GVAC Retreat, 13-15 March 2023

**Retreat Objectives:**

* Appreciate and energise the human rights, gender and community experts within GVAC for contributing their expertise and supporting countries to progress towards eliminating vertical transmission of HIV, syphilis and HBV
* Update and design an effective and accessible tool for national stakeholders to assess the state of human rights, gender equality and community engagement within programmes to prevent vertical transmission
* Generate ideas and agree on ways to motivate and strengthen the GVAC’s contribution towards promoting human rights, gender equality and community engagement as part of the validation process

**Methodology:** Highly participatory and with a positive framing (using an Appreciative Inquiry approach and the 4 Ds - Discovery, Dream, Design and Deliver)

**Draft Agenda:**

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| Day 1: Celebrating the contribution of human rights, gender equality & community engagement in the validation process | | |
| 8.30 – 8.50 | Arrival and check in | Allow time to get WHO badge at reception desk |
| 9.00 – 10.30 | Introductions & Welcome | GVAC Secretariat |
| Our hopes and expectations for the retreat | Facilitator to summarise feedback from survey and how we plan to work together to achieve this |
| What excites and motivates us to be part of GVAC and the validation process | A participatory exercise for all to share why we give our time and energy to this process |
| *Break* | | |
| 11.00 – 12.30 | Celebrating our wins: the contribution of HR/CE/GE within the validation process | An interactive presentation to remind us of the impact of our work to improve quality of services and promote rights of women living with HIV and HBV |
| Recipes for success: Exploring a few sucesses and identifying what made them successes | Group exercise to identify what has worked so we can build on those approaches and activities |
| *Lunch* | | |
| 13.30 – 15.30 | Respecting our chefs: Exploring how our different roles, perspectives and expertise can work to deliver on our common mission | Participatory group work to discuss the strengths and expertise each stakeholder brings (GVAC members, GVAC Chairs, WHO secretariat, UN partners, Community partners) |
| Bringing together the best recipes and chefs to make GVAC and the validation process stronger | In plenary share & discuss common themes to carry forward in GVAC’s working |
| *Break* | | |
| 16.00 – 19.00 | *Fun evening out* | |

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| Day 2: Designing the best tools and guidance to assess human rights, gender equality and community engagement within the validation process | | |
| 9.00 – 10.30 | Our collective dream for the validation process | Participatory group work to share and agree on our common mission |
| What would make for a strong and useful HR/CE/GE tool and guidance | Individual contributions followed by plenary to gather ideas and agree key points to use as criteria for review of tool & guidance |
| What the current tool + guidance looks like and how we arrived at this | Presentation on the key revisions made during 2021-2022 and the rationale for these followed by clarifications to prepare for group discussions |
| *Break* | | |
| 11.00 – 12.30 | Reviewing the tool + guidance: what information do we need to make an assessment + how best to formulate questions and document responses to support analysis of the evidence | 3 groups to workshop sections of questionnaire and guidance highlighting improvements to be made |
| *Lunch* | | |
| 13.30 – 15.00 | Reviewing the tool + guidance Part 2 | Continue working in your group to review the same section or move to another section |
| *Break* | | |
| 15:30 – 17.00 | Agree on what needs adding/strengthening to the questionnaire | In plenary review all the questions & identify any further improvements to work on following the retreat |
| Agree on what needs adding/strengthening to the guidance | In plenary review group suggestions & agree any further improvements to work on following the retreat |
| Day 3: Empowering all stakeholders to apply human rights, gender equality and community engagement principles within the validation process | | |
| 9.00 – 10.30 | How we can support and empower validation stakeholders at national, regional and global levels to understand and apply HR/CE/GE principles | Participatory group work to share ideas and approaches for training and other methods to build capacity and support stakeholders followed by plenary session to pull it together |
| *Break* | | |
| 11.00 – 12.30 | Our commitments: Agreeing on principles and approaches to working together | Plenary session to pull together all the points of agreement and learnings from the retreat |
| Our commitments: Agree on next steps to take action | Plenary session to agree on action steps |
| It’s a wrap! Feedback and Closing Remarks | Feedback from participants and closing from GVAC Chair and Secretariat |
| *Lunch* | | |