

POLICY ANALYSIS TOOL

Increasing Access to and Uptake of Treatment for Women and Girls



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<i>Specific interventions and approaches should include:</i>	Strength	Gap	Priority	Comments
<p>NSPs must place emphasis on voluntary HIV counselling and testing as an entry point to services, including an emphasis on consent and confidentiality, and amend, if necessary, HIV testing policy frameworks to guarantee these rights.</p>				
<p>NSPs must strengthen adherence and access to anti-retroviral treatment services for women and girls.</p>				
<p>Expanding linkages between HIV treatment and sexual and reproductive health services, including peri-natal services</p>				
<p>Interventions that link the prevention of vertical transmission to HIV treatment programmes</p>				
<p>Interventions that increase access to the most appropriate HIV treatment for women outside the peri-natal setting</p>				
<p>Interventions that link anti-retroviral treatment to the treatment of key opportunistic infections such as tuberculosis</p>				
<p>Interventions that expand HIV treatment literacy for women and girls</p>				
<p>Interventions to increase access to anti-retroviral treatment for children</p>				
<p>Integrating HIV and AIDS services into general health services so as to avoid stigma and discrimination</p>				
<p>Overall score on this component</p>				