

PIVOT

Preventing Violence Together

What is the PIVOT Partnership?

Recent years have seen an increase in both programming to prevent violence against women and an increase in the evidence demonstrating program effectiveness. As a field, we now know key evidence-based [principles](#) for effective violence prevention programming, and that applying these principles to our practice can help to create safer communities. However, the skills for translating these principles into practice can sometimes be a challenge. Organizations and funders regularly request Raising Voices to support capacity development for VAW prevention - the PIVOT (Preventing Violence Together) Partnerships aim to respond to this need. These partnerships recognize that there is no single approach to VAW prevention, but rather a set of principles that, when applied well, can make our work more effective.

The year-long PIVOT Partnerships between Raising Voices, regional (Africa) organizations, and their funders will include four days of training in Kampala and one year of technical assistance. The aim is to support activists and practitioners to apply key principles of effective VAW prevention to their own work. The course, and technical support following the course, will expose the PIVOT group to a diverse spectrum of program models, and how all these can be effective when key principles are applied. Participating organizations will explore three key principles in depth: 1) a gender-power analysis 2) personal and collective critical reflection, and 3) aspirational programming. We will then work together to understand how these principles can translate into new content for VAW prevention programs.

During the course, participants will analyze and rework a sample of their own current prevention programming content to strengthen alignment with the 3 principles. Following the course, organizations will continue applying what they learned, and will be assigned a Raising Voices Technical Advisor who will provide technical support that includes remote support and one

on-site visit over the next year. After this first year focusing on principles that inform program content, a second year partnership focusing on principles that inform program strategy (i.e. working across the ecological model, coordinated multi-sectoral programming) will be available.

Who is it for?

PIVOT Partnerships are primarily for national and community-based organizations across Africa (INGOs will be considered on a case-by-case basis) who are currently implementing, or preparing to implement, VAW prevention programming. This partnership is ideal for those who have some programming content but would benefit from increased knowledge about the principles and practical skills for how to translate them into good practice. Ideally, participating organizations will be recommended through their funders for the partnership.

Criteria for selection will include: leadership commitment from the partner organization for a 1 year partnership; existing and sufficient funding to implement 1 year of VAW prevention programming; 2 senior staff able to travel to Kampala and able to work in English; at least basic experience in VAW prevention programming.

The PIVOT Partnerships will focus on effective VAW prevention work, they are not SASA! courses, and are not for organizations wanting to specifically implement SASA!

Get Involved

If you are a funder: please forward this to grantees who may benefit from being involved in the PIVOT Partnerships and let Raising Voices know who you are nominating.

If you are an organization: participate in the webinar to learn more and decide if a PIVOT Partnership is right for your organization.

Timeline and Process

- **August 22nd 2017**
Participate in the PIVOT webinar to gain more information on the PIVOT partnership, who it is for and participation requirements.
Please email learningcenter@raisingvoices.org with your organization name, contact person, email address, and phone number to register for the webinar.
- **September 30th 2017**
Application deadline
- **October 13th 2017**
Organizations will be notified of selection results
- **October 20th 2017**
Selected organizations will complete a self-assessment to give Raising Voices more information on their current VAW prevention programming
- **November 6-9th 2017**
Two staff from each organization will attend the in-person PIVOT course in Kampala
- **January – November 2018**
Integrate learning with remote and on-site technical assistance from Raising Voices staff
- **December 2018**
Review the partnerships with potential to commit to a second year of support