Where We Work

MenEngage Africa currently has country networks in 15 countries. The networks undertake joint programming, research, and policy and advocacy activities to reduce HIV and promote gender equality. The current co-ordinators of the country networks are as follows:

- Botswana: Stepping Stones International
- Burundi: CARE Burundi
- DRC: COMEN
- Ethiopia: EngenderHealth
- Kenya: MenKen
- Malawi: Men for Gender Equality Now
- Mozambique: Fanelo YaMina Institute
- Namibia: Lifeline/Childline
- Rwanda: Rwanda Men’s Resource Centre (RWAMREC)
- Sierra Leone: Fambul Initiative Network for Equality
- South Africa: Sonke Gender Justice
- Swaziland: Swaziland Women Against Abuse (SWAGAA)
- Tanzania: EngenderHealth
- Uganda: Mama’s Club
- Zambia: Planned Parenthood Association of Zambia
- Zimbabwe: Padare/Enkudleni Men’s Forum on Gender

Join the network and become a member

The strength of MenEngage as an Alliance rests with its membership. Members are NGOs or UN agencies who pledge to adhere to the MenEngage core principles and to promote MenEngage objectives in their work at the local, national and/or international level.

For more information on MenEngage Africa or on what you can do to help promote gender equality and stop gender-based violence and HIV prevention, please visit our website, facebook page or contact your country network at:

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An alliance working to engage men and boys in reducing gender inequalities, preventing HIV, ending gender-based violence and promoting the health and well-being of women, men and children across Africa
MenEngage Africa operates through a steering committee, which supports the co-ordination of activities to strengthen work on engaging men and boys in gender equality across the region. Members of the steering committee are the following organisations: Padare/Enkudleni Men’s Forum on Gender, Zimbabwe • Lifeline/Childline, Namibia • Rwanda Men’s Resource Centre (RWAMREC), Rwanda • Fanelo YaMina Institute, Mozambique • EngenderHealth, Tanzania • MenKen, Kenya • PLAN International • Planned Parenthood Association of Zambia, Zambia • Sonke Gender Justice, South Africa (chair of MenEngage Africa network).

Country Networks in Africa bring together partner organisations working on gender-based violence (GBV), sexual abuse and sexual exploitation, women’s rights, youth and child rights and abuse, masculinities, HIV, fatherhood, sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), maternal health, refugees and migrants, and other issues. They aim to undertake joint programming, research, and policy and advocacy activities. MenEngage country networks strive to have strong working relations with the local and national government, UN country offices, the women’s and youth movement (who generally form part of the network), non-governmental agencies and grassroots organisations.

**Overview**

MenEngage Africa is part of the Global MenEngage Alliance of non-governmental organisations and United Nations (UN) agencies that work to engage men and boys to achieve gender equality.

Formed in 2006, the MenEngage Africa network works in partnership to promote the engagement of men and boys in achieving gender equality, preventing HIV, promoting human rights and reducing violence at all levels across the continent, including questioning the structural barriers to gender inequalities. This African regional network has a regional steering committee, a youth advisory committee and country networks.

**Objectives**

MenEngage Africa aims to achieve its work through the following objectives:

- **MOVEMENT BUILDING**: To strengthen MenEngage regional and country networks in Africa and establish them as key networks to engage men and boys to reduce gender-based violence, prevent HIV and promote gender equality.

- **PARTNERSHIPS**: To strengthen strategic alliances between MenEngage structures in Sub-Saharan Africa and other key partners, including especially children’s rights, women’s rights, LGBTI, People Living with HIV (PLHIV) and other social justice movements, as well as key UN agencies, to carry out joint campaign and advocacy activities.

- **ADVOCACY AND CAMPAIGNS**: To develop a shared policy, advocacy and campaigns agenda on work with men and boys for gender equality in Sub-Saharan Africa.

- **EVIDENCE**: To support research to build the evidence base to engage men and boys to reduce gender-based violence, prevent HIV and promote gender equality.

- **LEADERSHIP**: To support the development, launch and operation of a new ‘MenEngage Africa Training Initiative’, to provide training to MenEngage partners on how to enhance and scale up their work, apply evidence-based approaches to engage men and boys to reduce GBV, prevent HIV and promote gender equality.

- **YOUTH EMPOWERMENT**: To support meaningful involvement of young people through the MenEngage Africa Youth Steering Committee and promote the establishment of youth tracks at the country level.