



Shifting the Landscape and What  
it Means to our Work on Vertical  
Transmission

**Community Action  
Related to the Global  
Plan**

# Key principle of the Global Plan

- Women living with HIV at the centre of the response in preventing vertical transmission and keeping mothers alive

# ICW activities

- Only International Network by, for and of WLHIV
- On the Global Steering Group
- Co-Lead IATT monitoring and accountability work stream
- Development of ICW reference group of WLHIV
- Ongoing consultation with WLHIV, eg. 'Vital voices', ICASA, ICW reference group

# ICW vision for national level action

- Representatives on Technical Working Groups on PMTCT
- Implementers of services (peer support, community education)
- Demand creation/community mobilization through health promotion, mass media, etc
- Key role in monitoring and accountability
- Community driven participatory research

# ICASA consultation: Barriers Top Down

- Tunnel vision – knowing what to say about WLHIV, but not really what to do
- Engagement of women on Advisory Groups in some cases but tokenistic – no real capacity building or involvement

# ICASA consultation: Barriers bottom up

- Lack of capacity to meaningfully engage
  - Lack of resources and time
- Lack of awareness of the plan or their role within it
- Gender inequality, eg. Men living with HIV representing women's issues on technical groups
- Lack of male involvement in programmes

# Recommendations from consultations of WLHIV at ICASA

- Capacity-building for WLHIV to take part in decision-making, eg. Technical working groups at national level
- Governments and implementers should ensure better integration between HIV and SRH services.
- Service providers should deliver services with an unbiased attitude.
- Through networks, and peer support, empowering women and couples to know SRH-rights and seek redress when rights are violated.

# Questions

- How are you able to support WLHIV to monitor developments at country level?
- How are working with WLHIV and communities at national level?