

Project Brief: Coalition to Accelerate and Support Prevention Research (CASPR)

Full Title of Study	Coalition to Accelerate and Support Prevention Research
Purpose	The purpose of this project is to support the development and sustainability of an Africa-centred network dedicated to advancing advocacy, policy, regulatory, community engagement and communications efforts that help accelerate biomedical HIV prevention research.
Primary Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advocacy: Create an informed, influential advocacy movement around prevention research and implementation at all stakeholder levels, from civil society advocacy to political leaders. 2. Research Translation: Match messages and materials to audiences— telling the story of prevention research as it evolves. 3. Research Preparedness: Support swift, ethical conduct of biomedical prevention trials (*This is the primary focus of Wits RHI's GPP work). 4. Policy Engagement: Situate research as relevant and essential to global, regional and national discussions about strategies for ending the epidemic.
Study/Programme sites	Project has a primarily African regional scope, with activities focused on South Africa, Kenya, Nigeria USA as well as India.
Study/Programme duration	10/2016 – 06/2021 (5 years).
Investigators	Prof Sinead Delany-Moretlwe, Wits RHI
Other Partners & Collaborators	<p>AVAC is the prime lead. Other partners include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy for Prevention of HIV/AIDS (APHA) • HIV Vaccine Trials Network (HVTN) • International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) • InterNews • National AIDS Control Council of Kenya (NACC) • New HIV Vaccines and Microbicides Advocacy Society (NHVMAS) • WACI Health
Sponsors/Donors	USAID (USA)
Publications/key presentations to date	<p>Baron, D.; Essien, T.; Pato, S.; Magongo, M.; Mbandazayo, N.; Scorgie, F.; Rees, H.; Delany-Moretlwe, S. (2018). <i>Collateral benefits: how the practical application of Good Participatory Practice can strengthen HIV research in sub-Saharan Africa</i>. Journal of the International AIDS Society.</p> <p>(Jan and Feb 2021) organised and coordinated some sessions hosted at the HIVR4P Advocates' corner.</p> <p>(25 August 2020) Hosted the 3rd Good Participatory Leadership Course virtually.</p> <p>(06 – 10 July 2020) co-organised and coordinated the Research Literacy Networking Zone at AIDS 2020.</p> <p>(11-14 June 2019) coordinated and hosted a Research Literacy Networking Zone at the 9th SA AIDS Conference in Durban, South Africa.</p> <p>(1-5 April 2019) Hosted the 2nd Good Participatory Practice Leadership Course, in Johannesburg, South Africa.</p>

	<p>(23-27 July 2018) coordinated and hosted a Research Literacy Networking Zone at the 22nd International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2018) in Amsterdam, Netherlands.</p> <p>(11-15 June 2018) Organised and hosted the inaugural Good Participatory Practice Leadership Course.</p> <p>(13-15 June 2017) coordinated and hosted a Research Literacy Networking Zone at the SA AIDS conference.</p>
Progress Update as of 10/03/2021	<p>Project began on 1 October 2016 with Partners' Inception Meeting, and project is now on Y5. Project has hosted 3 GPP Leadership Courses which has brought together over 40 emerging leaders in stakeholder engagement from Belgium, India, Kenya, South Africa, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Eswatini, United States and Zambia. Project has also contributed to content development and review of research literacy, educational and advocacy materials which is shared on Facebook page Research connect and the Stakeholder Engagement Community of Practice (CoP).</p>
Frequency of donor narrative report	Quarterly
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