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The Health Policy Project (HPP) is taking a leading role in strengthening national policy, advocacy, and civil society engagement and understanding, and addressing the linkages between gender-based violence (GBV) and HIV prevention and care, as well as in maternal health and family planning and reproductive health.

HIV

- HPP supported the Jamaica National HIV/STI Program in the development, validation, and completion of the National HIV/STI Strategic Plan 2012–2017, ensuring the integration of gender, gender-based violence, and stigma and discrimination. HPP continues to participate as part of the Global Fund’s Jamaica Country Coordinating Mechanism, specifically for the development of the males who have sex with males (MSM) strategy, which is an integral component in development of the country’s transition funding proposal.
- In Jamaica HPP is working across a range of stakeholder groups, including civil society, national, and local government bodies, to raise awareness of GBV-HIV linkages, to map community services in order to strengthen local GBV referral networks, and to address more broadly the unique vulnerabilities of the LGBT community to gender-based violence.
- In Mozambique HPP is working with seven civil society organizations to integrate gender and GBV strategies into their programs on HIV prevention and orphans and vulnerable children. Following a comprehensive training, HPP has been supporting the efforts of these groups to pilot gender tools and assessments in their community activities. This, in turn, bolsters community interest and engagement in GBV.

Maternal Health

- HPP and the White Ribbon Alliance (WRA) developed and disseminated globally a charter for respectful maternity care, advocating for a universal right for safe motherhood. Establishing a global standard for respectful maternity care and affirming the legitimacy of maternal health rights as basic human rights issues grounded in key international commitments, the charter can be used as a platform for discussion on the frequently ignored problem of disrespect and abuse during maternity care. The [charter and advocacy tools](#) are currently available in English, French, Spanish, and Arabic.