



Mapping of regional case studies on gender integration in government health programs

Following an open call, desk review, and interviews with key stakeholders, our team at UNU-IIGH, Public Health Foundation of India, and the University of Western Cape in South Africa, curated a list of case studies on gender integration in health in selected countries in Africa, South Asia, and Southeast Asia. This table provides a list of case studies collated from the African region. This list is part of the initial screening and will undergo further review and analysis to identify successful case studies.

Country	Name of the program	Program description	Source	Links
Ethiopia	Gender mainstreaming in Health Extension Program/ CHWs	Ethiopia's Health Extension Program is gender aware by directly linking improved health outcomes for women and their empowerment. The Health Extension Program could have more transformative outcomes for HEWs and also for communities if changing gender norms was given more attention and constraints to gender equality were reduced.	Desk review	https://doi.org/10.1111/tmi.13197
Malawi	Gender Equality and Women Empowerment (GEWE) Programme	The programme, supported by the United Nations Population Fund and the European Union with the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Welfare, supports Government's commitment to reduce gender inequalities.	Desk review	https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/fr/countries/africa/malawi/2012/gender-equality-and-empowerment-programme
Rwanda	Bandebereho: Positive fatherhood community meetings led by CHWs	Positive fatherhood and gender equality supported by CHWs convening weekly meetings at community level with men by Rwanda Biomedical Center and the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Gender and Family Promotion, and the National Early Childhood Development Agency	Desk review	https://men-care.org/2021/07/01/scaling-bandebereho-a-positive-fatherhood-and-gender-equality-intervention-in-rwanda/
South Africa	She Conquers: HIV & adolescent girls	Across all 9 provinces the campaign seeks to reduce HIV infections, improve overall health outcomes, and expand opportunities for adolescent girls and young women to decide their own futures. The issues to be tackled included teenage pregnancy, gender based violence, gender equality, keeping girls in school, and women's socioeconomic empowerment.	Desk review	https://doi.org/10.1136/bmj.k4585
Tanzania	Ujana Salama: Gender and adolescents in the Productive Social Safety Net program	Ujana Salama: Gender norms programming in adolescent component of the Productive Social Safety Net, a bimonthly cash transfer program for households	Desk review	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jadohealth.2020.07.025
Tanzania	Gender mainstreaming in PMTCT	This program assesses gender mainstreaming in PMTCT policy and practice in 3 health facilities (two hospitals and one health center) in Mwanza city. Most PMTCT policy/strategy documents are at level 3 of gender responsiveness—categorized as gender sensitive. That is, the documents' content indicates an awareness of gender concerns, but lacks corresponding remedial measures. Health facilities' organizational processes and practices pay little attention to the holistic integration of gender in the delivery of PMTCT services.	Desk review	https://doi.org/10.1093/heapol/czx080

Tanzania	Addressing gender norms in integrating family planning and HIV services	Addressing gender norms in integrating family planning and HIV services in Boresha Afya with Deloitte, Engender Health, Ministry of Health	Desk review	https://www.engenderhealth.org/country/tanzania
Zambia	WinS4Girls: Menstrual Health & Hygiene	The WinS4Girls program aimed at providing a more supportive school environment resulting in increased attendance rates of girls at primary and secondary level. It supported the government and other stakeholders in acquiring a better understanding of current MHM practices and barriers girls face in schools in Zambia and in strengthening the capacity in menstrual hygiene management from central level to school level.	Desk review	http://www.wins4girls.org/countries/zambia.html
Burkina Faso, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Senegal, Sudan, Uganda, Djibouti, Egypt, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Mauritania, Mali, Somalia, Nigeria	Multi-Country Joint Programme on FGM	The Joint Programme supported national governments with the development of anti-FGM legal frameworks. Currently, 13 of the 17 countries supported have a law criminalizing FGM. The Joint Programme also supported national governments to better report on, and to be held accountable for, FGM practices.	Interview with key stakeholders	
Ethiopia	Gender Mainstreaming in Ethiopian PHC	This program has a commitment to mainstream gender in the Ethiopian health sector and it dates back to 2000. Since then gender mainstreaming guidance was revised in 2013 and most recently in 2021. Apart from supporting gender analysis and training, the initiative addresses workplace harassment and gender-based violence.	Interview with key stakeholders	
Botswana	Integration of Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights, HIV/AIDS and Sexual and Gender Based Violence	This program integrated Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights, HIV/AIDS and Sexual and Gender-Based Violence as routine health services in public health facilities across 13 health districts involving male participation in child welfare, improved HIV testing, improved youth-friendly services, and GBV care	Open call	
Cameroon	Disaggregated Data Mainstreamed by Ministry of Health	To meet the health needs of the population and improve living conditions through access to better health care; ensuring sustainable, secure, and efficient data flow within the health information system; and promoting strong use of data for clinical service management, individual health decision making, and public health planning.	Open call	
Guinea	Gender mainstreaming by Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Women	The women's health issues that the program has successfully addressed and is working to address with appropriate methods and tools are: Change in strategic directions, understanding of the determinants of health including gender, community engagement, monitoring, access to and utilization of health services and resources, service delivery, awareness raising, open discussions on gender issues and challenges for the future.	Open call	
Kenya	Gender-responsive HIV services to key populations during COVID 19 in Kenya	Partners for Health and Development in Africa as technical unit within the Ministry of Health improving timely access to life-saving and gender-responsive HIV services to the key populations during COVID 19 in Kenya	Open call	

Libya	Mainstreaming GBV and Mental Health	The implementation of mental health programming within Ministry Of Health (MOH) and Ministry Of Education (MOE) through which WHO Libya is integrating GBV. More than 500 people received mental health and psychosocial support services at selected Primary Health Care Centers in 18 municipalities. All vulnerable groups benefited from the services as mentioned above; host community, IDPS, migrants, refugees and asylum seekers especially vulnerable women and girls.	Open call	
Malawi	Spotlight Initiative to eliminate violence against women and girls	The Initiative led by the Ministry of Gender Community Development and Social Welfare (MoGCDSW) and the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development (MoLGRD) supports survivors holistically through a multi-dimensional Programme that leverages on the expertise, experiences and resources of 4 UN Agencies (UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and UN Women), as well as of the EU.	Open call	https://malawi.un.org/sites/default/files/2021-08/Spotlight%20Initiative%20Report%20-%20Malawi%202020_0.pdf
Niger	Husband's Schools to support Women's SRH	The School for Husbands strategy extends family planning programs to men rather than focusing only on women. This involvement of men is a catalyst for initiating their critical reflections on issues relating to reproduction and sexuality in both public and private spaces.	Open call	
Niger	Solidarity funding for obstetric transport	The program makes it possible to ensure medical emergency transport without households bearing the cost of such transport. The solidarity fund is set up by deducting 100 FCFA from all consultations in health centers. To join the fund, districts must decide through a local government general assembly consisting of all the departmental authorities across all levels from mayors to health committees.	Open call	
Nigeria	Gender Mainstreaming in Basic Health Care Provision Fund	Improving UHC, through strengthening health insurance and primary health care systems in Abia BHCPF Accredited facilities. Increasing Male PHC Champions creating demand for improved family planning (FP) uptake, health system governance and accountability. Supported the pilot implementation of Task Shifting /Task Sharing (TS/TS) policy specifically in administering Long Active Reversible Contraceptive (LARC) in 6 LGAs.	Open call	
Togo	Female CHW training and deployment	The idea of giving women the opportunity to demonstrate with dignity what they are capable of was a key point in the success of the program. The patients of the program, namely women, feel more at ease when they find themselves in front of their female peers to have access to care. This state of affairs allows the program to be able to reap quite impactful results that demonstrate the importance of this gendered approach for improving MCH outcomes through community-based care. The program supports the training and deployment of paid female community health workers to support government primary health care.	Open call	