

Joint evaluation on the work of the Joint Programme on preventing and responding to violence against women and girls

Joint management Response, November 2021—November 2022

No	Recommendation	Management response	Actions planned	Responsible	Timeframe	Final tracking (November 2022)
	<i>Please list the recommendation from the Evaluation Report</i>	<i>Please indicate if accepted, partially accepted, or not accepted</i>	<i>Please indicate the concrete actions planned by UNAIDS and partners to implement the recommendations</i>	<i>Please be specific and indicate who is responsible for the actions.</i>	<i>Please be specific and indicate a completion date</i>	<i>Please indicate if the action has been completed, or in progress And provide a short update on progress</i>
Strategic recommendations						
1.	<p>UNAIDS Secretariat and Cosponsors should ensure that an explicit focus on violence against women and girls (VAWG) is integrated into the new UBRAF planning document, with objectives linked to the Global AIDS strategy 2021–2026, outlining key areas of action which relate to all Cosponsors and the Secretariat. This should be based on existing good and promising practice and evidence of what works:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A twin-track approach of the inclusion of women and girls living with HIV in mainstream/ general VAWG programmes, in tandem with interventions that focus specifically on violence experienced by women and girls living with HIV in their diversity is needed to comprehensively address VAWG/ HIV linkages and their root causes. ▪ A focus on including women and girls living with HIV in their 	Accepted	<p>The Joint Programme ensured the new 2022–2026 UBRAF and 2022–2023 Workplan and Budget prioritize a dedicated Result Area (RA 6) on gender equality and gender-based violence and make an explicit emphasis on inequalities related to VAWG, including those living with and affected by HIV, across different other Result Areas (thus ensuring a multisectoral approach), mapping out key priority actions for the Joint Programme at the global, regional and country level. Meaningful engagement and leadership of women living with HIV in the HIV response, including addressing the intersections of VAWG and HIV, is a priority for the Joint Programme and has been reflected as such in the new 2022–2026 UBRAF and 2022–2023 Workplan and Budget, including through a dedicated Result Area 4 on Community-led HIV Response.</p> <p>The 2018 Division of Labour has been reviewed and aligned with the 2021–2026 Global AIDS Strategy and the 2022–2026 UBRAF, with UN Women being the lead</p>	Cosponsors and the Secretariat	Q4 2021	<p>Completed:</p> <p>The 2022–2026 <u>5-year</u> outputs, indicators and targets for the new 2022–2026 UBRAF presented to the 49th session of the UNAIDS Board in December 2021 integrated addressing VAWG and HIV as follows:</p> <p>Joint Programme Outcome 2 indicators are aligned to 2 NCPI indicators with focus on addressing gender-based violence in the context of HIV: NCPI 130. <i>Does your country have a national plan or strategy to address gender-based violence and violence against women that includes HIV?</i> And NCPI 191.4 <i>If yes to Question 191, does the national strategy or policy guiding the AIDS response include gender-transformative* interventions, including interventions to address the intersections of gender-based violence* and HIV?</i></p> <p>The Joint Programme OUTPUT 6: Gender equality is focused on Strengthened capacities of governments, communities and other stakeholders to ensure that women and girls, men and boys, in all</p>

	<p>diversity in both HIV and VAWG programmes, as well as ensuring specific interventions are designed to address their needs is required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The annual UBRAF planning cycle at country level should be used to ensure the intersections are prioritised and division of labour is clear from the outset. This is a key role for the HIV and Gender Working Groups. ■ Include aspects of policy and legislative reform which look at gaps in VAWG policy as well as HIV policy and highlight examples of good practice in the planning document. 		<p>for the Strategic Area on Gender Equality and Gender-Based Violence at the global level with all Cosponsors as participating/contributing agencies.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Joint Programme will strengthen accountability to addressing VAWG and HIV intersections as the Cosponsors and the Secretariat will develop the 2-year and 5-year outputs, indicators and targets for the new 2022–2026 UBRAF to be presented for the Board review in December.</p>		<p>their diversity, practice and promote gender-equitable social norms and gender equality and work together to end gender-based violence in order to mitigate the risk and impact of HIV. With the Specific Joint Programme output 6.2. for 2022–2026: Provide policy and advocacy support to countries to implement gender responsive HIV prevention, treatment, care and support services that are free of stigma and discrimination and that address gender-based violence. And its Indicator 6.2.1. Number of countries where Joint Programme provided policy and advocacy support to implement gender-responsive HIV prevention, treatment, care and support services that are free of discrimination and that address gender-based violence.</p> <p>The UNAIDS Secretariat’s output S4.2 also includes Indicator S4.2.1. <i>Number of countries supported in identifying and addressing HIV-related inequalities, removing barriers to equitable access to services, advancing human rights, gender transformative, community/youth-led programming, and responding effectively to emerging human rights crises and gender-based violence.</i> And indicator S4.2.3. <i>Number of countries where UNAIDS convening role is used to provide advice and support on HIV-related human rights issues, crises, and gender-based violence.</i></p> <p>UNAIDS Secretariat function S4 on– Coordination, convening and country implementation support emphasizes the application of an inequalities lens to the response while integrating the lessons from the gender and stigma assessments led by the Secretariat. The Inequalities framework and toolkit was launched and</p>
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			<p>The Joint Programme Monitoring System (JPMS) will be reviewed to explore how the Civil Society Marker can be further strengthened to ensure the engagement of women and girls living with HIV and their organizations in the Joint UN Plans on AIDS at the country level is adequately captured and monitored.</p>	<p>Cosponsors and the Secretariat</p>	<p>2022</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Gender equality, human rights and civil society markers are used in the 2022–2023 UBRAF cycle. Efforts still need to be undertaken to ensure the JPMS supports specific tracking of the engagement of women and girls living with HIV utilizing the Civil Society Marker</p>
			<p>Cosponsors and the Secretariat will also jointly design and convene learning webinars for the Joint Programme staff at the global, regional and country level to review the evidence base and share successful programmatic approaches and existing guidance on how to address the intersections of VAWG and HIV in development and humanitarian contexts (including the RESPECT Women framework, 16 ideas, WHO’s guidance on EVAWG for health sector, the Essential Services package, ALIV(H)E framework: Action Linking Initiatives on Violence Against Women and HIV Everywhere, A Manual for Integrating the Programmes and Services of HIV and VAW, Minimum Initial Service Package, UN Women’s web-</p>	<p>Cosponsors and the Secretariat</p>	<p>2022</p>	<p>Ongoing:</p> <p>UN Women has continued to provide policy and programmatic guidance and support to countries to address the intersections of VAWG and HIV through implementation of the RESPECT Women framework, the Essential Services package, and others, as well as through UN Women’s web-portal on Gender Equality and HIV that contains additional tools and guidance.</p> <p>UNESCO through its regional programme “Our Rights, Our Lives, Our Future” is providing policy and programmatic guidance and support countries in implementation of life-skills based HIV and sexuality education. Through which the</p>

			<p>portal on Gender Equality and HIV for additional tools and guidance, etc.).</p>			<p>intersections of VAWG and HIV are raised and addressed.</p> <p>The UNAIDS secretariat has undertaken the following: i. Inequalities Framework and Toolkit that includes a focus on gender equality, human rights, and community leadership. Completed. Implementation in pilot phase in 4 countries and regions. ii. A GBV-HIV interlinkages toolkit—under testing to be launched soon. iii. Leveraging the 16 days of activism to end violence against women and girls to launch a Community of Practice on Gender equality starting with an e-discussion on GBV and HIV.</p>
			<p>Different cosponsors (e.g. WHO, UN Women and others) will continue to strengthen capacity of the UN and national partners in applying the existing guidance on VAWG, such as the RESPECT Women framework, 16 ideas, WHO's guidance on EVAWG for health sector, the Essential Services package, ALIV(H)E framework: Action Linking Initiatives on Violence Against Women and HIV Everywhere, A Manual for Integrating the Programmes and Services of HIV and VAW, UN Women's web-portal on Gender Equality and HIV for additional tools and guidance, etc., for sectoral ministries (health, legal, police, social, education) in East and Southern Africa, and Asia and Pacific, including in context of the EU/UN Spotlight Initiative. Cosponsors can seek strategic entry points to strengthen linkages between HIV and EVAWG prevention and responses in the Spotlight Initiative, as it is conceptualizing its second phase.</p>	<p>Cosponsors and the Secretariat; Joint UN Teams on AIDS and Regional Support Teams</p>	<p>2022</p>	<p>Ongoing:</p> <p>UN Women and other partners has continued to provide policy and programmatic guidance and implementation support to countries to address the intersections of VAWG and HIV through implementation of the RESPECT Women framework, the Essential Services package, and others, as well as through UN Women's web-portal on Gender Equality and HIV that contains additional tools and guidance, etc. particularly in the course of implementation of the Spotlight Initiative and other programmes and initiatives, including SASA! Community-based initiative that focus on preventing and responding to VAWG. E.g. In 2021–2022, across 15 countries, UN Women scaled up evidence-based interventions to transform unequal gender norms, resulting in prevention of violence against women and HIV. In Uganda, UN Women mobilized and strengthened the capacity of community leaders to implement the SASA! initiative</p>

						<p>to prevent violence against women and HIV. In South Africa, UN Women's HeForShe community-based initiative engaged both women and men in dialogues on unequal gender norms, violence against women, and HIV prevention, which resulted in better HIV outcomes, including increased access to HIV testing and treatment adherence.</p> <p>The UNAIDS Secretariat is currently developing an internal guidance note and toolkit on the interlinkages of GBV and HIV designed to provide entry points and strategic directions for staff to advance prevention of and response to GBV-HIV.</p> <p>UNAIDS Secretariat with GNP+ is addressing the GBV-HIV nexus by advocacy efforts around stigma and discrimination. They are developing an Advocate's Guide on M&E to support community efforts to track global progress towards the goal of eliminating all forms of HIV-related stigma and discrimination from a gender perspective.</p>
			<p>The Joint Programme will support countries' efforts to integrate HIV into the National Action Plans and policies on ending VAWG and to integrate VAWG issues into the national HIV strategies, policies and programmes, leveraging the efforts under the Global Partnership for Action to Eliminate All Forms of HIV-Related Stigma and Discrimination. The Joint Programme will also support development of protocols and capacity building of service providers to strengthen the health sector response to EVAWG.</p>	<p>Cosponsors and the Secretariat; Joint UN Teams on AIDS and Regional Support Teams</p>	<p>2022</p>	<p>Ongoing:</p> <p>AIDS coordinating bodies and HIV programmes across 16 countries strengthened their gender expertise with UN Women's support, resulting in more gender-responsive HIV plans and programmes, including integrating the intersections of VAWG and HIV, related actions and indicators into the national HIV strategies, programmes and policies.</p>

			As Member States are designing or implementing socio-economic COVID-19 recovery plans/strategies, cosponsors will advocate for more investment and commitment to strengthen HIV and VAWG prevention and response in relevant COVID-19 recovery plans and stimulus packages.			
			The Joint Programme will continue to assess the status of policies and legislation on tackling the intersections of VAWG and HIV through supporting country gender assessments of the HIV response and regular country reporting to the Global AIDS Monitoring (GAM). Data generated through GAM will be analyzed as part of the joint planning exercises in order to ensure actions within the plan respond to the gaps exposed by the data.	Cosponsors and the Secretariat; Joint UN Teams on AIDS and Regional Support Teams	2022	Ongoing: UN Women, the UNAIDS Secretariat and other cosponsors supported the national AIDS coordinating bodies in conducting gender assessments in partnership with Ministries of Health, Gender, Education in the following countries: Ethiopia, South Africa, Tanzania, Cote D'Ivoire, Guatemala and Dominican Republic (Nigeria is ongoing).
			The examples of results of the Joint Programme support at the country, regional and global level will be featured in the annual Joint Programme Performance Monitoring Reports to the UNAIDS Board.	Cosponsors and the Secretariat; Joint UN Teams on AIDS and Regional Support Teams	Ongoing	Completed: The results of the Joint Programme support to address the intersections of VAWG and HIV have been featured in the 2020–2021 UNAIDS UBRAF Strategy Result Area and Indicator Report , the 2020–2021 Regional and Country Report , the 2020–2021 Organizational report to the 50 th session of the UNAIDS Board.
2.	The UNAIDS Secretariat and Cosponsors should produce short guidance notes that collate the evidence of what works to address the intersections of VAWG and HIV, highlighting key entry points and missed opportunities identified through this evaluation and	Accepted	Cosponsors and the UNAIDS Secretariat will ensure the 2022–2023 UNAIDS Country Envelopes planning guidance for the Joint UN Teams on AIDS will explicitly reference and encourage prioritizing programming and funding for efforts to address the intersections of VAWG and HIV, based on available guidance notes, including the RESPECT Women	Cosponsors and the Secretariat	Q4 2021	Ongoing: The Joint UN Plans on AIDS 2022–2023 and Country Envelope Allocation Guidance has a reference to VAWG, however, the “Responding to Social and Structural Drivers of the HIV epidemic” guidance note, developed by UN Women and UNDP with inputs from all cosponsors and the UNAIDS Secretariat, has not been included

	<p>existing good practice to guide future programming:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The UNAIDS Joint Programme should commission a series of short guidance notes to sit alongside the new UBRAF. These guidance notes should assemble, and synthesise global guidance which already exists together in one place to support programmers and policy makers, including WHO 16 ideas for addressing VAWG, RESPECT framework, ALIV[H]E framework, and the WHO Consolidated guidelines for SRHR. Learning identified through promising examples in this evaluation and from other sources, should also be captured and fed into the next planning cycle 		<p>framework, 16 ideas, WHO’s guidance on EVAWG for health sector, the Essential Services package, ALIV(H)E framework: Action Linking Initiatives on Violence Against Women and HIV Everywhere, A Manual for Integrating the Programmes and Services of HIV and VAW, UN Women’s web-portal on Gender Equality and HIV for additional tools and guidance, etc.)..</p> <p>The planning guidance will be accompanied by the “Responding to Social and Structural Drivers of the HIV epidemic” guidance note, developed by UN Women and UNDP with inputs from all cosponsors and the UNAIDS Secretariat.</p> <p>As part of yearly mapping of gender-based violence programmes, UNFPA will contribute to systematic mapping evaluations of programmes to ensure inclusion of women and girls living with HIV.</p>			<p>as an annex. The review of the 2023 Country Envelope guidance will be used as an opportunity to revisit the guidance and encourage prioritizing programming and funding for efforts to address the intersections of VAWG and HIV, based on available guidance notes.</p> <p>The December 2022 thematic session on HIV and men, in all their diversity, how can we get our responses back on track? will consider wider questions of gender equality including good practice and case studies around the need to involve men in addressing VAWG.</p> <p>The independent evaluation of UNFPA support to gender equality and women’s empowerment confirmed UNFPA has contributed globally to the advancement of gender equality through its focus on sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights and its integrated approach and is increasingly integrating support to services including for HIV.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>The UNAIDS Secretariat and Cosponsors should strengthen the mechanisms for accountability, and feedback, to civil society and women in their diversity, at country level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote more opportunities for co-creation of interventions with women-led, and women’s rights organisations, to strengthen mutual accountability and sustainability. This can be done through existing mechanisms at country level and reviewing and rotating the membership, ensuring people from rural areas 	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>Meaningful engagement and leadership of women living with HIV in the HIV response, including addressing the intersections of VAWG and HIV, is a priority for the Joint Programme and has been reflected as such in the new 2022–2026 UBRAF and 2022–2023 Workplan and Budget, including through a dedicated Result Area 4 on Community-led HIV Response. Indicators for tracking results in this regard will be developed for the new 2022–2026 UBRAF.</p> <p>The Generation Equality Forum’s Action Coalitions on Gender-Based Violence, and Bodily Autonomy and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights provide</p>	<p>Cosponsors and the Secretariat</p>	<p>Q4 2021</p>	<p>Completed:</p> <p>The 2022–2026 5-year outputs, indicators and targets for the new 2022–2026 UBRAF presented to the 49th session of the UNAIDS Board in December 2021 and the 2022–2026 UBRAF Indicators Matrix, presented to and approved by the 50th UNAIDS Board in June 2022 solidified the accountability of the Joint Programme to support the meaningful engagement and leadership of women living with HIV in the HIV response, including addressing the intersections of VAWG and HIV.</p> <p>Under Result Area 4: Community-led responses, the Specific outputs for 5 and 2 years 4.1 focuses on: <i>Develop and</i></p>

	<p>are included, decentralising representation, and giving groups more notice of meetings and agenda, to allow adequate preparation. A stronger focus on building sustainable leadership skills of women rights organisations is needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Provide more concerted efforts to ensure the inclusion of women and girls in their diversity in funding and programme decision making processes within the UN and the Global Fund. This should include women's rights groups at grassroots level. The Civil Society reference group established in Zimbabwe for the Spotlight programme provides a good example. ■ Improve feedback mechanisms through ensuring better transparency around how the JP makes decisions, which groups they work with and how they fund those groups. Funds should be released in a timely fashion and there should be a two-way feedback process in place, where results and lessons are shared. 		<p>an opportunity for accountability and engagement of women in country level efforts—as well as the Global Partnership for Action to Eliminate All Forms of HIV-related Stigma and Discrimination and the Education Plus Initiative.</p> <p>GBV Response and prevention commitment made jointly by UN Women, UNFPA, UNODC, UNDP and WHO require that these efforts would be undertaken in collaboration with grassroots organizations, feminist and women-led organizations that also include the networks of women living with HIV.</p> <p>The Joint Programme will continue to focus on engaging men and boys, without diverting energy and resources from women's and girls' empowerment initiatives, to ensure a holistic approach to ending violence against women and girls.</p>		<p><i>promote normative guidance and support advocacy strategies for community-led responses (network strengthening, legal literacy, advocacy, monitoring and service delivery), including those led by people living with HIV, key populations, women and youth.</i></p> <p>Under Result Area 6: Gender Equality, the Specific outputs for 5 and 2 years 6.1 is on <i>Strengthen gender expertise and capacity in countries supported by the Joint Programme to design, resource, implement, and monitor gender-transformative national and local HIV plans, policies, and programmes, that address unequal gender norms, and to meaningfully engage women and girls, in all their diversity together with men, along with a corresponding Indicator 6.1.1. Number of countries where the Joint Programme contributed to strengthened gender expertise and capacity to integrate gender equality into the national HIV response, and meaningfully engage women in all their diversity together with men.</i></p> <p>Additionally, the UNAIDS Secretariat has an Indicator S1.2.1. <i>Number of countries that have received Secretariat support for meaningful engagement between people living with HIV, key populations, affected women and girls and young people etc. and government institutions for information sharing and decision making on HIV priorities.</i></p> <p>Ongoing:</p> <p>Cosponsors continued to support the meaningful engagement of women living and affected by HIV in the HIV response. E.g. UN Women promoted the leadership</p>
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						<p>and empowerment of women living with HIV across 35 countries, directly benefiting over 35,000 women living with HIV.</p> <p>UNFPA GBV prevention and response measures include support to women's rights groups and relevant CSOs with strengthened capacities to network, partner and jointly advocate for progress on ending GBV and for using the appropriate mechanisms for advocacy.</p> <p>UNAIDS Secretariat supported: A) the #GenEndIt Youth Ambassadors Programme created to strengthen the advocacy and leadership skills of 15 young activists (9 women). Some of the Ambassadors implemented activities focused on reducing gender-based violence. B) Women living with HIV in four countries documented cases of forced and coerced sterilization and sought legal redress for these cases (Botswana, Kenya, Namibia, South Africa) and C) Young women living with HIV and youth from key populations, in ten countries finished the data collection for #UPROOT scorecards and generated evidence for arguments to change HIV policy and resource allocations affecting young people.</p>
			<p>The Joint Programme Monitoring System (JPMS) will be reviewed to explore if the Civil Society Marker can be further strengthened to ensure the engagement of women and girls living with HIV and their organizations in the Joint UN Plans on AIDS at the country level is more adequately captured and monitored. [Rec. 1]</p>	<p>Cosponsors and the Secretariat</p>	<p>2022</p>	

			<p>Cosponsors and the UNAIDS Secretariat will ensure the 2022–2023 UNAIDS Country Envelopes planning guidance for the Joint UN Teams on AIDS to explicitly reference and encourage engagement and participation of the women-led and women’s rights organizations in the development, implementation and design of the Country Envelopes. [Rec. 2]</p>	<p>Cosponsors and the Secretariat</p>	<p>Q4 2021</p>	<p>Ongoing:</p> <p>Unfortunately, the Joint UN Plans on AIDS 2022–2023 and Country Envelope Allocation Guidance did not include the “Responding to Social and Structural Drivers of the HIV epidemic” guidance note, developed by UN Women and UNDP with inputs from all cosponsors and the UNAIDS Secretariat. The review the 2023 Country Envelope guidance will be used as an opportunity to revisit the guidance and encourage engagement and participation of the women-led and women’s rights organizations in the development, implementation and design of the Country Envelopes.</p>
			<p>UN Women will lead the development of a guidance note on the engagement of women living with HIV, particularly young women, and their organizations in the HIV responses, which will include successful examples of women’s organizing and mobilizing including through the Education Plus Initiative, as well as the Global Prevention Coalition and the Global Partnership for Action to Eliminate All Forms of HIV-related Stigma and Discrimination. This will be disseminated widely including through the Joint Programme.</p>	<p>UN Women</p>	<p>2022</p>	<p>Ongoing:</p> <p>The draft guidance note on the engagement of women living with HIV, particularly young women, and their organizations in the HIV responses, which includes successful examples of women’s organizing and mobilizing, is available, however due to the unexpected cuts to cosponsors in 2022 had to be postponed to 2023.</p>
			<p>Advocacy opportunities, especially at country levels, vis a vis the Global Fund processes or wider UN System gender equality/VAWG spaces would be leveraged, including opportunities to advance understanding of the economic benefits of this work.</p>	<p>Cosponsors and the Secretariat</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	

<p>4. The UNAIDS Secretariat and Cosponsors should consider how to improve ways of working so that UBRAF funds have a more catalytic and impactful role, including revisiting the funding mechanisms to support civil society:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Joint Programme could consider how funding is allocated to ensure resources support and include women’s rights organisations at grassroots level and networks led by women living with and affected by HIV including those supporting the rights of girls. Coalition building to strengthen leadership and management capacity could be integrated into funding mechanisms to support community-led responses run by smaller organisations working at the grassroots level. This could be stipulated within the funding modality so that communities are meaningfully involved. There is a need to recognise the diversity of voices and capacity within the women’s movement and find a way of ensuring a vibrant and well-funded community level response is supported. ■ Consider saturation and layering of interventions in particular areas to avoid spreading resources thinly and having little impact. ■ Consider making it a requirement for all HIV 	<p>Partially accepted, as different cosponsors and the Secretariat might have differing processes and mechanisms for partner engagement and will not be in the remit of the present Management Response</p>	<p>Cosponsors and the UNAIDS Secretariat will ensure the 2022–2023 UNAIDS Country Envelopes planning guidance for the Joint UN Teams on AIDS will explicitly reference and encourage prioritizing programming and funding for efforts to address the intersections of VAWG and HIV, leveraging ongoing strategic initiatives, including the Spotlight Initiative, the Education Plus initiative, global joint programmes and initiatives such as on Essential Services, Ending Female Genital Mutilation, and ending early marriages; and will facilitate support to women’s rights organizations at the grassroots level and networks led by women living with and affected by HIV including those supporting the rights of girls. [Rec. 2]</p>	<p>Cosponsors and the Secretariat</p>	<p>Q4 2021</p>	<p>Ongoing:</p> <p>The Joint UN Plans on AIDS 2022–2023 and Country Envelope Allocation Guidance did not include the “Responding to Social and Structural Drivers of the HIV epidemic” guidance note, developed by UN Women and UNDP with inputs from all cosponsors and the UNAIDS Secretariat. The review of the 2023 Country Envelope guidance will be used as an opportunity to revisit the guidance and encourage programming on addressing the intersections of VAWG and HIV and the engagement and participation of the women-led and women’s rights organizations in the development, implementation and design of the Country Envelopes.</p>
		<p>As the Joint Programme will be updating its Resource Mobilization Plan, a dedicated focus will be made to mobilize non-core resources to address the intersections of VAWG and HIV, including resources to support women’s rights organizations at grassroots level, with related indicators to strengthen accountability.</p>	<p>Cosponsors and the Secretariat</p>	<p>2022</p>	<p>Ongoing:</p> <p>The draft Joint Programme Resource Mobilization Strategy has been developed. The intention is to secure funds to address the key result areas in the UBRAF that relate to the intersections of VAW and HIV.</p>
		<p>The UNAIDS Secretariat will continue to include messaging focused on advancing progress on ending the twin pandemics of VAWG and HIV in the UNAIDS EXD reports to the PCB.</p>	<p>Secretariat?</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing:</p> <p>The results of the Joint Programme support to address the intersections of VAWG and HIV have been featured in the 2020–2021 UNAIDS UBRAF Strategy Result Area and Indicator Report, the 2020–2021 Regional and Country Report, the 2020–2021 Organizational report to the 50th session of the UNAIDS Board.</p>
		<p>The Joint Programme will also leverage global strategic initiatives to ensure the</p>	<p>Cosponsors and the</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing:</p>

	<p>programmes to address GBV/VAWG; addressing VAWG against women living with HIV must be put in the centre of the HIV response and needs to be prioritised and recognised by all stakeholders. A set of minimum standards could guide this requirement.</p>		<p>emphasis on addressing the intersections of VAWG and HIV and to amplify the impact, including through the work of the Global HIV Prevention Coalition, the Global Partnership for Action to Eliminate All Forms of HIV-Related Stigma and Discrimination, Education Plus and various national strategic processes.</p>	<p>Secretariat; Joint UN Teams on AIDS and Regional Support Teams</p>		<p>UNESCO embarked on an innovative partnership with the Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+) and the Global Network of young people living with HIV (Y+) to produce a youth-led update of the 2012 “Positive Learning” recommendations on how the education sector can meet the needs of learners living with HIV. Six youth consultations were undertaken with YPLHIV groups in each world region, leading to a global consultation in July 2021 that brought together over 60 stakeholders representing the education sector, health, teachers, the UN, civil society and young people. The resulting recommendations were released on the occasion of World AIDS Day 2021, and are currently being translated in French, Spanish and Russian. The Education Plus initiative builds upon and links closely with UNESCO’s “Our Rights, Our Lives, Our Future” programme as well as with other UNESCO efforts. The key entry point is secondary education, including good-quality comprehensive sexuality education, alongside a ‘plus’ package of empowerment interventions that young women need to build healthy, vibrant futures. To date, countries that have committed to engage and take this agenda forward include Benin, Cameroon, Gabon, Lesotho, and Sierra Leone.</p>
			<p>The Joint Programme will continue integration of the interventions on VAWG prevention and response in the context of HIV, including through its work on supporting the design and implementation of the national HIV responses, integration of HIV/SRH services.</p>	<p>Cosponsors and the Secretariat; Joint UN Teams on AIDS and Regional Support Teams</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing: The Joint Programme continued to integrate interventions on VAWG prevention and response in the context of HIV, including through its work on supporting the design and implementation of the national HIV responses, integration of HIV/SRH services. i.e. AIDS coordinating bodies and HIV programmes across 16</p>

						countries strengthened their gender expertise with UN Women’s support, resulting in more gender-responsive HIV plans and programmes, including integrating the intersections of VAWG and HIV, related actions and indicators into the national HIV strategies, programmes and policies.
			Technical assistance provided by Cosponsors and the UNAIDS Secretariat at all levels to the National AIDS Commissions, the Ministries of Health, the Ministries of Gender, the Ministries of Labour and other line ministries and service delivery partners, will support compliance with the WHO guidelines on intimate partner violence and sexual violence, the RESPECT framework and Essential Services package.	Cosponsors and the Secretariat; Joint UN Teams on AIDS and Regional Support Teams	2022	Ongoing: UN Women has continued to provide policy and programmatic guidance and support to countries to address the intersections of VAWG and HIV through implementation of the RESPECT Women framework , the Essential Services package , and others, as well as through UN Women’s web-portal on Gender Equality and HIV that contains additional tools, guidance, and evidence. .
			UN Women will lead efforts to strengthen the capacity of the Joint UN Teams of AIDS on the use and application of the Gender Equality Marker in the JPMS to capture more adequately the data on types of actions prioritized by the Joint Plans and related allocations.	UN Women and the Secretariat	2022	Ongoing: The Gender Equality Marker was part of the 2022–2023 Joint Programme guidance and in the planning JPMS tool and is continuously utilized in the joint planning and annual reporting. Capacity building webinars for the joint programme staff for utilizing the gender equality marker will be undertaken with UN Women in the lead (based on availability of resources).
5.	UNAIDS Secretariat should strengthen its advocacy role at regional and national level to amplify the need to address the bi-directional linkages of violence against women and HIV: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Advocacy at regional level should call for redoubled efforts to reach and support the	Partially Accepted-subject to UNCTs and the national partners to implement.	Cosponsors and the UNAIDS Secretariat will ensure the 2022–2023 UNAIDS Country Envelopes planning guidance for the quality assurance review at the regional level to include a specific emphasis to prioritize programming and funding for efforts to address the intersections of VAWG and HIV, based on available guidance notes, including the	Cosponsors and the Secretariat	Q4 2021	Ongoing: The Joint UN Plans on AIDS 2022–2023 and Country Envelope Allocation Guidance did not include the “Responding to Social and Structural Drivers of the HIV epidemic” guidance note, developed by UN Women and UNDP with inputs from all cosponsors and the UNAIDS Secretariat. The review the 2023 Country Envelope

	<p>activities of women and girls living with HIV with VAWG prevention and response programmes and to address the bi-directional links for women and girls at greater risk of HIV transmission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ At country level, UNAIDS should leverage the role of the Resident Coordinators Office (RCO) to advocate for prioritising VAWG and HIV intersections, and the meaningful involvement of women living with and affected by both HIV and VAWG in their diversity, through the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation framework at country level. ■ Advocacy with key partners, particularly the Global Fund, PEPFAR and Spotlight Initiative, to meaningfully include, support, and improve their accountability to women and girls living with HIV in their diversity and understanding of the gendered nature of the epidemic and the bi-directional linkages with VAWG. 		<p>RESPECT Women framework, 16 ideas, WHO’s guidance on EVAWG for health sector, the Essential Services package, ALIV(H)E framework: Action Linking Initiatives on Violence Against Women and HIV Everywhere, A Manual for Integrating the Programmes and Services of HIV and VAW. [Rec. 2]</p>			<p>guidance will be used as an opportunity to revisit the guidance and encourage programming on addressing the intersections of VAWG and HIV and the engagement and participation of the women-led and women’s rights organizations in the development, implementation and design of the Country Envelopes.</p>
			<p>Regional UN teams will continue to identify and leverage strategic opportunities for policy-advocacy to shape regional and national agenda-setting on addressing bidirectional linkages of HIV-VAWG, within general VAWG and HIV-specific spaces (i.e. at regional inter-ministerial conferences, Economic Commissions, OAFLAD, AU levels, SADC, etc.).</p>	<p>Cosponsors and the Secretariat; Joint UN Teams on AIDS and Regional Support Teams</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing: Regional programmes such as UNESCO’s “Our Rights, Our Lives, Our Future” (O3) program are supporting efforts to strengthen the links and collaboration between the WCA Commitment process and the Education Plus Initiative which will meaningfully support efforts to prevent HIV and VAWG as well as address gender norms.</p>
			<p>The Joint Programme will also support the ratification and promotion of the new International Labour Standard on violence and harassment in the world of work.</p>	<p>Cosponsors and the Secretariat; Joint UN Teams on AIDS and Regional Support Teams</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing: ILO, UN Women, and other partners supported ratifying Convention No. 190 in 11 countries in 2021–2022.</p>
			<p>The Joint UN Teams of AIDS will continue to leverage the RCs and will collaborate with the UN Gender Theme Groups, UNSDCF Working groups and UN Country Teams to identify UN strategic planning processes, joint assessments (such as the Common Country Assessment) and opportunities in-country to include priorities related to VAWG and HIV intersections.</p>	<p>Cosponsors and the Secretariat; Joint UN Teams on AIDS and Regional Support Teams</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

			<p>UNAIDS EXD and the Joint Programme Principals and senior staff to integrate importance of addressing VAWG-HIV linkages in their regular country missions and communications with Resident Coordinators, UNCTs, partners.</p> <p>The Joint Programme will invest in effective communication for impact among programme coordinators and implementers to accelerate visibility and advocacy on VAW and HIV. For example, this may include simplifying the language and building capacities around social media use as an advocacy tool.</p>	<p>Cosponsors and the Secretariat</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing:</p> <p>In October 2021, UN Women convened a high-level meeting in Tanzania for 15 sub-Saharan Africa countries to build a collective to address unacceptably high rates of new HIV infections in sub-Saharan Africa. UN Women Executive Director has participated in the meeting, along with the UNAIDS Executive Director, the Prime Minister of Tanzania, and other established women leaders and young women leaders. The Outcome Document included priorities such as ending violence against women and girls as a priority in responses to HIV.</p>
			<p>The Joint Programme will continue to advocate for strengthened support and accountability for actions to address VAWG, noting the economic benefits of this work, including violence against women living with HIV and the bi-directional linkages with HIV, in its partnership with the Global Fund, PEPFAR and its DREAMS initiative and the EU/UN Spotlight Initiative, at all levels (i.e. HQ levels, Global Fund Country Coordination Mechanisms, in countries implementing Spotlight initiative) and in all contexts.</p>	<p>Cosponsors and the Secretariat; Joint UN Teams on AIDS and Regional Support Teams</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing:</p> <p>UN Women has continued to provide policy and programmatic guidance and support to countries to address the intersections of VAWG and HIV through implementation of the RESPECT Women framework, the Essential Services package, and others, as well as through UN Women's web-portal on Gender Equality and HIV that contains additional tools and guidance, etc.</p>
			<p>The Secretariat's Strategic Information team will ensure the Global / regional flagship reports and publications include latest data and evidence on VAWG and how it intersects with HIV and include adequate emphasis on the urgent need for concerted actions and investment to end VAWG, including noting the economic benefits of such investments.</p> <p>WFP will collaborate with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine</p>	<p>Secretariat and Cosponsors</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing:</p> <p>UNAIDS Global AIDS Update <i>In Danger</i> includes a dedicated chapter on gender equality and gender-based violence.</p>

			and the University of Oxford to produce findings on VAWG.			
Operational recommendations						
6.	<p>UNAIDS Secretariat and Cosponsors should ensure that Country Teams receive capacity building and training in addressing both HIV and VAWG through the lens of gender transformative policy and programming and how HIV impacts gender equality and norms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Support country teams to conduct gender and inclusion analysis for all programmes. This should address the bi-directional linkages of HIV and VAWG prevention and response, paying specific attention to addressing normative change. ▪ Internal capacity building should ensure coherent messaging and programming as a whole, including consistent language and terminology of key concepts as identified in this evaluation. ▪ Investment and focus are needed to ensure that this awareness raising and capacity building is provided across the Joint Programme country teams to build consistent understandings. 	Accepted	As the Joint Programme will be updating its Resource Mobilization Plan, a dedicated effort will be made to mobilize non-core resources to strengthen the Joint Programme internal capacity to address the intersections of unequal gender norms, VAWG and HIV. [Rec. 4]	Cosponsors and the Secretariat	2022	Ongoing: The draft Joint Programme Resource Mobilization Strategy has been developed. The intention is to secure funds to address the key result areas in the UBRAF that relate to the intersections of VAW and HIV
			UN Women will design and launch an online course on gender dimensions of the HIV response for Joint Programme staff and interested stakeholders.	UN Women	2022	Ongoing: The draft guidance on key definitions is available, however due to the unexpected cuts to cosponsors funding in 2022 the course development and launch had to be postponed to 2023.
			The Joint Programme will continue to support countries in conducting gender assessments of the HIV response, ensuring VAWG-HIV linkages and the impact of unequal gender norms are adequately examined, and assessments' findings are addressed in the HIV response, including actions, budgets and monitoring frameworks.	Cosponsors and the Secretariat; Joint UN Teams on AIDS and Regional Support Teams	Ongoing	Ongoing: UN Women, the UNAIDS Secretariat and other cosponsors supported the national AIDS coordinating bodies in Ethiopia, South Africa, Tanzania, Cote D'Ivoire, Guatemala and Dominican Republic (Nigeria is ongoing) to conduct gender assessments of the national HIV response and use the findings to integrate gender equality issues, including VAWG issues, into HIV strategies. A UNAIDS Secretariat led review of 15 Gender Assessments (South Africa, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone, Morocco, Tanzania, Cote d'Ivoire, etc) is currently underway focused on analyzing the support required to ensure implementation of the recommendations from these assessments based on an

						analysis of actions already implemented and factors that facilitated this.
			The cosponsors and Secretariat will jointly design and convene learning webinars for Joint Programme staff at the global, regional and country level to review the evidence base and share existing programming guidance and tools on how to address the intersections of VAWG and HIV (including RESPECT framework, 16 ideas, WHO's guidance on EAWG for health sector, Essential Services package, etc.). [Rec. 1]	Cosponsors and the Secretariat	2022	Ongoing: UN Women has continued to provide policy and programmatic guidance and support to countries to address the intersections of VAWG and HIV through implementation of the RESPECT Women framework , the Essential Services package , and others as well as through UN Women's web-portal on Gender Equality and HIV that contains additional tools and guidance, etc.
7.	UNAIDS Secretariat and Cosponsors need to improve documentation, evaluation and knowledge management, with some notable exceptions:	Accepted	The cosponsors and the UNAIDS Secretariat will continue to adhere to and implement the internal institutional Evaluation Policies and procedures, ensuring evaluation reports, its findings and lessons learned related to addressing EAWG and HIV intersections are shared across the Joint Programme for cross-learning and knowledge sharing.	Cosponsors and the Secretariat	Ongoing	Ongoing
			The Joint Programme Monitoring System will continue to be revisited and improved to better capture key results and achievements of the Joint Programme in addressing the intersections of VAWG and HIV and will promote dissemination through UNAIDS Secretariat and cosponsors' communications mechanisms including social media and digital platforms.	Cosponsors and the Secretariat	2022	Ongoing: The results of the Joint Programme support to address the intersections of VAWG and HIV have been featured in the 2020–2021 UNAIDS UBRAF Strategy Result Area and Indicator Report , the 2020–2021 Regional and Country Report , the 2020–2021 Organizational report to the 50 th session of the UNAIDS Board.
			The Joint Programme Monitoring System (JPMS) will be reviewed to strengthen the use and application of the Civil Society Marker to ensure the engagement of women and girls living with HIV and their organizations in the Joint UN Plans on	Cosponsors and the Secretariat	2022	Ongoing

	<p>meaningful tool if it remains a requirement.</p>		<p>AIDS at the country level can be more adequately captured and monitored. [Rec 1]</p>			
			<p>UN Women will lead efforts to strengthen the capacity of the Joint UN Teams of AIDS on the use and application of the Gender Equality Marker in the JPMS to capture more adequately the data on types of actions prioritized by the Joint Plans and related allocations. [Rec. 4]</p>	<p>UN Women and the Secretariat</p>	<p>2022</p>	<p>Ongoing: The Gender Equality Marker has been retained in the JPMS and is continuously utilized in the joint planning and annual reporting. Capacity building webinars for the joint programme staff for utilizing the gender equality marker in the context of HIV/AIDS will be undertaken with UN Women in the lead (based on availability of resources).</p>
			<p>The examples of the Joint Programme good practices, lessons learnt, evaluations' findings from past and ongoing programmes that address links between VAWG and HIV will continue to be integrated into the annual Joint Programme Performance Monitoring Reports to the UNAIDS Board and various communications products. [Rec 1]</p>	<p>Cosponsors and the Secretariat</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Completed: The results of the Joint Programme support to address the intersections of VAWG and HIV have been featured in the 2020–2021 UNAIDS UBRAF Strategy Result Area and Indicator Report, the 2020–2021 Regional and Country Report, the 2020–2021 Organizational report to the 50th session of the UNAIDS Board.</p>