



## **Enhancing the Availability of affordable Quality-Assured SRH Commodities in the SADC and EAC Regions**

### **RAISE SRHR - Regional Access and Accountability for Increased SRHR Equity in East and Southern Africa**

#### **Inception Phase Study**

#### **Assessment and Evaluation of data on Pooled Procurement, Regulation Harmonisation, and Local Production of Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) Commodities in the SADC Region**

## **Validation Workshop Agenda**

**April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

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### **Programme Background**

The programme "Cooperation for the Enhancement of Southern African Development Community (SADC) Regional Economic Integration" (CESARE III), commissioned by the Government supports the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) in its goal to strengthen regional economic integration and development, and thereby contribute to the SADC industrialisation and regional integration agenda. The SADC Secretariat in Gaborone, Botswana, serves as the programme owner, and implementation is carried out in collaboration with SADC member states, private sector associations, and civil society organisations. A central component of CESARE III is the European Union (EU) Action "Fighting harmful practices, improving access to and deepening accountability for sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR)." This initiative is co-financed by the EU and the German Government, with GIZ responsible for implementation. The project's overall objective is to advance the realisation of SRHR in Africa by increasing the availability of essential, underused, or difficult-to-access quality-assured sexual and reproductive health (SRH) commodities.

### **Inception Phase Overview**

Under the RAISE SRHR – Regional Access and Accountability for Increased SRHR Equity in East and Southern Africa initiative, a regional assessment was conducted to evaluate the readiness of SADC Member States to strengthen access to Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) commodities. The assessment examined procurement systems, regulatory harmonisation efforts, and opportunities to enhance regional collaboration, including the role of local manufacturing in improving sustainable access to affordable, quality-assured SRH commodities. This workshop will bring together representatives from Member States, regulatory authorities, procurement agencies, manufacturers, and development partners to review the assessment's key findings and validate priority actions. The discussions will focus on enhancing regional collaboration and ensuring improved availability and access to essential SRH commodities across the SADC region.

### **Objectives**

- Establish baseline data for SRHR project indicators.
- Assess readiness of Central Medical Stores (CMS) for pooled procurement mechanisms.
- Evaluate regulatory capacities and harmonisation initiatives for SRH commodities.
- Map and assess local manufacturers of SRH commodities.
- Develop strategic implementation frameworks for pooled procurement, regulatory harmonisation, and local production.

## Expected Outcomes

- Stakeholder validation of key readiness findings across SADC Member States.
- Presentation of priority regional actions and policy considerations for advancing pooled procurement.
- Additional technical inputs and contextual insights from Member States and partners to strengthen the final report.
- Alignment on next steps for RAISE SRHR in progressing regional collaboration on SRH commodity procurement in the SADC Region.

## Agenda

**Date:** 8 April 2026

**Time:** 10:00 – 12:30 CAT

Time	Topic	Lead(s)
10:00 – 10:10	<b>Opening Remarks &amp; Introductions</b> Welcome and overview of workshop objectives Run-through of stakeholders in attendance	<b>SADC Secretariat GIZ RAISE SRHR SADC Team</b>
10:10 – 10:25	<b>Pooled Procurement Readiness Assessment*</b> An evaluation of CMS readiness, legal frameworks, and digital systems for pooled procurement.	<b>Bill Mweetwa</b>
10:25 – 10:40	<b>Regulatory Capacity and Harmonization Review*</b> An assessment of regulatory approval processes, NMRA capacity, harmonisation initiatives, and digital regulatory infrastructure.	<b>Dr. Loice Kikwai Bakani Ncube</b>
10:40 – 10:50	<b>SRH Manufacturing Landscape Analysis*</b> An overview of current local production capacity and technical capabilities of existing and potential SRHR commodity manufacturers, technology transfer opportunities, partnership potential with multinational companies, and analyses market access barriers and competitiveness.	<b>Marlene Musengi</b>
10:50 – 11:00	<b>Cross-Cutting Considerations: Gender and Equity*</b> Gender dimensions in SRH commodity procurement and access Gender considerations in manufacturing, regulation and procurement governance Opportunities for gender-responsive procurement approaches.	<b>Subomi Chuku</b>
11:00 – 11:05	<b>Break</b>	
11:05 – 11:45	<b>Recommendations for Implementation</b> Summary of regional readiness strengths gleaned from Inception Phase Study Priority gaps requiring regional stakeholder coordination. Recommendation Long-list	<b>Bill Mweetwa</b>
11:45 – 12:10	<b>Stakeholder Discussion and Validation (Q&amp;A)</b> Participants' reflections and inputs on findings are recommendations.	<b>Market Access Africa Team</b>



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12:10 – 12:25	<b>Next Steps for Regional Collaboration</b> Priority actions for RAISE SRHR in the SADC Region	<b>Market Access Africa Team</b>
12:25 – 12:30	<b>Closing Remarks</b>	<b>SADC Secretariat</b>

\* Sessions marked with an asterisk are based on findings from the Inception Phase Study: *Assessment and Evaluation of data on Pooled Procurement, Regulation Harmonization, and Local Production of Sexual and Reproductive Health Commodities (SRH) in the SADC Region.*

SRH Commodities:

- Family planning commodities: <https://globalsupply.unfpa.org/categories/contraceptives.html>
- Maternal health commodities: <https://healthynewbornnetwork.org/hnn-content/uploads/WHO-MNH-Commodities-List-2024-eng.pdf>
  - Sexually Transmitted Infections commodities: <https://list.essentialmeds.org/>
- HIV/AIDS commodities: <https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/sourcing-management/health-products/antiretrovirals/>; <https://www.prepwatch.org/products/>; <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240031593>
- Personal Hygiene Products and Kits: <https://globalsupply.unfpa.org/categories/menstrual-health-and->