Mapping Ongoing and Planned Projects on Adolescent Girls and Young Women and HIV Prevention in sub-Saharan Africa

Companion analysis to AGYW Project Database
PURPOSE

To map the landscape of ongoing and planned work on HIV prevention and adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) to:

1.) Inform collaborations and

2.) Identify gaps and next steps for market research.

This document is the third iteration and is updated on a bi-annual basis. Please contact avac@avac.org with updates or additions to the information included in this mapping.

OVERVIEW

Landscape mapping includes ongoing, planned, and completed work on AGYW in SSA. Other populations are also included when projects also include AGYW. Data sources include: structured interviews with key stakeholders, group meetings with organizations (including, pharmaceutical product developers, academic researchers, marketing agencies and program implementers), and bi-annual survey of ongoing and planned projects. Key stakeholders and organizations interviewed and projects in mapping include those looking at HIV prevention broadly, with a focus on oral PrEP, but also specific projects with overlapping design, questions, population and geography where findings could be of relevance. Projects will be added to mapping as they are identified.

The HIV Prevention Market Manager (PMM) Project undertook this mapping and will update the mapping on a bi-annual basis. Through the PMM Project, AVAC and CHAI seek to facilitate an efficient and effective rollout of HIV prevention products. The PMM works with partners across the prevention research to rollout spectrum to expand the portfolio of options and ensure appropriate products are available, accessible and used by those who need them most. There is often a delay in moving products from the research and development stage to rollout, uptake and impact. The PMM project addresses this lag by identifying critical gaps and overlaps, facilitating coordination, compiling and disseminating information and providing strategic technical support. Working with the full range of actors and initiatives, the PMM project makes clearer where strategic investments in prevention products are needed and supports accelerated introduction, consistent, correct uptake by AGYW and informs future product development.

The main aim of the mapping process was to respond to an ask by those interviewed for the HIV Prevention Market Manager (PMM) to document and disseminate the landscape of AGYW work already underway as well as identified gaps. The intent is to share and iterate this report to include additional detail and projects as they begin and as information is available. The report will be disseminated to organizations involved in research on AGYW to start a process of information sharing and coordination between organizations, as well as to guide development of the PMM-led research and implementation agenda. We were not attempting to assess the study quality.
PARAMETERS

Population | Adolescent girls & young women 13-29 \(^1,2\)

Geography | sub-Saharan Africa

Timeframe | Ongoing (not yet fully complete), and planned work \(^3\)

Focus | Projects, studies and initiatives that include HIV prevention as a parameter or outcome \(^4\)

Timeframe for the mapping includes all projects that are ongoing and planned as of January 2018. Search parameters include previous five years, not excluding ongoing studies that began prior to 2012. Several studies that are in the nascent planning stages are not included in full detail and will be included as the review is updated on a bi-annual basis.

Several project identified are completed and included for relevance to mapping and possible implementation of project outcomes. Completed projects in this iteration of the mapping only include reports and other materials that are being used to inform ongoing or planned efforts. Completed projects or studies that have enrolled participants are not included in this mapping. With such a fast moving and changing field, completed projects may no longer have direct relevance to inform programmatic outcomes.

Status of projects ongoing and planned varies. For example, some planned projects seeking ethics review and some planned projects are still in early stage development of protocol.

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1. The work included in this review includes other populations when they are enrolled in projects covering AGYW.
2. The work included in this review expands the age range where relevant or where projects include a wider range.
3. The work included in this review also includes select completed work.
4. Several projects included in this review are of relevance, but do not have an explicit focus on biomedical HIV prevention.
The Market Manager identified 83 Stakeholder organizations working on 104 ongoing and planned projects in 21 countries, across the SSA region and globally. A variety of qualitative methods as well quantitative approaches have been, or are being used, to capture information from the 95 ongoing and 9 planned projects. Overall, 16 projects have already been completed in the study area.
PROJECTS BY HIV PREVENTION OPTION

Thailand: Oral PrEP
Senegal: Dapivirine Ring
Burkina Faso: Long acting injectable
Brazil: Implants
Benin: Female condom
Nigeria: Microbicide
Niger: IUD
Mali: Unknown / No product
Liberia: Multipurpose Prevention Technology
India: Unknown / No product
Ethiopia: Unknown / No product
Lesotho: Unknown / No product
Swaziland: Unknown / No product
Mozambique: Unknown / No product
Zambia: Ongoing
Tanzania: Planned
Malawi: Proposed
Uganda: Completed
Zimbabwe: Unknown / No product
Kenya: Unknown / No product
South Africa: Unknown / No product

Legend:
- Green: Ongoing
- Red: Planned
- Yellow: Proposed
- Blue: Completed
PROJECTS BY AREA*

* Other study areas not included in this graphic are HIV Prevention Education, Keeping Girls in School, Legal and Social Empowerment, and Building a Bridge to Employment

- Policy
- PrEP Integration
- Pricing
- Social Harms
- Product Attributes
- Marketing & communications
- Product Preference
- Distribution & delivery
- Acceptability & adherence

Legend:
- Ongoing
- Planned
- Proposed
- Completed
AGYW PROJECTS THAT INCLUDE INFORMATION ON INFLUENCERS

14% of all projects in sub-Saharan Africa gather information on influencers

17 projects include influencers

103 projects do not include influencers

54% of projects that gather information on influencers focus on male partners

TYPES OF INFLUENCERS BY PROJECT

- Male Partners: 54%
- Family: 23%
- Community Leaders: 19%
- Providers: 4%
6% of projects in sub-Saharan Africa gather information on providers

AGYW PROJECTS THAT INCLUDE INFORMATION ON MEN

AGYW PROJECTS THAT INCLUDE INFORMATION ON PROVIDERS

24%

76%

94%

6%
DONOR COMMITMENTS BY PROJECT

*Other donors are categorized as those funding only 1 project and include Johnson & Johnson, ViiV Healthcare, Gilead, Girl Effect, Fogarty, Wits RHI, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, UCSF, Simon Fraser University, Children’s Investment Fund Foundation, Whitaker Foundation, UNITAID, Nike Foundation, DFID, UNFPA

Top Donor Investments by Number of Projects Funded

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
USAID
NIMH
NIH
PEPFAR
DAIDS

Ongoing  Planned  Completed