Resilience amidst aid cuts in VAWG prevention programmes
A case of Malawi’s Tithetse Nkhanza programme

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Overview

• Programme Background
• Working with WROs
• Background to aid cuts
• Programme adaptations
• Lessons and reflections
• Moving forward
Tithetse Nkhanza Background

Holistic Prevention and Response

Aim to reduce VAWG prevalence and realisation of women’s rights

Community – District – National

Pilot phase with view to scale up
Working with WROs

Prevention

Moyo Olemkekeza  
SASA! Together

HRWGD  LUWF  KWF  Tikondane  Pantondo  Magomero

Response

Survivor Support Fund and Accompaniment
Background to aid cuts

- COVID-19 pivot
  - Adaptation of programme activities
- UK Aid Budget Cut
  - 0.7% GNI commitment cut to 0.5% GNI in 2021
  - Ultimately led to closure of programme

Demonstrating resilience

- SASA! Together activities at minimal scale
- Transitioned cases while maintaining trust
- Supporting women to develop safety plans
- Use of informal safety nets and knowledge gained
- Online case management
- Advocacy with courts
- Providing Personal and Protective Equipment (PPE) to survivors
- Developing messages and community conversations
- Increasing the number of survivor accommodators and funds
Reflections for VAWG programming

- Importance of working with values driven WROs
- Rethink ethical programme closure
- Prioritise Do No Harm
- Rethink WRO organisational development interventions
- What does transition mean for WROs amidst emergencies?

- Re-established direct support to survivors
- Core funding for WROs
- Strategic Organisational Development for WROs
- Prevention work led by WROs
- Direct funding