

POLICY ANALYSIS TOOL

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# Meaningful Involvement of and Leadership by Women Living With and Affected by HIV



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This tool is adapted from the “Framework for Women, Girls, and Gender Equality in National Strategic Plans on HIV and AIDS in Southern and Eastern Africa.” The original Framework is a collaborative initiative of 19 organisations. For more information, please visit <http://heard.ukzn.ac.za/Homepage.aspx> and <http://www.athenanetwork.org>.

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<i>Specific interventions and approaches should include:</i>	Strength	Gap	Priority	Comments
<p><b>National Strategic Plans on HIV and AIDS should acknowledge and advance women’s leadership and meaningful participation, particularly by key stakeholders such as women living with HIV, young women, home-based caregivers, and women from marginalised communities.<sup>1</sup></b></p>				
<p>Recognition of the GIPA principle and clear mechanisms for the particular involvement of women living with and affected by HIV in AIDS responses</p>				
<p>Clear processes and mechanisms outlined for meaningful involvement of women living with and affected by HIV in NSP development, implementation, review, and evaluation</p>				
<p>Capacity building and resource allocation to support meaningful involvement, consultation, and leadership development of women living with and affected by HIV</p>				
<p><b>Overall score on this component</b></p>				

<sup>1</sup> We use the term women from marginalised communities to signify women who are typically excluded or disenfranchised. For the purposes of successfully addressing women, girls, and gender equality in the context HIV, we note that specific attention needs to be paid to marginalised communities such as: women living with HIV; women engaged in sex work or drug use; lesbian, bisexual, and transgender women and men; migrant, refugee, or internally displaced women; women in prison; older women caregivers; and women with disabilities.