

Draft SASAA Action Plan

Vision – SADC which achieves the Gender Protocol objective of eliminating maternal mortality and the SRHR strategy

Objectives: To build solidarity across SADC to enhance access to a mix of contraception and safe abortion services

	Action	Who	When	Resources required	Assumptions
Outcome 1: Expand and strengthen the SASAA network					
Invite additional members – aim for at least one, ideally two, per country in SADC, including smaller grassroots organizations	All members contribute to mapping of which organizations are active in every country; invite others – especially from other countries to join SASAA	Mme Emma – Alliance; All SASAA members ST / GL support in comms	By end October	Email	Others working on Safe Abortion are interested to join SASAA
Develop inclusive communications strategy with focus on accuracy, dissemination and security. Strategy must protect all SASAA members from policing, criminalisation, and opposition targeting	Ask for comms strategies from national networks eg Zimbabwe and Malawi to align messaging Develop shared regional comms strategy	Mme Emma Mrs Musiyiwa Susan, GL ensure input from most vulnerable members and Alliance approval	By end September By end November	Email, time to develop shared strategy	National coalitions are willing to share their comms strategies and have similar messaging which can be incorporated into a regional strategy
Share information across the region on available access to safe abortion as well as safe contraception mix, through country briefs and media campaign	Develop a short template about safe abortion and contraception access. Discuss & Agree at a SAASA meeting and ask members to complete	WOSSO fellow Members from different countries Susan, GL coordination	By end of November	Time / writing of the briefs; Layout Coordination with media	Members and new members
Outcome 2: Strengthen advocacy: Collaborate on joint International Safe Abortion Day activity and International Abortion providers appreciation day					

	Action	Who	When	Resources required	Assumptions
Plan for International Safe Abortion day activity at SASAA meeting on Sept 12	Discuss and agree at SASAA meeting Share with all members and wider networks	Fatima, SRJC Susan, GL	Sept 12	Zoom, email	Will not clash with other planned activities
	Implement the planned activity on or around Sept 28		On or around Sept 28	Probably zoom, links to the media	Being illegal in some countries may make it impossible for them to join
Plan for International Abortion providers appreciation day	Discuss and agree at SASAA meeting	Fatima, SRJC Susan, GL	10 March		May be difficult in countries where abortion is illegal
	Develop shared concept on wellness, self care & MH for abortion advocates / providers		By end of February	Research, email, zoom, discussion	
Outcome 3: Develop shared position on safe self-managed abortion (SMA)					
Explore what is happening & experiences in different countries about SMA	Ask SAASA members from different countries to compile info	Fatima, SRJC	By end of March	Email	Partners have time to do this
Compile experiences and develop SAASA position	Compile all experiences noting pros, cons, positive and negative and discuss at a SAASA webinars with key players in SMA to develop regional position		By end of April	Time and emails Webinars with African experts	African experts are available to participate in SASAA webinars
Outcome 4: Influencing decision makers					
Advocacy with decision-makers	Develop an overall and country advocacy strategies	Fatima, SRJC, Gender Links All members	November ??	Advocacy plan template	Half a day meeting to discuss
Outcome 5: Share information on opposition monitoring to strengthen this across the region					
Explore who is doing opposition monitoring and	Ask SAASA members from different countries for info		On going		There is opposition monitoring happening

	Action	Who	When	Resources required	Assumptions
share info about activities of opposition	on national opposition monitoring				
Raise awareness of opposition activities across the region	Share info through SAASA to national networks		On going	Emails, media to write stories	Media will collaborate
Organise training in monitoring and security practices for SASAA	from members or through IPAS.	Fatima, SRJC Susan, GL	By May, 2025	Organize with training provider	We can access training without a budget for this and SASAA members will participate