Scaling up for zero tolerance: civil society leadership in eliminating violence against women and girls in Ghana, Rwanda, and South Africa

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Based on the Global AIDS Alliance's August 2006 report Zero Tolerance: Stop the Violence Against Women and Children, Stop HIV/AIDS, this report explores successes and challenges of scaling up comprehensive national programs to prevent, respond to, and mitigate the impacts of violence against women and girls (VAW/G) and violence against children (VAC). The countries selected for the study - Ghana, Rwanda, and South Africa - demonstrate concerted efforts to address the problem. Each country provides positive examples that VAW/G and VAC can be addressed, despite the incredibly high prevalence of violence and the strong role that socio-cultural norms play in perpetuating this epidemic of violence. In each of the three countries, civil society has played a strong advocacy role. These countries are by no means perfect in their response; the report highlights consistencies in how countries attempt to address the problem and provides examples for activists to use in developing their own advocacy agendas to address VAW/G and VAC, a key component of addressing HIV/AIDS.

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