

Advocating for effective Integration of Sexual Reproductive Health and HIV Prevention Technologies among Adolescent Girls and Young Women in Kenya

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Work plan objectives

Originally set out to . . .



Build a cadre of AGYW advocates for the integration of Sexual Reproductive Health and HIV Prevention Technologies among Adolescent Girls and Young Women in Kenya.



Advocacy for funding to strengthen HIV/SRH integration



Mobilize and engage policy makers to accelerate HIV/SRH integration and to consider pathways for future HIV prevention integration

KEY PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS

Objective 1

- Conducted a national survey to establish the understanding of HIV/SRH integration and received 161 responses from 14 counties across the country.
- Built a cadre of young women HIV/SRH integration champions who supported the HIV/SRH integration agenda through all platforms of influence.
- Conducted dialogues with young women on their perceptions, attitudes and willingness to accept the dapivirine vaginal ring and new HIV prevention technologies..



KEY PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS

Objective 2

- Conducted an extensive review of the GOK funding landscape for HIV/SRH in Kenya at the national and county level, a detailed report was developed to guide advocacy efforts for HIV/SRH integration.
- Mobilized youth leaders in Machakos county to actively engage in the county budget making process and push the HIV/SRH agenda..
- Mentored and supported 5 AGYW representatives to the PEPFAR COP21 process to advocate for inclusion of the dapivirine vaginal ring and HIV/SRH integration of AGYW in the COP21.
- Advocated for the inclusion of HIV.SRH integration under the HIV prevention module for the Global Fund grant 2021-2024.



KEY PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS

Objective 3

- Joined and actively represented AGYW at the national HIV/SRH TWG instituted by NASCOP. The WG spearheaded the piloting of HIV/SRH integration in 5 counties in Kenya.
- Co-convened a DVR CSO task force to steer the dapivirine advocacy in Kenya.
- Mapped and reviewed existing policies and guidelines in Kenya on HIV and SRH, developed, launched and disseminated the policy brief titled, The preferences of AGYW on HIV/SRH integration in Kenya.

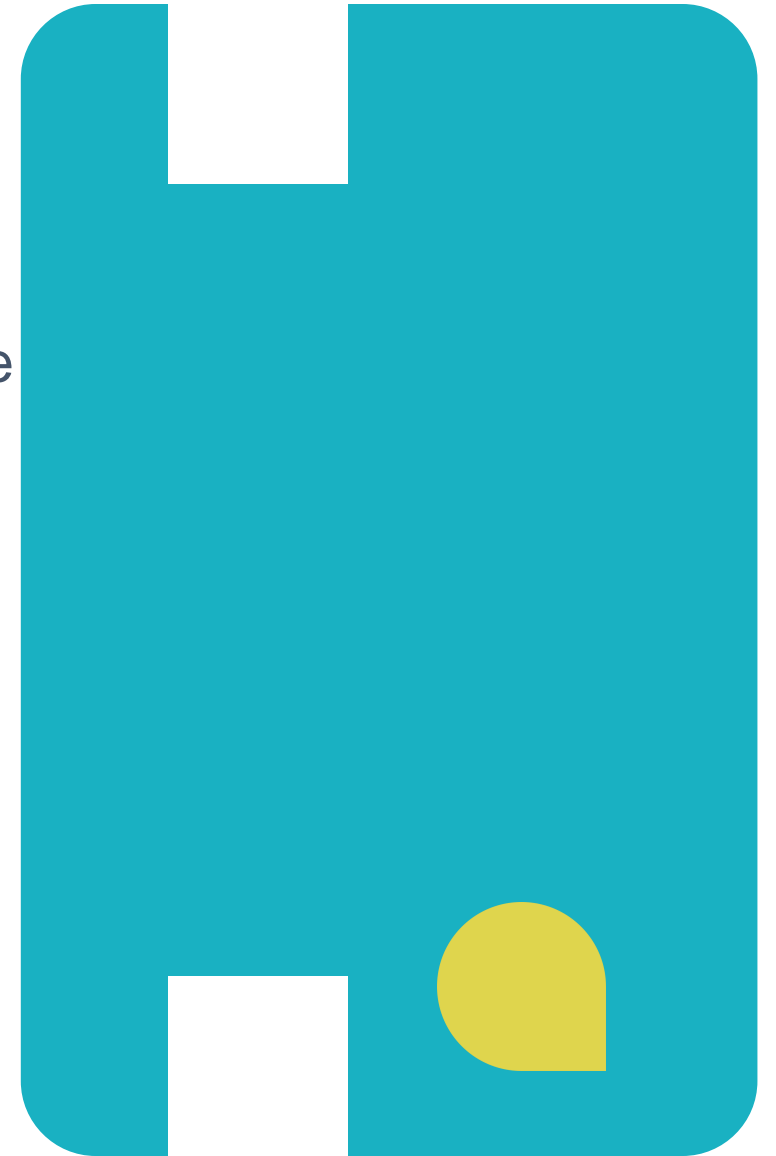


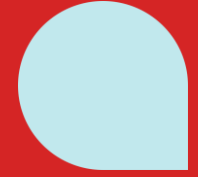
CHALLENGES

- COVID-19 regulations impeded the project implementation
- The delayed approval and EMA opinion on the dapivirine vaginal ring.
- Minimal resources to do country wide activities

MITIGATION STRATEGIES

- Adopted social media advocacy and engagements.
- Used the social media platforms to reach participants from across the country.
- Introduced conversations around new product introduction.
- Partnered with other seasoned organizations to conduct country wide activities.





- The Policy brief titled; Preferences of AGYW on HIV/SRH integration
- Survey analysis report conducted at the beginning of the fellowship.
- Funding review paper, the Kenyan funding landscape on HIV and SRH
- Project midterm evaluation report
- Project end term evaluation report.
- Blogs and opinion pieces.

**Materials
developed**

Sustainability

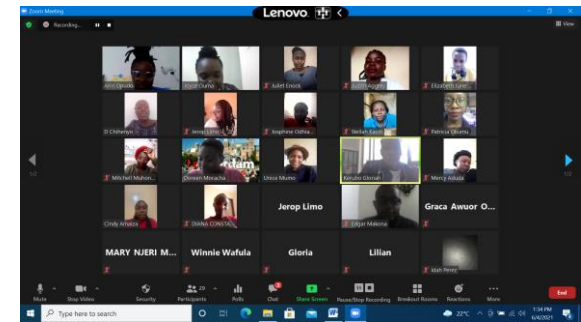
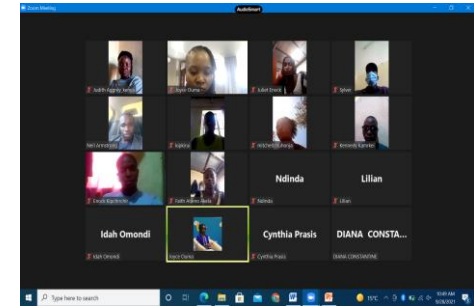
Moving forward: advocacy and myself

- 2022 fellow will most likely take up the mantle for DVR and other HIV prevention technologies.
- The structures put in place during the fellowship will continue i.e the DVR task force, HIV/SRH integration champions.
- Started off conversations that will get donor funding easy.

Myself

- The DVR advocacy is ongoing and I support partners in engaging young women.
- Scaling up my advocacy, to focus on issues of AYP in country and globally including DVR,U=U

Moments





There is a vitality, a life force, an energy, a quickening that is translated through you into action, and because there is only one of you in all of time, this expression is unique.

— *Martha Graham* —

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