



# Resilience amidst aid cuts in VAWG prevention programmes

A case of Malawi's Tithetse Nkhanza  
programme

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# Overview

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Tithetse!  
Nkhanza!

# 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  
Olemekezeka

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<sup>1</sup>
  - Ultimately led to closure of programme

<sup>1</sup>. See Bond.org.uk: <https://www.bond.org.uk/news/2021/05/uk-aid-cuts-little-information-but-devastating-consequences>



# 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 accompaniers 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



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