

## POLICY ANALYSIS TOOL

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# Utilising a Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Approach in National Strategic Plans on HIV and AIDS



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## Utilising a sexual and reproductive health and rights approach

NSPs should advance a sexual and reproductive health and rights based response to HIV.

Specific interventions and approaches should include:	Strength	Gap	Priority	Comments
Recognition of the sexual and reproductive health and rights of women and girls in all their diversity				
Affirmation of the sexual and reproductive health and rights of women living with HIV, such as the right to decide whether to have children, the number of children, and the spacing of children				
Implementation of all national, regional, and international legislation and commitments that promote women's and girls' sexual and reproductive rights				
Recognition of and attention to addressing HIV, maternal health, and infant health as interlinked concerns				
<p>Linkage of sexual and reproductive health and HIV services, with particular attention to access for marginalised communities, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to youth-friendly services</li> <li>• Access to services that are responsive to the sexual and reproductive healthcare needs of women and girls in all their diversities, free of coercion, discrimination, and violence</li> <li>• Access to cervical cancer prevention, screening, treatment, and palliative care</li> <li>• Access to a full range of contraceptive options and attention to dual protection, free of coercion, discrimination, and violence</li> <li>• Access to services to support safe conception, pregnancy, childbirth, and breastfeeding</li> <li>• Access to emergency contraception and post-exposure prophylaxis</li> <li>• Access to voluntary, safe, and comprehensive termination of pregnancy care and services</li> </ul>				
Age appropriate comprehensive sexuality education for all women, men, girls, and boys from the age of 5 (both in and out of school) which includes factual information on knowing one's body and a focus on gender equality, human rights, and transforming social norms				
Interventions to promote men's and boys' access to sexual and reproductive health services in order to ensure shared responsibility with women and girls				
<b>Overall score on this component</b>				