

## **NATIONAL GENDER AND HIV AND AIDS TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The national Gender and HIV and AIDS Technical Working Group is a coordination instrument that provides a high quality and coordinated technical guidance and support on mainstreaming of Gender and human rights in the HIV and AIDS programming. It provides linkages with other Technical Working Groups in prevention, treatment, care and support, mitigation, monitoring and evaluation.

### **SPECIFIC TASKS OF THE TWG**

- To advocate for gender rights
- To provide technical support to all sectors in the development of Gender, women's rights and HIV and AIDS policies and plans.
- To give technical support and collaborate with other groups on advocacy and lobbying on gender, women's rights, HIV and AIDS issues.
- To monitor the implementation of the ZNAPS including National Plan of Action for Women, Girls and HIV and AIDS ensuring collection and analysis of gender and age disaggregated data in related research.
- To facilitate synergistic working relationship with all sectors including; civil society, UN agencies, private sector and donors.
- To mobilize resources to strengthen its work in gender, women's rights, HIV and AIDS initiatives.
- The group acts as a forum for information sharing on the current activities on Gender, women's rights, HIV and AIDS nationally and internationally.
- To advocate and lobby government to ratify relevant protocols on gender and HIV and AIDS
- Domesticated ratified protocols as well as implement national policies.
- To facilitate synergistic working relationships between the government, NAC and civil society, working on gender human rights and HIV and AIDS.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Chairing of the National Gender and HIV and AIDS Technical Working Group is rotated among the membership and meetings are convened by NAC with assistance from UNAIDS. The Technical Working Group is currently being chaired by the Zimbabwe Women's Resource Centre and Network (ZWRCN) who are deputised by Women and AIDS Support Network (WASN). Current members of the TWG include;

- Ministry of Women' Affairs, Gender and Community Development
- NAC
- UNAIDS
- UNIFEM
- Zimbabwe National Network of People Living with HIV (ZNNP+)
- International Community of Women Living with HIV (ICW)
- Padare
- Women and Law in Southern Africa (WLSA)
- Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education
- International Organisation for Migration (IOM)
- Zimbabwe AIDS Network (ZAN)
- Zimbabwe Business Council on AIDS (ZBCA)
- Swedish Workplace HIV and AIDS Programme (SWAP)
- Women's Action Group (WAG)
- Central Statistical Office