



Women's engagement in the Global Partnership towards Elimination of all forms of HIV related Stigma and Discrimination

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The Global Partnership for Action to Eliminate All Forms of HIV related Stigma and Discrimination (Global Partnership)

- ▶ Eliminating all forms of HIV-related stigma and discrimination is fundamental to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and targets by 2030, including ending AIDS.
- ▶ The Global Partnership for Action to Eliminate All Forms of HIV Related Stigma and Discrimination creates an opportunity to harness the combined power of governments, civil society, bilateral and multilateral donors, academia and the United Nations to consign HIV-related stigma and discrimination to history.

What Member States / Uganda committed to:

There are numerous international commitments in place that aim to achieve this

- ▶ Promoting non-discriminatory access to health care, employment, education and social services;
- ▶ Eliminating HIV-related stigma and discrimination by 2020;
- ▶ Eliminating gender inequalities and ending all forms of violence and discrimination against women and girls;
- ▶ Reviewing and reforming laws that reinforce stigma and discrimination, including age of consent, HIV non-disclosure, exposure and transmission, travel restrictions and mandatory testing; and
- ▶ Empowering people living with, at risk of or affected by HIV, to know their rights and access justice and legal services.
 - ▶ Finding money for these activities from donors already supporting HIV work in the country or from their national HIV related budgets is one of the Key roles that CSO must take on.



Role of ICWEA and Women's engagement in the Global Partnership

- ▶ ICWEA is a co-lead with the UN Women for the household settings, family and communities.
- ▶ ICWEA participates in the global meetings and engagements
- ▶ Ending all forms of stigma and discrimination requires looking beyond and taking every opportunity available to ensure that communities are participating meaningful and influencing decisions, policies as well as decisions



Platforms where women have participated and engaged

- ICWEA oriented women leaders in East Africa including Uganda on the global partnership: its goal, objectives and how women can participate and engage
- The Uganda AIDS Gender Technical Working Group – Chaired by ICWEA – has ensured inclusion of strategies to address HIV stigma and Discrimination for key, vulnerable and marginalized populations are prioritized in the Uganda NSP
- Through ICWEA, Women and girls participated in the PEPFAR COP processes including the Regional Planning Meeting where advocacy and positioning of priorities on stigma and discrimination were made and included. One of the key areas that we are proud about that will contribute to ending stigma and discrimination is the inclusion of Treatment Literacy that has been included and funded and we are happy that NAFOPHANU is going to receive funds to implement the TL
- Through ICWEA, a CSOs Taskforces was put in place and ensured inclusion of women
- ICWEA took part and sponsored women and girls to participate in the development of Global Fund concepts where interventions for eliminating stigma and discrimination were included in the Concept and budgeted for.
- Awarded women and men that have contributed greatly in ending stigma and discrimination and this is an ongoing activity



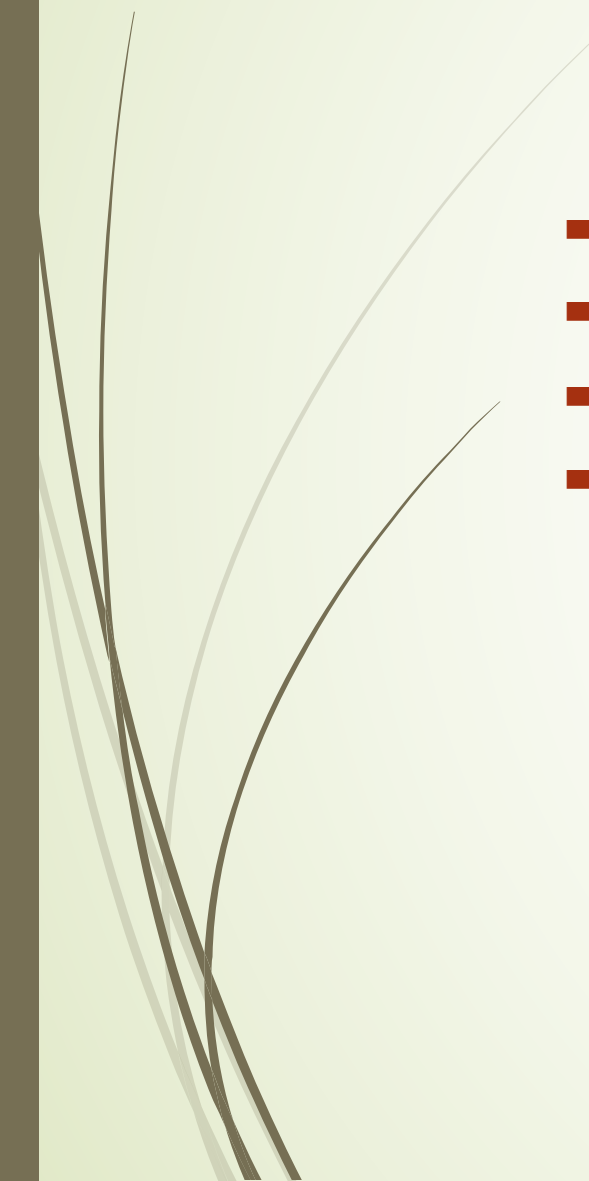
Members of the National Task force -
steer implementation of Government
Commitments



Recognition of stigma champions in
Uganda



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