls, strengthening care and support for women and girls and reducing their unpaid burden of care, meaningful involvement of and leadership by women living with and affected by HIV, Eliminating GBV and discrimination, Accountability: budgeting, monitoring, research and gender expertise, utilizing a SRHR approach, increasing access to and uptake of treatment for women and girls, meaningful engagement of men and boys.
2. Develop a National Strategy in working with men and boys
3. **Strengthening care and support for women and girls**
* Strengthening male involvement in care work – men and boys
1. **Eliminating gender based violence and discrimination**
* Recognition of gender inequality as a fundamental driver of gender based violence with attention to addressing GBV as both a cause and consequences of HIV transmission.
* Address GBV in all its forms e.g. IPV, structural violence etc
* Primary prevention of GBV e.g. sexuality education for all women, men, girls and boys.
* Cities and HIV in Malawi (Blantyre, Lilongwe pilot of above in DDPs and DIPs) and also how they are engaging men, women, boys and girls **$100,000**
1. **Increasing access to and uptake of treatment for women and girls**
* Voluntary HTC as an entry point into services
* Advocacy on support from men regarding access and uptake of treatment

***2. Meaningful involvement of Women Living with HIV&AIDS (MIWA)***1. **Meaningful involvement of and leadership by women living with and affected by HIV**
* NSP has advanced women’s leadership and MIWA, young women, HBC givers and women from marginalized communities**.$20,000**
1. ***Policies to incorporate principles to address systems and structures that perpetrate GBV***
2. **Enabling environment: advancing human rights and access to justice.**
* Supportive legal and policy frameworks
* Strategies to reduce women’s economic dependence on men (involve men to support women in the economic empowerment processes)
* Alleviate stigma and discrimination on the basis of HIV status, gender and sexual orientation.
* ‘Know your rights’ and campaigns to empower and educate women and men, including boys and girls, on human rights in gender and women’s rights in particular**.$50,000**
1. ***Sexual Reproductive Health***
2. **Utilizing SRHR approach**
* NSP has advanced a SRHR approach to the response
1. **Preventing HIV transmission among women and girls**
* NSP has reduced vulnerability to HIV and address the structural determinants of HIV transmission for women and girls.
* Reduce HIV transmission to women and girls through specific interventions (all women in their diversity) **$100,000**
1. **Implement Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB)**
* Advocacy and lobbying on resource allocation towards GBV and HIV and AIDS interventions
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