



# Rising to the challenge: Enhancing efforts to eliminate vertical transmission of HIV, syphilis and hepatitis B

## Programmes

3 December 2025, 9:45 – 11:30 GMT

**The triple elimination agenda: Optimizing systems for the elimination of paediatric HIV, syphilis, and hepatitis B**

Chair: Helena Nangombe, HIV Advocate/ community expert, Namibia

9:45 – 9:50	<b>Welcome and introduction</b>	Chair
9:50 – 10:00	<b>African landscape of paediatric HIV, syphilis and hepatitis B</b>	Akudo Ezinne Ikpeazu, WHO AFRO
10:00 – 10:10	<b>Adapting and operationalising the Last mile to EMTCT: Lessons from Kenya</b>	Ider Dungereorj, UNICEF Eastern and Southern Africa
10:10 – 10:30	<b>Panel discussion: Strengthening health systems to achieve triple elimination</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Strengthening the generation and use of high-quality data: Lessons from Malawi</b></li><li>○ <b>Strengthening postpartum follow-up for mothers and their infants: Lessons from The Gambia</b></li></ul>	Facilitator: Priscilla Tsondai, IAS, South Africa Kassim Issah, Ministry of Health, Malawi Abdoulie Jallow, Medical Research Council Unit The Gambia at LSHTM, The Gambia
10:30 – 10:45	<b>Break</b>	
10:45 – 11:00	<b>“Whole child” agenda in paediatric care and treatment</b>	Shaffiq Essajee, UNICEF
11:00 – 11:15	<b>Forward-looking approaches for adaptable and sustainable vertical transmission prevention programmes that address both existing and emerging or re-emerging infectious diseases</b>	Kimberly Green and Albert Komba, PATH
11:15 – 11:25	<b>Announcing the Collaborative Learning Visit Grant recipients</b>	Global Alliance representative
11:25 – 11:30	<b>Closing</b>	Chair

4 December 2025, 8:45 – 9:30 GMT

**Addressing social and structural barriers that limit access to vertical transmission prevention services**

Chair: Shaffiq Essajee, UNICEF

8:45 – 8:50	<b>Welcome and introduction</b>	Chair
8:50 – 9:00	<b>Addressing the social and structural barriers that hinder access to vertical transmission prevention services</b>	Cecilia Senoo, Hope For Future Generations, Ghana
9:00 – 9:25	<b>Panel discussion: Enhancing access, engaging men, and reaching underserved populations in the triple elimination agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Removing barriers to HIV and STI prevention service for young people and their children</b></li><li>○ <b>Engaging men as partners and decision-makers in the uptake and sustained use of vertical transmission prevention services</b></li><li>○ <b>Addressing the needs of inadequately served populations</b></li></ul>	Facilitator: Luann Hatane, Paediatric-Adolescent Treatment Africa, South Africa Oprare Dansoa and Tracybel Owusu, Ghana Deo Mutambuka, Rwanda Network of People Living with HIV, Rwanda Agnes Ronan, Paediatric-Adolescent Treatment Africa, South Africa
9:25 – 9:30	<b>Closing</b>	Chair

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