

POLICY ANALYSIS TOOL

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# Strengthening Care and Support by and for Women and Girls



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<i>Specific interventions and approaches should include:</i>	Strength	Gap	Priority	Comments
<p><b>NSPs must recognise that the majority of care giving is undertaken by women and girls, and work to reduce this burden of care. Given the diversity of female care givers, from young women to older grandmothers, interventions need to be responsive to specific groups.</b></p>				
<p>Financial compensation for primary and secondary care givers</p>				
<p>Recognition of, and clearly defined roles and responsibilities for, care givers in the broader health system and HIV and AIDS response</p>				
<p>Comprehensive and accredited training for all care givers</p>				
<p>Interventions that promote and support the equal sharing of responsibility between women and men in families and community care giving organisations</p>				
<p>Comprehensive “care for the care givers” interventions</p>				
<p>Interventions to increase access to home-based care kits and ensure reliable supplies</p>				
<p>Interventions to support care givers to provide palliative care, including increasing access to palliative care kits and ensuring reliable supplies</p>				
<p><b>NSPs must address the daily needs of women and girls living with and affected by HIV.</b></p>				
<p>Psycho-social support</p>				
<p>Interventions to support food security</p>				
<p>Access to clinical support, including palliative care</p>				
<p>Access to legal services, including legal aid</p>				
<p>Access to social services</p>				
<p><b>Overall score on this component</b></p>				