

# GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR ACTION TO ELIMINATE ALL FORMS OF HIV RELATED STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION (ZERO DISCRIMINATION)



## **The GP objectives;** ( What member states committed too)

- **Human rights obligations to end HIV-related stigma and discrimination.**
- **Building meaningful partnerships.** Revitalize partnerships among stakeholders to implement and scale up programmes geared towards ending HIV-related stigma and discrimination.
- **Sharing responsibility for measurement and accountability.** Dissemination of data to inform policy and programming
- **Promoting non-discriminatory access to health care, employment, education and social services;**

# Objectives

- Reviewing and reforming laws that reinforce stigma and discrimination, including age of consent, HIV non-disclosure, exposure and transmission, travel restrictions and mandatory testing
- Empowering people living with, at risk of or affected by HIV, to know their rights and access justice and legal services



## Why the Global GP

- 38 million PLHIV
- 1.7 million new infections compared to 2.1 million in 2010;
- 690,000 AIDS related deaths compared to 1.2 million in 2010.
- Antiretroviral treatment coverage has been particularly remarkable with 25.4 million people on treatment compared to 7.7 million in 2010.
- Despite these achievements, the successes have been uneven,

# Why

- Human rights abuses
- In equalities relating to age, sex, diversity , educ, wealth, race ethnicity, social and legal status
- Financial shortfalls
- Punitive laws and policies
- In accelerated HIV services
- Gender inequalities
- Corona Virus disruptions

**Stigma and discrimination associates with most of the factors above**

# Uganda's commitment to GP

- In 2018 , Uganda was invited through MoH to join the partnership and share the work they want to do to end HIV related stigma.
- MoH focal point by then ( Dr. Shaban Mungererwa shared 3 settings which he thought were key to tackling HIV related stigma;
  - Health care setting ,
  - Education
  - Communities / households
- In 2020 , a national stake holders meeting was held with support from ICWEA and UN Women to introduce the intervention and agree on the commitment areas chosen
- Stake holders felt Uganda should work on all the six result areas because there were already interventions taking place in all sub areas
- Knowing who is doing what and in which area was a key focus for the dialogue
- This could be done better with a National Technical Working Group to facilitate dialogues on various work streams
- Finding money for these activities from donors already supporting HIV work in the country or from their national HIV related budgets was a key area for discussion

# What has been done to scale up the global partnership locally

- Stake holders meeting have been held with CSO's and some government officials to introduce the partnership
- Government sectors specially UAC and MoH have been mobilized about the global partnership, this years theme is on Ending Stigma in the workplace
- National Technical working Group was constituted by UAC
- This TWG contributed to the review of the National Policy Guidelines on Stigma and discrimination that were recently launched
- CSO's like NAFOPHANU, ICWEA, UNYPA, Women Probono initiative , JABASA and others have led engagements and activities specifically focusing on the Global Partnership

# Expected roles with a focus on women and girls

- Identify settings that can make the difference for women and girls in Ending HIV related stigma and invest in them ( education, household , workplaces)
- Dialogue about the specific needs of women and girls relating to ending HIV related stigma and discrimination.
- Government and communities to work together for implementation of those settings
- Resourcing the interventions through partnerships and existing donors
- Monitoring and reporting on the progress attained
- Need to broaden the partnership base on the initiative



# Current partners at the country level

- Ministry of Health
- Uganda AIDS Commission
- Ministry of Education
- NAFOPHANU
- ICWEA
- UNYPA
- POWUDU
- AWAC
- Key Population networks
- Global Fund
- UN Women
- UNAIDS
- OHCHR
- UNFPA
- Women4GlobalFund

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