Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting (MER) Guidance (v.2.7): AGYW_PREV (DREAMS)

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Section 1: Overview of AGYW_PREV

Background: DREAMS

- DREAMS = Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS-Free, Mentored, and Safe

- Program announced on World AIDS Day 2014 as a two-year initiative to prevent HIV infections in adolescent girls and young women (AGYW)

- As of COP20, there are 15 DREAMS OUs.
  - South Sudan will implement DREAMS on a limited scale, focusing on economic strengthening activities and post-gender-based violence (GBV) services.

Background: DREAMS (cont.)

- **Adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) experience an elevated risk for HIV infection.**

Compared to young men of the same age, the rate of new HIV infections in young women is
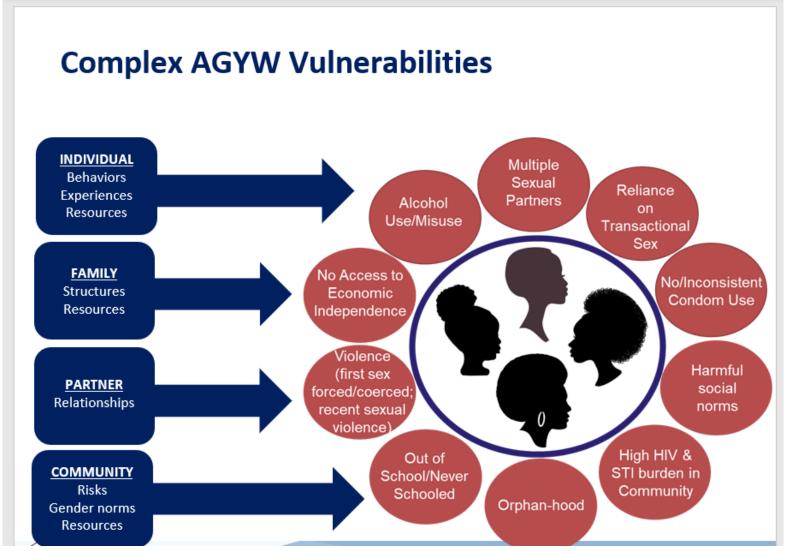
- **5 times greater** in Zimbabwe
- **8 times greater** in Malawi
- **14 times greater** in Zambia

In sub-Saharan Africa, three in four new HIV infections among 15–19-year-olds are among girls.

Source: UNAIDS 2017 estimates.

AGYW are a key population to target in order to reduce new infections and reach epidemic control.
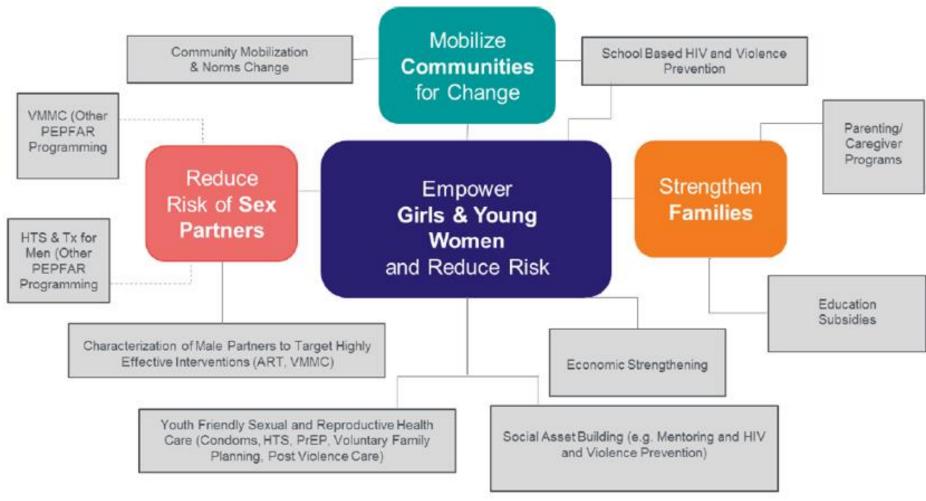
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DREAMS Core Package

Section 2: Indicator Changes in MER 2.7

Indicator Changes in MER 2.7

Change	Programmatic Rationale
Update the guiding narrative questions	Provide context and better understanding of package completion timelines, challenges and feasibility

Section 3: Overview of Indicators

AGYW_PREV

Indicator Definition: AGYW_PREV

Indicator Definition: Percentage of active DREAMS participants that completed at least the DREAMS primary package of evidence-based services/interventions

Numerator: Number of active DREAMS participants that have **completed at least the DREAMS primary package** of services/interventions as of the end of the reporting period

Denominator: Number of active DREAMS participants that have **started or completed any DREAMS service/intervention** as of the end of the reporting period

Numerator Description:
The numerator is the sum of the following age/sex/layering disaggregates: 1. Number of active DREAMS participants that have fully completed the DREAMS primary package of services/interventions but no additional services/interventions; 2. Number of active DREAMS participants that have fully completed the DREAMS primary package of services/interventions AND at least 1 secondary service/intervention

Denominator Description:
The denominator is the sum of the following age/sex/layering disaggregates: 1. Number of active DREAMS participants that have fully completed the DREAMS primary package of services/interventions but no additional services/interventions 2. Number of active DREAMS participants that have fully completed the DREAMS primary package of services/interventions AND at least 1 secondary service/intervention 3. Number of active DREAMS participants that have completed at least 1 DREAMS service/intervention but not the full primary package 4. Number of active DREAMS participants that have started a DREAMS service/intervention but have not yet completed it

Numerator Disaggregates: AGYW_PREV

Disaggregate Groups	Disaggregates

Age/Sex	• Current age of AGYW at the end of the current reporting period.
	
	   • Female 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29
	
	   • Note: 25-29F included to account for AGYW who have aged over 24 since initial DREAMS enrollment. DREAMS programming should not target AGYW 25-29 unless explicitly approved in your COP.

Layering	• Status of DREAMS primary package completion for each AGYW. • Completed primary package and additional service(s); Completed exactly primary package; Completed a service but not full primary package; Started but not completed a service
Time in DREAMS	• Time since AGYW became a DREAMS participant (i.e. since enrolled in DREAMS and started or completed at least one DREAMS service) • 0-6 months, 6-12 months, 12-24 months, 25+months

Service Disaggregates: AGYW_PREV (2)

Disaggregate Groups	Disaggregates
Violence Prevention	Number of AGYW enrolled in DREAMS that <u>completed</u> an evidence-based intervention focused on preventing violence within the reporting period.
Education Support	Number of AGYW enrolled in DREAMS that received educational support to remain in, advance, and/or rematriculate in school within the reporting period.
Comprehensive Economic Strengthening	Number of AGYW ages 15-24 years enrolled in DREAMS that <u>completed</u> a comprehensive economic strengthening intervention within the reporting period. Comprehensive ES interventions must include: 1. Gender-sensitive training; 2. Start-up support for entrepreneurship or linkage to employment for wage employment; and 3. Mentoring or coaching. All OUs should also have a market assessment to guide comprehensive economic strengthening programming and provide AGYW access to savings groups.

Layering Disaggregates: 4 Categories

- **Number of active DREAMS participants that have fully completed the DREAMS primary package of services/interventions but not additional services/interventions**

- **Number of active DREAMS participants that have fully completed the primary package of services/interventions and at least one secondary service/intervention**

Numerator

Denominator

- Number of active DREAMS participants that have fully completed at least one DREAMS service/intervention but not the full primary package

- Number of active DREAMS participants that have started a DREAMS service/intervention but not yet completed it

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How to Use: AGYW_PREV

- Measure how many active DREAMS participants have completed the DREAMS primary package of services/interventions, the primary package plus any secondary services/interventions, and how many have not yet completed the primary package.

- **Enrolled**: AGYW is identified based on eligibility criteria/assessment for HIV risk and accepts enrollment into the DREAMS program.

- **DREAMS Participant**: AGYW is enrolled in DREAMS and has started or completed at least one DREAMS service/intervention.

  - **Active DREAMS Participant**: Enrolled; Started or completed at least one DREAMS service in the past 6 months (at Q2) or 12 months (at Q4). **Only active DREAMS beneficiaries should be counted under AGYW_PREV.**

  - **Inactive DREAMS Participant**: Enrolled; At one time had started or completed at least one DREAMS service, but not within the past 6 months (at Q2) or 12 months (at Q4).

    » Reasons for being inactive include AGYW that are lost-to-follow-up, or AGYW who have fully completed the DREAMS program in a previous reporting period

Defining Country-Specific DREAMS Package

Using the DREAMS Guidance, each DREAMS country must define the primary, secondary, and contextual package of DREAMS services/interventions for each DREAMS age band (10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29).

- All DREAMS countries must submit to GHSD on an annual basis
- Must also define service completion for each intervention

Table 1. DREAMS Layering Table Example

		AGE GROUPS (years)			
		10-14	**15-19**	**20-24**	**Notes**
INDIVIDUAL	**Primary Individual Interventions**	• Social Asset Building • School or Community-based HIV & violence prevention • Parenting/Caregiver Programming • Financial Literacy	• Condoms • HTS • School or Community-based HIV & violence prevention • Financial Literacy	• Condoms • HTS • Community-based HIV & violence prevention • Financial literacy • Bridge to employment	• In school get school-based HIV education; out of school, get community based education
	Secondary Individual Interventions	• Education subsidies • Condoms • HTS • Contraceptive Mix • Post-violence care	• Education subsidies • PrEP • Contraceptive Mix • Post-violence care • Social asset building • Bridge to employment • Parenting/Caregiver Programming	• PrEP • Contraceptive Mix • Post-violence care • Social asset building	• Contraceptive Mix includes all aspects (e.g. increase availability, outreach, training, alignment with other initiatives, provision, etc.)
		DREAMS SNUs			
CONTEXTUAL	**Contextual Level Interventions**	• Community mobilization & Norms Change • Reducing risk of sex partners (link to HTS, VMMC, Treatment)			

Table 2: DREAMS Intervention Completion Table

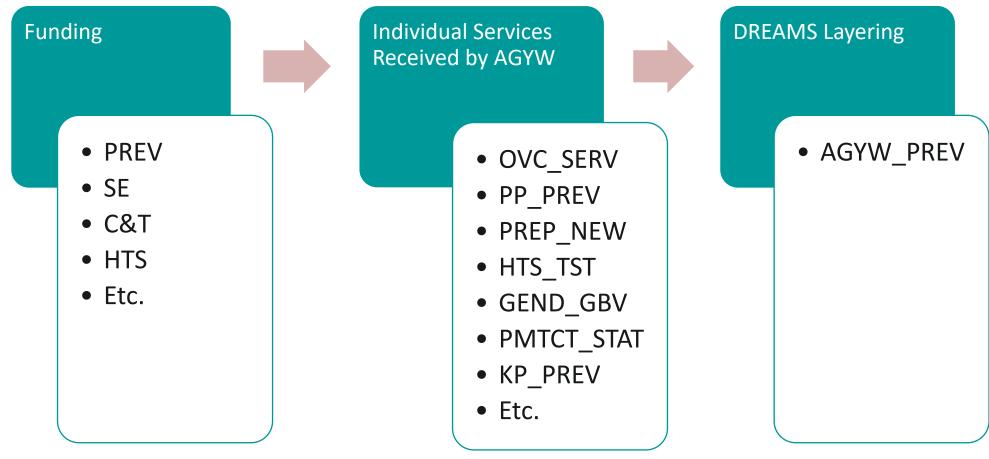| Core Package Category	Specific Service/Intervention	Definition of Completion	Total Time to Complete Intervention	Source Used (if applicable)
Parenting/Caregiver Programming	*Specify curricula/um*	*Ex: AGYW attended 14 of 16 sessions*	*Ex: Weekly meeting over 16 weeks*	*Ex: Specific curricula manual/guidance*
Social Asset Building				
Community Mobilization & Norms Change				
HIV & Violence Prevention				
Economic Strengthening				

Relationship with Other Indicators

- AGYW_PREV tracks **layering** of DREAMS services/interventions across funding and indicators
- Complementary to other MER indicators that track receipt of individual services

Funding

- PREV
- SE
- C&T
- HTS
- Etc.

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Individual Services Received by AGYW

- OVC_SERV
- PP_PREV
- PREP_NEW
- HTS_TST
- GEND_GBV
- PMTCT_STAT
- KP_PREV
- Etc.

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DREAMS Layering

- AGYW_PREV

How to Collect: AGYW_PREV

- Examples of successful DREAMS layering data collection include the use of unique IDs, DREAMS passports or ID cards, and DHIS2 databases.

- It is a best practice to have one implementing partner that is responsible for the coordination of layering data systems; this partner then works across agencies and partners to ensure that all DREAMS services/interventions available to AGYW are captured within the system.

- Since layering occurs across partners, agencies, and over time, this indicator will be inputted by USG personnel (e.g., DREAMS coordinator or interagency DREAMS POCs).

How to Collect: AGYW_PREV (cont.)

- **Data Source(s):** Requires **layering database** & **unique identifier** to track individual-level completion of services by AGYW across partners
  - Ex: DREAMS passports, unique IDs, DHIS2 database
  - Best practice: One M&E partner responsible for coordinating tracking of layering in collaboration with all IPs

- **How to Calculate Annual Totals:** Reported as a **snapshot** of each active DREAMS participant's layering status since becoming a DREAMS participant until the end of the Q4 reporting period.

- **Key considerations for reporting**:
  - AGYW must be an **active DREAMS participant** to count under AGYW_PREV.
  - Services are only counted towards layering status upon **completion of the service** (as defined by each OU).
  - Because layering happens across partners and time, this indicator is **inputted into DATIM by USG, NOT individual partners.**

How to Review for Data Quality: AGYW_PREV

- Data should be reviewed regularly for the purposes of program management, to monitor progress of layering, and to identify and correct any data quality issues.

- Potential data quality issues for AGYW_PREV:

  - Numerator is less than or equal to the denominator. The total number of AGYW that have started or completed any DREAMS service in the reporting period must be larger than the number of AGYW that have completed at least the primary package as of the end of the reporting period.

- If total number of AGYW changes over time, they should be accounted for in the narrative as inactive (either lost or completed DREAMS program).

- This is a snapshot indicator. Results should reflect a snapshot of each active DREAMS participant's layering status since they initially became a DREAMS participant until the end of the Q4 reporting period.

- Q4 numerator = Number of active DREAMS participants that have fully completed the DREAMS primary package of services/intervention but no additional services as of Q4 + Number of active DREAMS participants that have fully completed the DREAMS primary package of services/interventions and at least one secondary service/intervention as of Q4

- Q4 denominator = Number of active DREAMS participants that have started or completed any DREAMS service within the past 12 months (i.e., the sum of all 4 AGYW_PREV disaggregates).

Guiding Narrative Questions: AGYW_PREV

- **NEW -** Please explain the following, concerning AGYW_PREV results. If neither of the below situations apply to your DREAMS PSNUs results, please skip this question:

    a.   DREAMS aims to have participants complete the primary package within 13 months. For any PSNUs in which there is <90% completion of the primary package among those who have been active in DREAMS for 13+ months, for any age band(s), please explain the situation and future mitigation plans.

    b.   For younger AGYW, completion of the primary package too quickly may limit effectiveness, particularly of knowledge acquisition and social asset building. For any PSNUs in which participants in 10-14 years and/or 15-19 years age bands, completed the primary package in less than 6 months, please explain the situation and future mitigation plans.

Narrative Requirements: DREAMS Special Initiatives

1. The type of impact envisioned through Enabling DREAMS (ex: policy change, systems change, norms change, demand creation, etc.) may not be realized in a given reporting period however please describe any progress made and/or any challenges encountered during implementation of your Enabling DREAMS strategy. *Please see illustrative examples of what this progress might entail below.* For your response, please include details on:

   a. Any new partnerships formed (MOUs or non-formal agreements)

   b. Strategy and progress made

   c. Any changes to the strategy to overcome challenges.

2. Please describe any action you have taken to involve adolescent boys and men in DREAMS NextGen. **Please see illustrative examples of what these actions might look like below.** For your response, please include details on:

   a. Any successes or challenges in these actions and how you have changed your strategy to overcome challenges.

3. How many males (15-24 years of age) completed a GBV prevention intervention? OPTIONAL: Please disaggregate by CORE DREAMS versus Enabling DREAMS, if possible.

4. How many community members (25+ years of age, disaggregated by sex) completed a gender norms change intervention? OPTIONAL: Please disaggregate by Core DREAMS versus Enabling DREAMS, if possible.

Section 4: Data Use

Data Entry Screen Example

AGYW_PREV	- Collapse
Required	**Percentage of adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) that completed the DREAMS primary package of evidence-based services/interventions.** **Numerator: The number of individual AGYW that have completed at least the DREAMS primary package of services/interventions as of the end of the reporting period. The numerator will auto-calculate from the sum of the "completed DREAMS primary package with no additional services" and "completed DREAMS primary package and at least one additional service" disaggregates.** **Denominator: The number of individual AGYW that have started or completed any DREAMS service/intervention in the reporting period. The denominator will auto-calculate from the sum of the four Time/Age/Sex disaggregates.**
Required	**Number of individual AGYW that have <u>fully completed</u> the entire DREAMS primary package of services AND at least one additional secondary service as of the past 6 months at Q2 or the past 12 months at Q4.**

Time/Age/Sex	10-14F	15-19F	20-24F	25-29F	Sub-total
0-6 months					Subtotal
7-12 months					Subtotal
13-24 months					Subtotal
25+ months					Subtotal

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DREAMS and OVC Reporting Overlap Among 10-17 Year Old Females *By Program Enrollment*
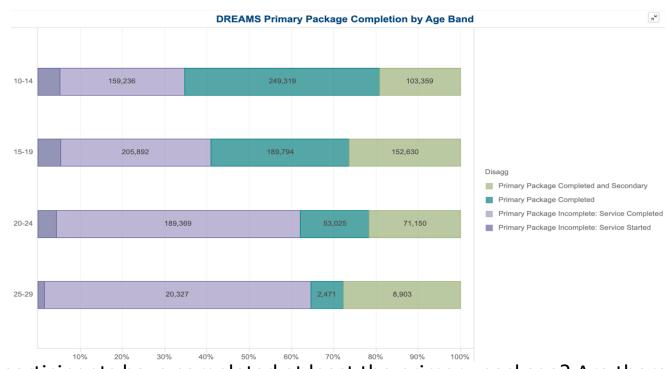
Program enrollment	OVC services	DREAMS services	Count under OVC_SERV	Count under AGYW_PREV
OVC Comprehensive	Must meet OVC Comprehensive program requirements	N/A	✓ Count under "OVC Comprehensive" disaggregate	
OVC Comprehensive and DREAMS	Must meet OVC Comprehensive program requirements	Must meet DREAMS program requirements; Layered interventions	✓ Count under "OVC Comprehensive" disaggregate	✓
DREAMS w/ eligible OVC service	Qualifying eligible individual DREAMS service that is also an OVC service, e.g. education subsidy	Must meet DREAMS program requirements; Layered interventions	✓ Count under "DREAMS" disaggregate	✓
DREAMS non-eligible OVC service	N/A	Must meet DREAMS program requirements; Layered interventions		✓

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See MER Appendix E for list of eligible OVC services

Data Use: Overall DREAMS Performance

Source:
Panorama
DREAMS
Dossier

DREAMS Primary Package Completion by Age Band

Age Band	Service Started	Service Completed	Primary Package Completed	Completed and Secondary
10-14		159,236	249,319	103,359
15-19		205,892	189,794	152,630
20-24		189,369	53,025	71,150
25-29		20,327	2,471	8,903

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- Primary Package Completed and Secondary
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- Primary Package Incomplete: Service Completed
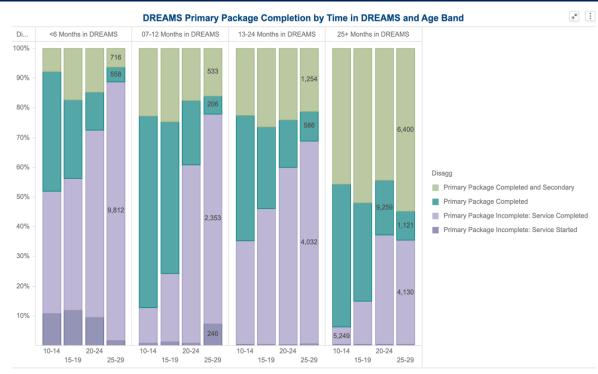- Primary Package Incomplete: Service Started

Analytic Questions:

- What proportion of active DREAMS participants have completed at least the primary package? Are there differences by age group?

- What interventions are most often missing for age bands with poor primary package completion rates?

- Note that this visual is not disaggregated by time in DREAMS which may explain important differences in primary package completion rates (e.g. we don't expect AGYW in the younger age bands to complete DREAMS in <6 months).

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Source: DREAMS Global Dossier

Data Use: Layering Trends over Time in DREAMS

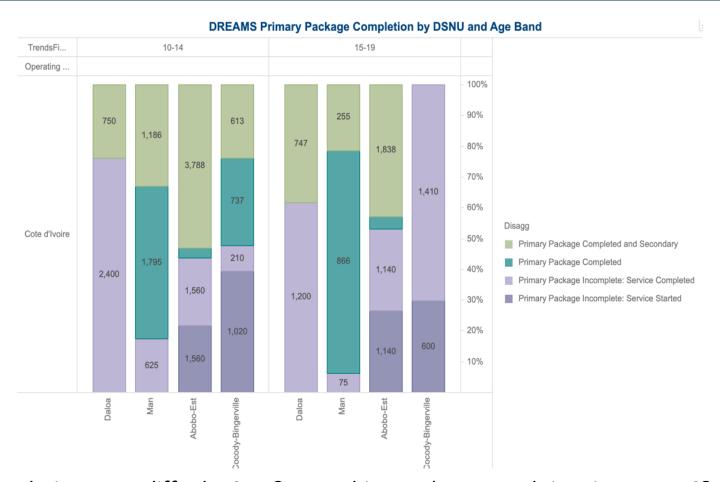**DREAMS Primary Package Completion by Time in DREAMS and Age Band**

Analytic Questions:

- What proportion of DREAMS participants are newly enrolled or have been in the program for at least one year?
- Do primary package completion rates increase with time in DREAMS?
- If not, what are the challenges keeping AGYW from completing the primary package after 13+ months in DREAMS? **(Benchmark: At least 90% of AGYW should have completed the primary package by 13+ months in DREAMS)**
- Are a significant proportion of AGYW completing the primary package in <6 months? This is not expected, especially for AGYW in younger age bands.
- Note that enrollment cycles vary by DREAMS program.

Source: DREAMS Global Dossier

Data Use: Layering Trends by SNU

DREAMS Primary Package Completion by DSNU and Age Band

Analytic Questions:

- Do primary package completion rates differ by SNU? Does this vary by age and time in DREAMS?
- What lessons can be translated from higher-performing SNUs to lower-performing SNUs?

Source: DREAMS Global Dossier

Section 5: Additional Resources and Acknowledgements

Additional Resources

- DREAMS Guidance (updated April 2023)

- MER 2.7 Guidance

- OVC MER 2.7 Training Video

- COP23 Guidance

- Your AGYW ISMEs & the GHSD DREAMS Team!

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