

- Conducting experimental/applied research, (using behavioural insights and a human-centred approach), to uncover, design, and test actions for addressing drivers that perpetuate VAWG and barriers/resistance to change, informed by findings of existing studies and desk review;
- Provision of technical assistance and procurement of equipment to strengthen the data collection and statistical capacity.

B) Strengthened VAWG/HP Awareness and Prevention

Prevention activities may include efforts to empower women and girls; change attitudes, norms and behavior; adopt and enact legal reforms; and strengthen implementation of laws and policies on ending violence against women and girls, including through strengthening institutional capacity.

- Developing and implementing a Social and Behavior Change Communication Strategy for advocacy, sensitization, and mobilisation efforts to prevent VAWG/HP, working closely with community leaders and CSOs.
- Training /institutional capacity building of duty bearers and non-state actors engaged in VAWG prevention
- In collaboration with the Ministry of Education, scaling up and adapting curriculum of ongoing Gender Transformative Training (including in Comprehensive Sexual Education) and Positive Parenting / Discipline programmes for parents, caregivers, teachers, children and adolescents in community settings and schools, to address identified key drivers of VAWG.
- Disseminate messages on GBV, safeguarding, and its referral pathways through media / schools / community leaders/CSOs
- Organise quarterly awareness raising sessions on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) /Sexual Harassment (SH) in tertiary Institutions.
- Establish complaint and feedback mechanism on SEA/SH at district and community level
- Develop, print and disseminate Information Education and Communication (IEC) materials on the laws of GBV and referral pathways.
- Set up district-level groups and organize theatre for development sessions at community levels to raise awareness on GBV laws and referral pathways.
- Build capacity of Community Gender Focal Person Volunteers to carry out community awareness raising session on GBV laws, referral pathways and safeguarding messages in communities and schools
- Support women economic empowerment – included livelihood and income generating activities for FGM/C practitioners - through Village Saving and Loan Association Schemes and Technical Vocational Educational Training

C) Strengthened access to quality essential services for Women and girls who experience violence and harmful practices, and including for long term recovery from violence

- Provision of technical assistance to strengthen the multi-stakeholder and multi-sectorial referral pathway;
- Training /institutional capacity building of duty bearers (medical practitioners, FSU staff, Magistrates, social welfare and mental health practitioners, etc.) and non-state actors to respond more effectively to the needs of survivors
- Provision of technical and financial assistance to enhance investigation, prosecution and forensic capacity;
- Train police/judges/magistrates/registrars and strengthen formal justice mechanisms to prosecute GBV cases , with special focus on justice for juvenile survivors.
- Provision of technical and financial assistance to duty bearers providing legal assistance, psychosocial counselling and health care to victims of VAWG/HP;
- Support operations of the network of One-Stop Center and other Centers for victims of SGBV / expand access to services through provision of equipment or other material inputs.
- Enhancing the capabilities of CSOs, health workers, paralegals, and traditional leaders to provide survivors with information on legal remedies available to them and to referrals for legal aid.
- Supporting the provisions of legal aid services, including paralegal services, in targeted communities with special focus on services to children, persons with disabilities, and women in conflict with the law.
- Support the establishment/refurbishment and operations of disable-friendly Safe homes