

# AGYW



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## Where are we now? (1)

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- **Ministry of Gender, Labor and Social Development**

- Has policies, guidelines, standards, Frameworks & Regulations in place
  - AGYW framework, National Parenting Guidelines (Disseminated to 42 Districts), Second Chance Guidelines for out of school.
  - Sexuality Education Framework for Out of school, GBV policy and guidelines
  - National Family policy and National Family Strengthening Program (Under Development)
- Structures:
  - Working with Cultural and religious institutions (Norms, values & Positive mindset change)
  - Parenting model and Family Strengthening Program.
  - Male engagement strategy and Community GBV champions



## Where are we now? (2)

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- **IPs and CSOs**

- Family based approach
- Integration of HIV/AIDS information in vocational training
- Economic empowerment (IGAs, Startup Kits)
- Skills Development
- Back to school and keeping AGYW programs



## What is working well? (1)

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- Integration of health education into economic empowerment, technical skilling and vocational training.
- Male engagement in GBV and HIV/AIDS awareness for AGYW
- Working with community Champions. (PrEP, GBV, PLHIV)
- Working with religious and Cultural institutions.
- Working with district leaders through their structures(sub counties, local councils)
- Working with District Gate keepers and community structures/networks
- Community Based targeted skills training for AGYW



## What is working well?(2)

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- Parenting Model & Family Based Model to train and empower parents of AGYW in parenting and safe guarding.
- Integrate of AGYW PLHIV in the DREAMS Project.
- Programing according to age segmentation(10-14, 15-19, and 20-24)
- Community empowerment groups for AGYW
- Child and Adolescent Monitoring Roosters
- Community Adherence and support clubs
- AGYW were profiled according to their needs
- Second chance education rolled out



# Gaps/Challenges

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- Referral and linkage for services of children to sex workers(AGYW)
- Limitation in accessibility of PrEP for AGYWs at risk.
- Sexuality education in schools to address risk avoidance.
- Limited uptake of hormonal contraceptives for AGYW transitioning to DTG.
- Inaccessibility of services by AGYWs due long distances, non-operational community referral structures.
- Weak coordination among AGYW program IPs and CSO that increase duplication of services



# What are the solutions to the challenges (1)

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- Need to harmonize Data Assessment tools across all AGYW programs that measure vulnerability and risk of AGYW into a Uniformed National Tool.
- Standardize Packages for all AGWs and Referral structures
- Strengthen the referral Networks to increase demand for services
- Strengthen community Based Peer Support groups.
- AGYW led monitoring mechanisms for AGYW programs.



## What are the solutions to the challenges (2)

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- Strengthening Engagement of AGYWS at all levels.
- Integration of PrEP into community and facility based platforms which are well used by AGYWS
- Working with Key pop that are care takers of AGYW
- Family centered approaches to reach the most at risk AGYWs.
- Clear package to address transition to DTG for AGYW Vs their family planning needs and contraception choices
- Standardize the child help line to capture AGYW data.
- Scale up the Journey's program for schools
- Strengthen coordinating mechanisms to capture CSO programs in line with IP programs



# Any other Critical issues to consider in COP20

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- How to effectively engage AGYW with Children in programming and decision making levels.
- Effective engagement of AGYW in capturing client satisfaction of services provided. (A Youth-Led/AGYW-Led Monitoring mechanism)
- Increasing accessibility of PrEP for AGYW at Risk
- Community systems that support referral, retention to care & psychosocial support.
- Harmonizing the existing peer led community structures(YAPS model, empowerment groups, Dreams ambassadors program etc.) to consolidate views and feedback right from the community to the national level planning structures (A vibrant AGYW Movement)