

USAID Stop GBV Project Brief.

Zambia Centre for Communication Programmes was granted a project aimed at ending Gender Based Violence in Zambia. The USAID Stop GBV project will be implemented in selected districts of the 8 provinces in terms of community mobilization and service provision for post GBV survivors and People Living with HIV and AIDS. ZCCP has partnered with Lifeline/Childline, WILDAF & IntraHealth International.

The goal of the project is to strengthen the environment for **target population**(girls and women, boys and men, and members of key/priority populations) including PWD, to live lives free of GBV and enjoy healthy-supportive, gender-equitable relationships. By working with government and other key stakeholders to adequately address GBV and gender inequality in Zambia, the project will take a multi-sectoral approach to build resources and sustain efforts for prevention and response regarding GBV, HIV and gender inequality. The interventions are structured to meet the goal through the following **objectives**;

1. To prevent GBV and increase support for gender equality among women, men, children and members of key and priority populations.
2. To reduced new HIV infections among priority populations especially adolescent girls and young women and their sexual partners, mobile populations discordant couples, PLWH and non-injecting drug users
3. To strengthen access to and uptake of quality post-GBV services for GBV survivors.
4. To strengthen and support the implementation of laws and policies regarding GBV, gender equality, and female empowerment, and increase the congruence of customary laws with national laws.

The project will scale-up demand creation for services at One Stop Centres and other health facilities for individuals and communities to be aware of available services. Operations at the one stop centres that will be providing post GBV care to survivors and also HIV testing to women and girls at risk of getting infected of HIV as a result of GBV e.g. Sexual Gender Based Violence and index testing conducted afterwards for those that test positive. Additionally, the project will also lead in engaging most at risk populations to HIV such as adolescent girls and young women together with their male sex partners. They will also conduct targeted HIV testing and counselling and linkage to care for HIV positive individuals to access ART in coordination with DREAMS projects. The other component will include supporting OVC with health, education and social support especially with the OVC Care givers.

Toll-free tele-counselling services will be promoted through Lifeline/Childline as well as referral of anonymous people who are GBV survivors that will include men and Key Populations who are usually discriminated against.

The project will also lead engagement with the legal systems starting with the judges, lawyers and paralegals to advocate harmonization of Gender, Human Rights, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights for vulnerable women and girls but also enhance speedy dispensation of justice to survivors. Other cadres to be engaged will be the traditional leaders who preside on traditional laws and customs that at times do not conform to statutory laws. The project will provide legal advice and support to GBV survivors at One Stop Centres, support Sexual Gender Based Violence victims from DREAMS Centres, Traditional Courts and Anti-GBV Chiefdom Secretariats. All this will be done in coordination with various stakeholders at national and sub national levels which will include, National Assembly of Zambia, National Religious Groups such as CCZ, EFZ and ZCCB, House of Chiefs and other traditional leaders, various government ministries, NAC, Zambia Agency for

Persons with Disabilities, National Prosecution Authority, Zambia Police and other civil society organisations.