



GLOBAL TO LOCAL / LOCAL TO GLOBAL PSS IMPLEMENTATION @ REGIONAL AND COUNTRY LEVEL: LESSONS FOR BROADER HEALTH PROMOTION

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- **Who is REPSSI**
- **PSS Mainstreaming in health**
- **Regional Policy and advocacy**
- **PSS Resource development**
- **Technical support**
- **E-mental health approaches for health promotion**
- **Lessons for broader health promotion**

WHO IS REPSSI?

- A leading regional African NGO in PSS started 10 years ago
- Works across 13 countries and East and Southern Africa
- Provides technical support and build capacity in PSS
- Works with regional bodies (SADC, EAC), national governments, civil society, research and academic institutions
- Develops resources for PSS mainstreaming in social service policy and programs including health

PSS MAINSTREAMING IN HEALTH

- **A systemic approach to ensure integration of PSS into health service delivery and PSS well being as a child health outcome**
- **Aims for sustainable response through influencing regional and national structures, health policies and programs**
- **Informed by evidence based assessment to identify most strategic entry points in the health systems**
- **Strategy includes capacity building and advocacy work that includes policy support**

REGIONAL ADVOCACY AND POLICY EXPERIENCE

- **REPSSI is the official regional technical partner to SADC in PSS mainstreaming**
- **Seconded a Regional Adviser who leads PSS mainstreaming work in the health and other social service sectors**
- **Developed a regional PSS Framework and Guidelines to support Member States to implement PSS in health and other social services sectors**
- **Developed indicators for measuring and reporting PSS well being – including PSS well being as a child health outcome**
- **Supports SADC and EAC health policy work**

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

- **REPSSI has developed resources for mainstreaming PSS in health across the region – e.g. Weaving Hope, Talking Book, Mainstreaming PSS in Paediatric HIV & AIDS treatment**
- **Developed population specific resources targeting children living with HIV and AIDS, community workers and youth**
- **REPSSI offers accredited certificate and diploma programs for building capacity of the health workforce, teachers and community workers to provide PSS for children**
- **Currently completing a resource to address PSS needs in Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights and Adolescents living with HIV and AIDS**

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

- Provides technical support for PSS in health service delivery by national governments, civil society and communities
- Contributed to the design and implementation of national child health programs in the region
- Developed indicators that can be used to track PSS as a health outcome at program, policy, community and child level
- Reviews health policies, program strategies and technical papers addressing PSS in health

ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORKS

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- **Use of human rights reporting mechanisms (CRC reporting, Universal Periodic Review (UPR))**
- **Independent Expert Review Group – recommendation from the Commission for Information & Accountability for Women’s and Children’s health**
- **CSO taking on an active role to disseminate governments global commitments at local community level**
- **Increase CSO’s active engagement with national parliaments and brief parliaments on their government’s signing up to global declarations and support them to keep their governments accountable.**

LESSONS FOR BROADER HEALTH PROMOTION

- Health promotion should be holistic and address social, emotional aspects of people's lives / rooted within a framework of the social / commercial determinants of health
- Currently PSS well being is not well addressed as an important outcome in health promotion programs
- Explore use of social media e.g. for eMental Health especially for youth in settings where access to mental health services is limited
- Tools and guidance to mainstream PSS into broader health programs should be strengthened
- There is need to build evidence on value of PSS in health promotion