



African Population and
Health Research Center
Transforming lives in Africa through research

Challenging the Politics of Social Exclusion (CPSE)



RAPID RESPONSE SERVICE

About

The African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC) is implementing 4-year research, advocacy, and capacity-strengthening project 'titled Challenging the Politics of Social Exclusion (CPSE)' funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA). The project is being implemented in seven Countries in Burkina Faso, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Rwanda, Sierra Leone and Zambia. It also involves working with regional economic communities such as the Southern African Development Community Parliamentary Forum (SADC PF), East African Community, East African Legislative Assembly (EALA), African Union (AU), and Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), as well as working with several United Nations agencies and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs).

In this regard, APHRC's African-led approach to evidence generation, synthesis, and interpretation underpin national and regional engagements to address evident policy, institutional, and cultural dimensions of social exclusion that directly affect young people, women, and sexual minorities' access to SRHR. APHRC works with and through a constellation of policymakers, civil society actors, and other practitioners who catalyse the change needed in this landscape. It includes creating an enabling environment for policy and practice that reduces stigma and social exclusion to improve access to SRHR services.

The CPSE team offers a Rapid Response Service that facilitates the provision of relevant and high-quality synthesized evidence to regional and sub-regional partners to inform decisions, policies, and actions aligned to the three CPSE focal issues which include:

- Sexual and reproductive health and the rights of adolescents
- Access to safe abortion and post-abortion care
- The discrimination of LGBTQ+ populations

Project objectives

1

Generate the evidence needed to improve understanding of the sexual reproductive health and rights (SRHRs) landscape

2

Identify knowledge gaps that, if filled, will help raise awareness and leverage available entry-points for advocacy to change policy and practice

3

Strengthen the capacity of key actors in the sector to use evidence in furthering their advocacy agenda and enhance policy discussions on these topics



The rapid response service helps partners in gathering the best-available evidence - within short time frames - to support informed positions to advance relevant (sub) regional or national policy or legislative debates and processes. It also influences policy-making and helps achieve societal social and behavioural change towards sexual and reproductive health and rights.

The service is currently available to our partners in the regions below and as listed on the webpage for the service:

- East Africa
- Southern Africa
- West Africa
- National parliaments of the 16 SADC member states
- Ministries of Health



How to make a Rapid Response Request?

The organization or its representatives will be required to place an official request by completing the CPSE rapid response request form which is available at:

 <https://aphrc.org/cpse-rapid-response/>

or send a request via email at:

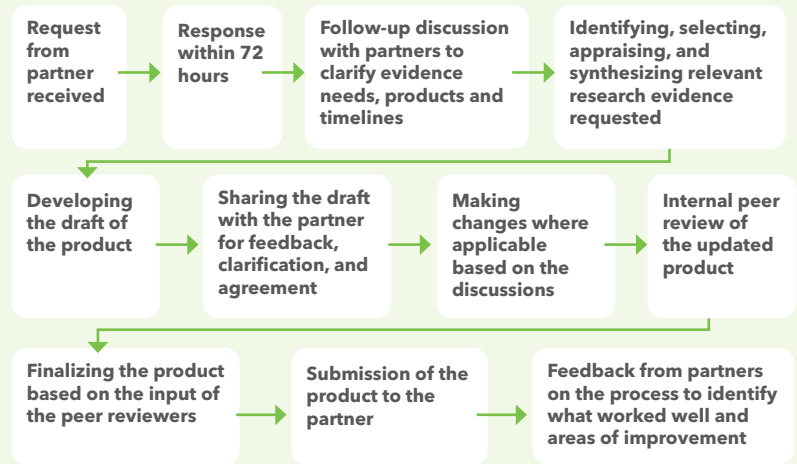
 cpserapidresponse@aphrc.org

Rapid Response Service Process

Once we receive the request the CPSE team will review it to ensure it is within the remit of the rapid response service.

A follow-up call with the person/institution that has made the request will follow to clarify research or evaluation needs, expected products, and timelines.

Below is an estimated process of the rapid response service:



Evidence synthesis products developed through the rapid response service

Item	Time frames
Short policy briefs/fact sheets (2-4 pages)	10-12 days
Long policy briefs/fact sheets (4-8 pages)	15 - 30 days
Short research reports (25 pages max)	2 months
Power points	2 days
Media talking points	24 - 48 hours
Infographics	3- 7 days

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Note:

- The rapid response service is free
- The rapid response products will bear the APHRC acknowledgment, branding, and logo where applicable, in accordance with the APHRC brand guidelines
- A maximum of two requests per month can be made from one institution