Transgender Inclusion in HIV National Strategic Plans: Western and Central Africa

HIV National Strategic Plans (NSPs) dictate a country’s overall response to the epidemic. Epidemiologically sound NSPs ensure that all high-risk populations receive appropriately tailored programming and funding. Worldwide, transgender people are disproportionately impacted by HIV, but historically overlooked in NSPs. Meaningful transgender inclusion in an NSP requires inclusion in 5 key sections: the plan’s narrative, epidemiological data, targets/indicators, activities and budget. Among 15 NSPs reviewed in Western and Central Africa, only 1 country (7%) included transgender people across all of these key sections.

Transgender Inclusion in NSPs by Key Section

- **No Inclusion**
- **Not Reviewed**

6 out of 15 NSPs reviewed in Western and Central Africa mentioned transgender people in at least one section but only 1 country mentioned them in all key sections.