

Project Brief: School Based HIV and GBV Prevention

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| Full Title of Study/Programme | School Based HIV and Gender Based Violence Prevention (AGYW PrEP) |
| Technical Focus Area/Key Words | This program aims to reduce the incidence of HIV infection and violence adolescents. The technical approach utilizes the socio-ecological model in prioritized USAID provinces and districts (7 provinces and 14 districts) across the country working with schools and support staff (SBSTs, SMTs, SGBs, educators), parents, communities and health facilities to ensure access and linkage to quality care, youth friendly health service provision for adolescents. Services offered are aligned to the Integrated School Health Programme (ISHP) and the National Department of Health (NDOH) scale up plan for Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP). |
| Summary paragraph (max 200 words) | The technical approach utilizes the socio-ecological model (as implemented within the school environment) with a focus on adolescents, particularly adolescent girls and young women (AGYW), in prioritized USAID supported districts to ensure linkage to care and quality, youth friendly health service provision for adolescents and provision of a comprehensive approach to SRH and HIV prevention incl. PrEP provision at community level. We should also note that our primary aim to reinforcing linkages to care and creating referral pathways to psychosocial and health services will be achieved through strengthening the school-based support teams (SBSTs) within DBE and school structures as part of the Integrated School Health Program (ISHP). This mechanism will be complemented by layering with DREAMS partners incl. DSPs, OVC, community and other prevention partners as well as South African Government sectors to ensure capacity building and sustainability. The model supports the approach of a multilevel and multi-sectorial program underpinned by enhanced M&E and adaptive programming. Achieved through a layering of interventions at the district level, whilst enhancing and leveraging the She Conquers platform (i.e. organizations working in unison to ensure comprehensive coverage of interventions) this approach is more likely to sustain prevention efforts over time than any single intervention. Therefore, the interventions will be multi-level to ensure we are addressing risks at the individual level, as well as influencing context – increasing access to youth friendly health services through a community based mobile outreach services. |
| Primary Outcomes | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Outcome 1: Increased HIV, SRHR, GBV, life skills and COVID-19 knowledge and awareness among school and community beneficiaries Outcome 2: Increase psychosocial support and linkage to post violence care for adolescents as per the ISHP and emerging |

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| | <p>needs</p> <p>3. Outcome 3: Improve access to HIV incl. PrEP, TB and SRHR services for learners (AGYW), educators, school support staff, communities including linkages for clients</p> <p>4. Outcome 4: Provision of technical assistance (TA) to the Departments of Basic Education and Health improving coordination and implementation adolescent HIV prevention, SRHR, and GBV (prior to and after COVID-19) by supporting policy implementation, strategy development, and national initiatives.</p> |
| Secondary Endpoint/Outcome | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to Adolescent and Youth Friendly Sexual and Reproductive Health Services for Adolescents • Improved quality of services under the Integrated School Health (ISHP) Platform • Increased linkage to contraceptives by increasing access to a range of contraceptive methods • Increased uptake of PrEP and HTS at community level • Creation of an enabling environment for schools and communities to become hubs of safety, normalisation and destigmatization of HTS and PrEP • Access to youth-friendly prevention and clinical services and demand creation • Increased awareness, acceptability, and uptake of services such as PrEP and other DREAMS activities • Correctly identified HIV prevention methods; adopt and sustain positive behavior change; and promotion of gender equity and supportive norms and stigma reduction • Strengthened provision and where needed linkage to comprehensive SRH and HIV services • Adolescent learners at risk and in need of health, SRH and social protection services identified through a vulnerability assessment • Facilitated linkage to care and HIV testing services; and/or support services to promote use of, retention in, and adherence to care • Improved prevention, screening and treatment outcomes of adolescents • Raised awareness of HIV risks for young people, promote positive parenting and mentoring practices, and effective adult-child communication about sexuality and sexual risk reduction |
| Geographical focus | <p>This programme will be implemented in 7 provinces and 14 districts;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gauteng Province – City of Johannesburg (all regions); Sedibeng • KwaZulu Natal Province – eThekweni (Pinetown and Umlazi) and King Cetshwayo (all sub-districts); Ugu |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mpumalanga Province – Ehlanzeni, Gert Sibande, Nkangala • Western Cape Province - City of Cape Town • Free State – Thabo Mofutsanyane and Lejweleputswa • Limpopo – Mopani and Capricorn • Eastern Cape – Alfred Nzo and Buffalo City |
| Target population | <p>The program will reach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Female clients 15-29 and Males 15-34 - 35750 clients with PrEP (PrEP_new) - Maintain/ensure continuation of 36 163 on PrEP (PrEP_current) |
| Programme sites | Seven provinces and 14 districts within South Africa |
| Programme duration | Five years (2018-2023) |
| Intervention | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HIV, SRHR, GBV, capacity building capacity of schools and communities re SRH, GBV, and HIV prevention incl. PrEP 2. Strengthening the collaboration and coordination for improving the delivery of health and psychosocial services at the district, community and school level; and increasing adolescent linkage and access to SRHR, TB, HTS, PrEP, and post-violence care 3. Through multi-layered and comprehensive demand creation strategy, increase awareness and uptake of HTS, PrEP and SRH at community and school level 4. Improving access to services utilizing a community-based approach to service delivery through mobile outreach services incl. clinical (HTS, PrEP, SRH) and non-clinical (mental health and GBV screening) components through mobile outreach services 5. Improving coordination and implementation of the basic education sector response to adolescent HIV prevention, SRHR, and GBV by supporting policy implementation, strategy development, and national initiatives through She Conquers and relevant SAG TWGs 6. Provide country level technical assistance (TA) to support the provision of quality health services for adolescents, in particular AYFS, PrEP and School Health Technical Assistance. |
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