

# 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.



**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.

## Transgender Inclusion in NSPs by Key Section

