

South-South Learning Network

Leveraging Peer Learning and Networking for Strengthening HIV Prevention Programming in sub-Saharan Africa



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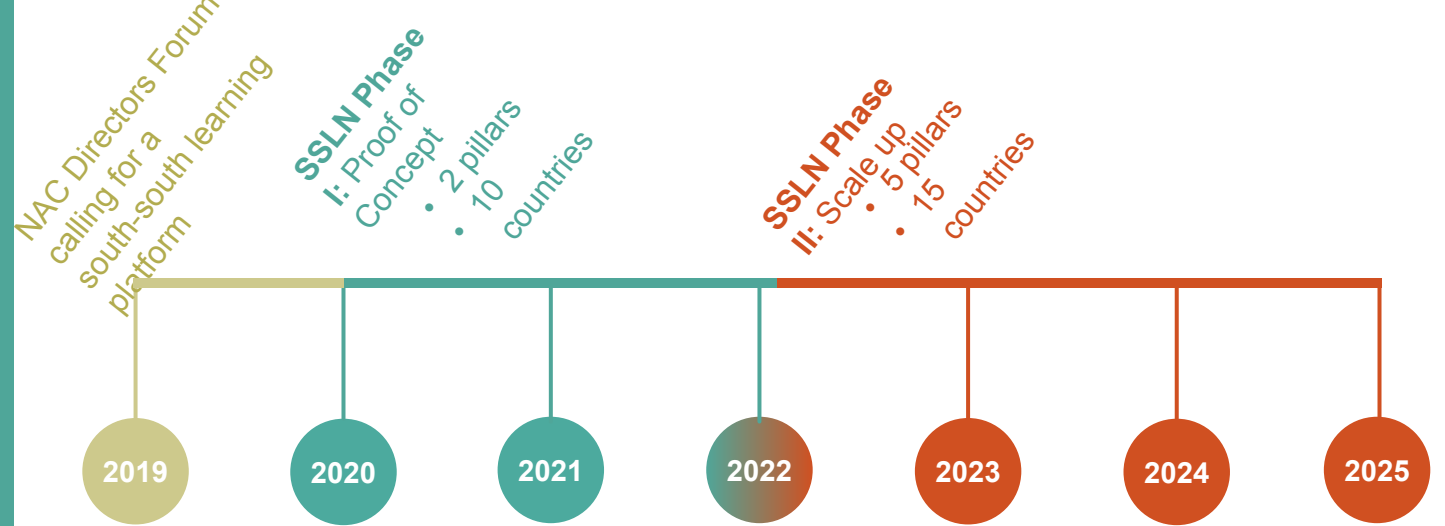
Background

“ This network was conceived as a learning network for policymakers, programme managers and implementers and as a means of exchanging knowledge and experiences to facilitate the sharing of good practice among peers, specifically good south-south practices.

The overarching goal is to facilitate the uptake of best practices and jointly figure out ways to address implementation gaps strategically and in the face of limited resources.

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Phase I | Proof of Concept

The SSLN initially focused on **2 pillars** (Condoms and Key Populations [MSM & FSW]) in **10 countries**

Phase II | Scale up

The SSLN has been scaled up to all **5 prevention pillars** in **15 countries**



Objectives of the South-South Learning Network

An **HIV Prevention Learning Network** between 15 GPC African countries which supports countries to:

Assess and identify **programmatic gaps and priorities** for their HIV prevention response which includes the identification of country capacity development and technical assistance needs in HIV prevention



Build **social capital** among HIV program managers and implementers for joint problem solving



Facilitate **documentation, sharing and replication of promising practice** across HIV prevention



Strengthen Country Strategies as well as PEPFAR and Global Fund **grant applications** for HIV prevention programming; and optimize HIV prevention implementation for improved results



How is the SSLN implemented?

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1

Establishment

- Project advisory & steering committees
- Countries & country champion groups

2

Assessment

- Countries complete the **PSAT**
- TA plans, action plans and learning agendas developed

3

Implementation

- Learning events, TA support and linkages

4

Reflection

- Feedback from countries and adaptation



Establishment: SSLN at National Level



SSLN Champion Group at National level includes representatives:

- The National Agency for the Control of HIV/AIDS
- Policy makers
- Implementers
- Development partners
- Community-based organisations
- Community networks



SSLN champions at the champions' meeting, November 2022

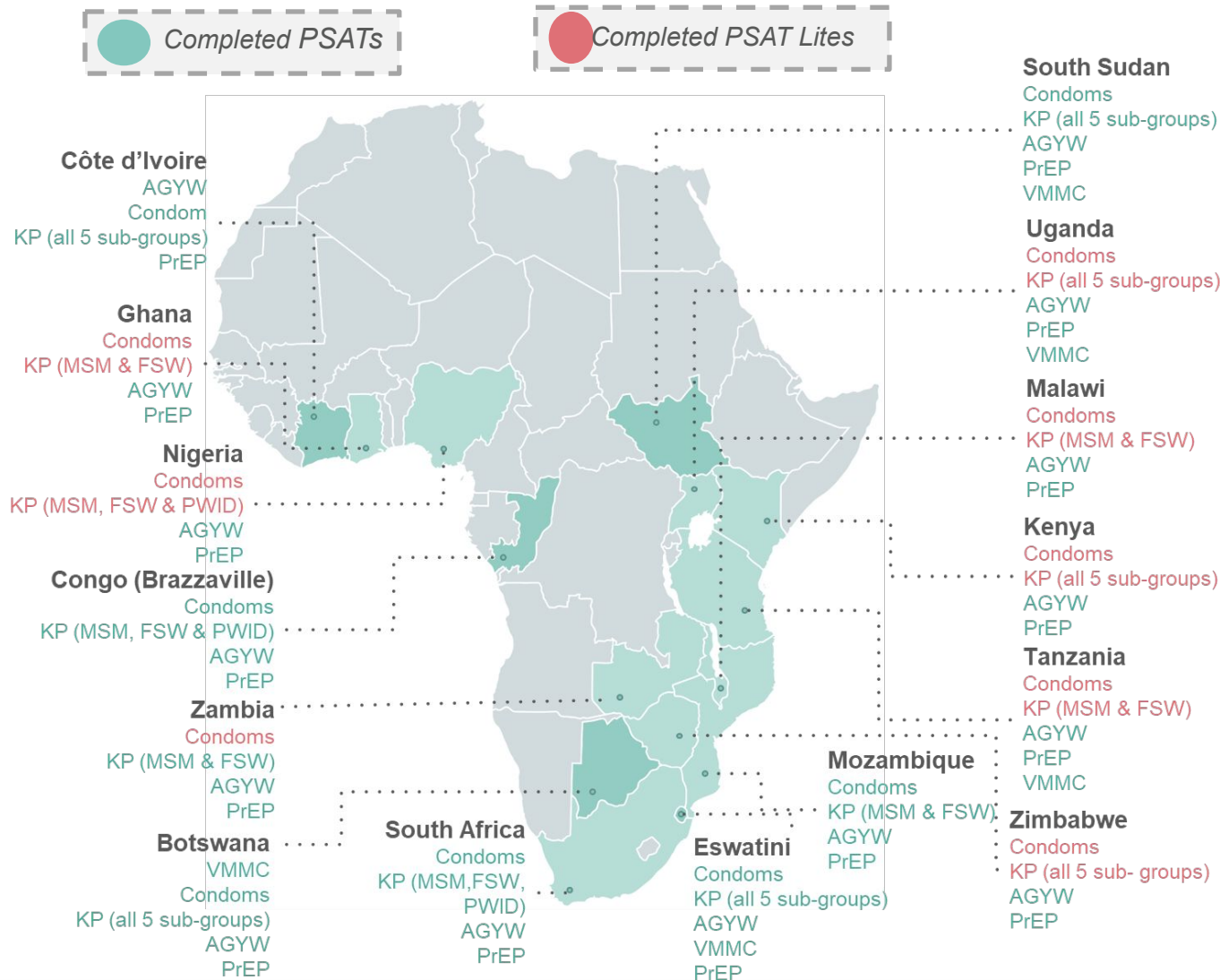
Recommendation: 6-8 SSLN Country Champions (per pillar that each country opts in to)

Assessment: Prevention Self-Assessment Tools (PSATs)

To date, we have supported countries to complete 103 Full PSATs and 30 PSAT lites completed in 15 countries

As shown on the map, **Ghana** has completed the following PSATs/PSATlites:

HIV Prevention Pillar	PSAT	PSATlite
Condoms	✓	✓
KP-MSM	✓	✓
KP- FSW	✓	✓
KP-PWID	-	
KP-TG		
KP -Prisons		
AGYW	✓	
PrEP	✓	



The PSAT tool serves as an entry point in assisting countries to reflect on their HIV prevention programmes. This country assessment then informs the SSLN response

Assessment: PSATs

The country PSAT analysis informs the development of

- country action plans
- TA plans
- the country SSLN Learning Agenda (which responds to countries' self-identified prevention needs)

Each submitted PSAT goes through 5 steps

- 1) visualised on PowerBI
- 2) summarised into a narrative report
- 3) fed into a country plan of action
- 4) analysed to identify TA needs
- 5) input into the cross-country dashboard for analysis



This summary is based on the information which was completed and submitted by a nominated country team through the completion of a Sex Worker (SW) Prevention Self-Assessment Tool PSAT. This self-assessment was the first exercise completed after entering into the South-South HIV Prevention Learning Network (SSLN) - an initiative of the Global HIV Prevention Coalition (GPC).

INTRODUCTION

The Ghana country team assessed themselves to have achieved an average domain score of 3.9 out of 5 (Figure 1). The average score is made up of the three domain scores; programme management, programme implementation and programme outcomes, each domain scored out of 5. As shown in Figure 2 below, the programme implementation and management domains scored the highest at 4.4. Programme outcomes had a score of 2.7, highlighting a need to strengthen this domain.



Figure 1: Average domain score for the Ghana FSW PSAT

Figure 2: Average domain score for the Ghana FSW PSAT

Implementation: various SSLN-facilitated learning activities



- ❑ Participated in over 41 different learning activities including 23 webinars and 9 link and learn sessions.
- ❑ Participated in one virtual mentoring and one learning visit- *Harm reduction learning visit to Kenya*.
- ❑ Hosted one prevention pillar workshop- *PrEP Workshop*
- ❑ Hosted 5 site visits at the PrEP pillar workshop
- ❑ Completed one case study- *Addressing Human Rights of KP in Ghana*
- ❑ Received one short term technical assistance
- ❑ Participated in different in-person workshop sessions including;
 - SSLN Champions' Meeting in Nairobi February 2022
 - AGYW Workshop October 2022
 - Pan-Prevention Workshop May 2023
 - WCA Regional Workshop October 2023



GPC communities of practice support

Link & Learn Sessions

Documentation of best practice

Webinars

Country Mentoring

SSLN Repository & Website

Learning Visits

Workshops

Long- & short-term TA Support



Implementation: various SSLN-facilitated learning activities



Learning activities are disseminated through newsletters, reports, YouTube recordings, LinkedIn, the GPC website, conferences and other channels – including those of our partners

A New Service Offering

Insight-2-implementation (i2i)

A stream of the South-to-South Learning Network



i2i increases **awareness and accessibility of evidence**, fostering a culture where prevention stakeholders routinely use evidence to **inform decision-making in policies, programmes, and practices**



Figure 1: Countries participating in i2i

Objectives of i2i:

1.

Collaborate with country stakeholders to identify and prioritise their prevention evidence gaps, determine their support needs for translating insight into implementation and understand the barriers and enablers of applying evidence effectively.

2.

Consolidate and synthesise existing regional HIV prevention evidence into clear, practical, and user-friendly knowledge products and disseminate it to country stakeholders.

3.

Support country stakeholders to ensure that the evidence from our knowledge products is used to strengthen prevention policies and programmes.



i2i is a three-year grant funded by The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation that was launched in December 2023

Reflection: Our focus in the final year of the current grant



1

Focus more on active participation in the different learning events offered by the network



2

Repeat/watch/listen to past SSLN learning events available on the website and YouTube



3

Undertake and complete best practices identified for case study



4

Contribute to the network's pool of resources by sharing programme documents, procedures and protocols



5

Focus on identified learning needs within the AGYW and PrEP pillars



6

Consider cascading significant learnings and resources from the SSLN to regional and district levels



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Request for resources, documents and guidance from other countries in the network through the country engagement lead



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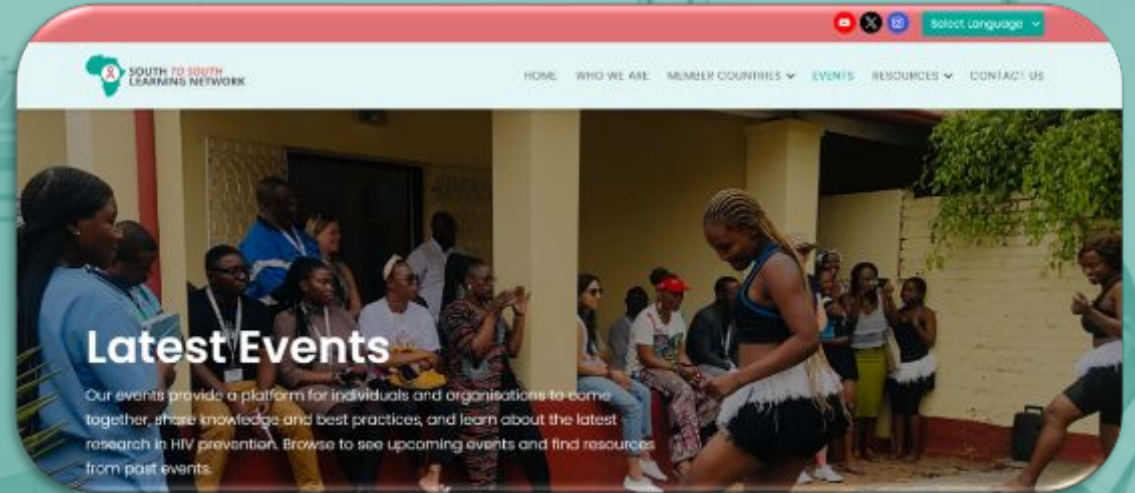


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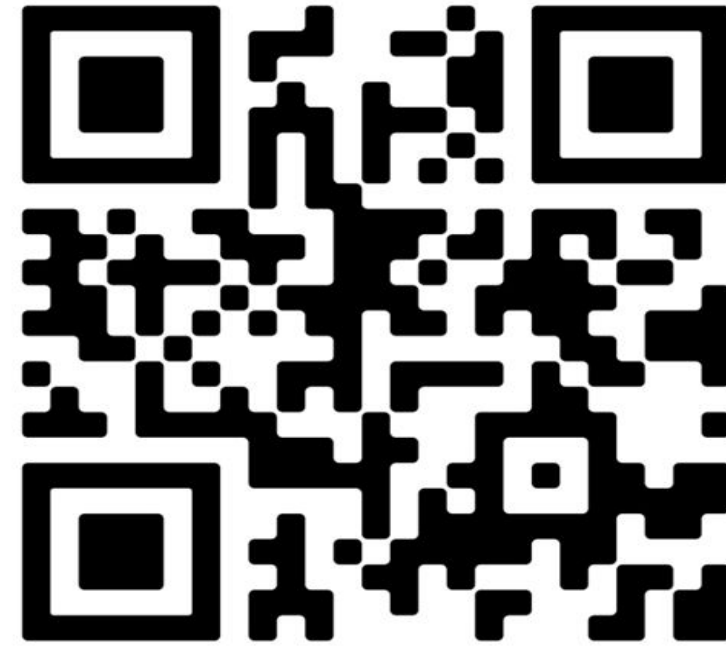
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