

Gender Integration in WASH

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- Woman Owned Small Business
- Extensive Experience in Health, Gender, Capacity Building, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning
- Gender:
 - *Conduct gender + social inclusion assessments*
 - *Gender sensitization*
 - *Build capacity in gender responsive programming*
 - *Provide technical assistance in scale-up and roll-out of gender-responsive programming*
 - *Technical assistance in monitoring progress and adjusting gender related activities to achieve improved outcomes*
 - *Documentation, sharing and learning*



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Our Approach: iDARE

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- **Identify** gender and social inclusion gaps and barriers through a desk review, analysis, key informant interviews (KIIs) and focus group discussions (FGDs).

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- **Design** locally contextualized programmatic interventions and activities to effectively address identified gaps and barriers.

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- **Apply/Assess** knowledge gained, lessons learned, and changes identified overtime through monitoring and evaluation, the collection and assessment of sex-disaggregated data, and periodic assessments.

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- **Record** knowledge, qualitative and quantitative data, best practices, lessons learned in line with effective and transparent knowledge management and monitoring and evaluation methodologies

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- **Expand** and scale-up project initiatives, if proven successful; if proven ineffective, identify and design other changes to reach project objectives and goals.



Our Approach in Action

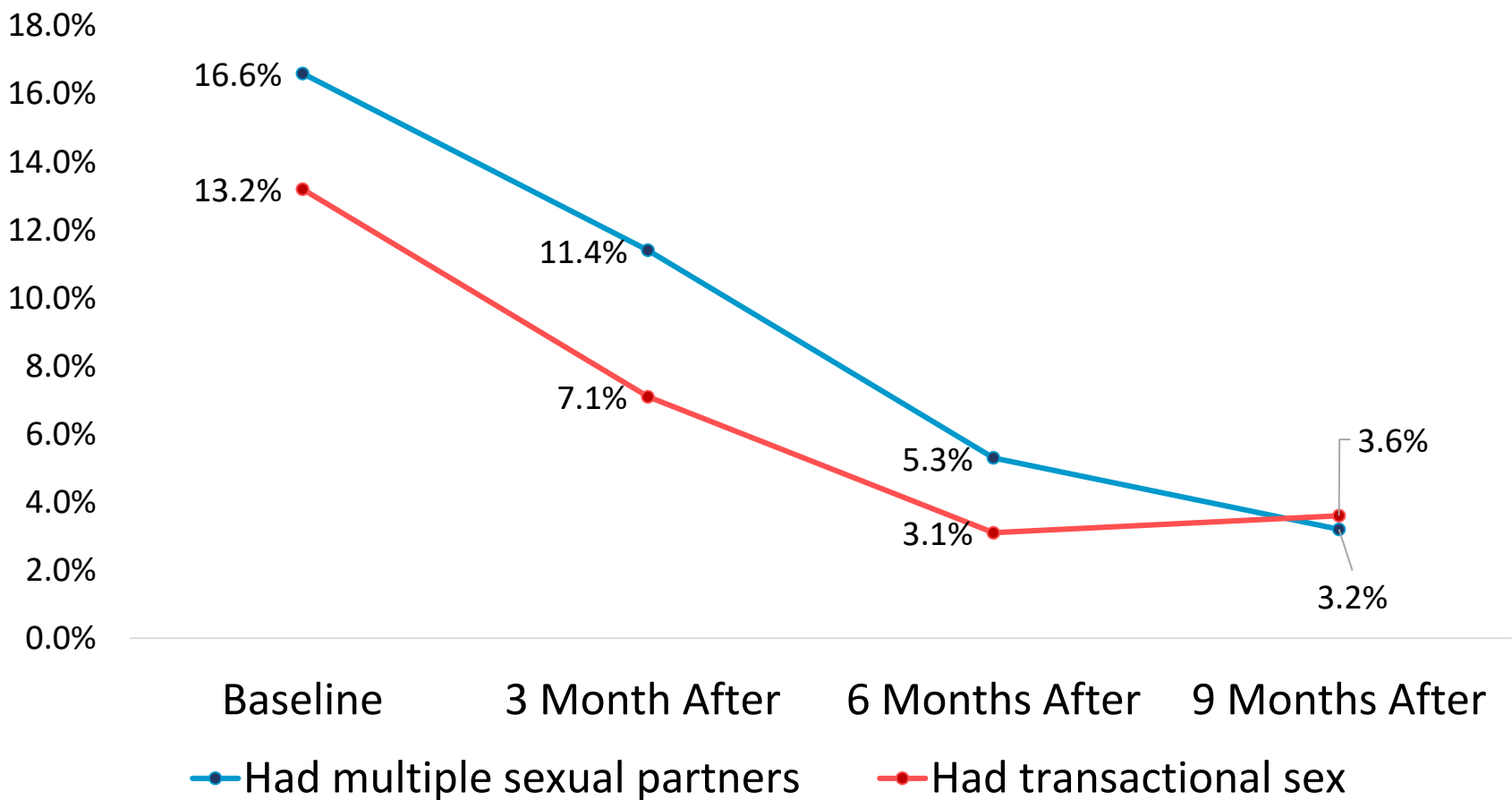
Capacity building with adolescent girls and young women in Uganda to reduce risk behaviors and HIV infection under the DREAMS partnership.



Capacity building with health providers in more than 30 countries globally now focusing on LAC in Zika prevention and care under USAID's ASSIST Project.

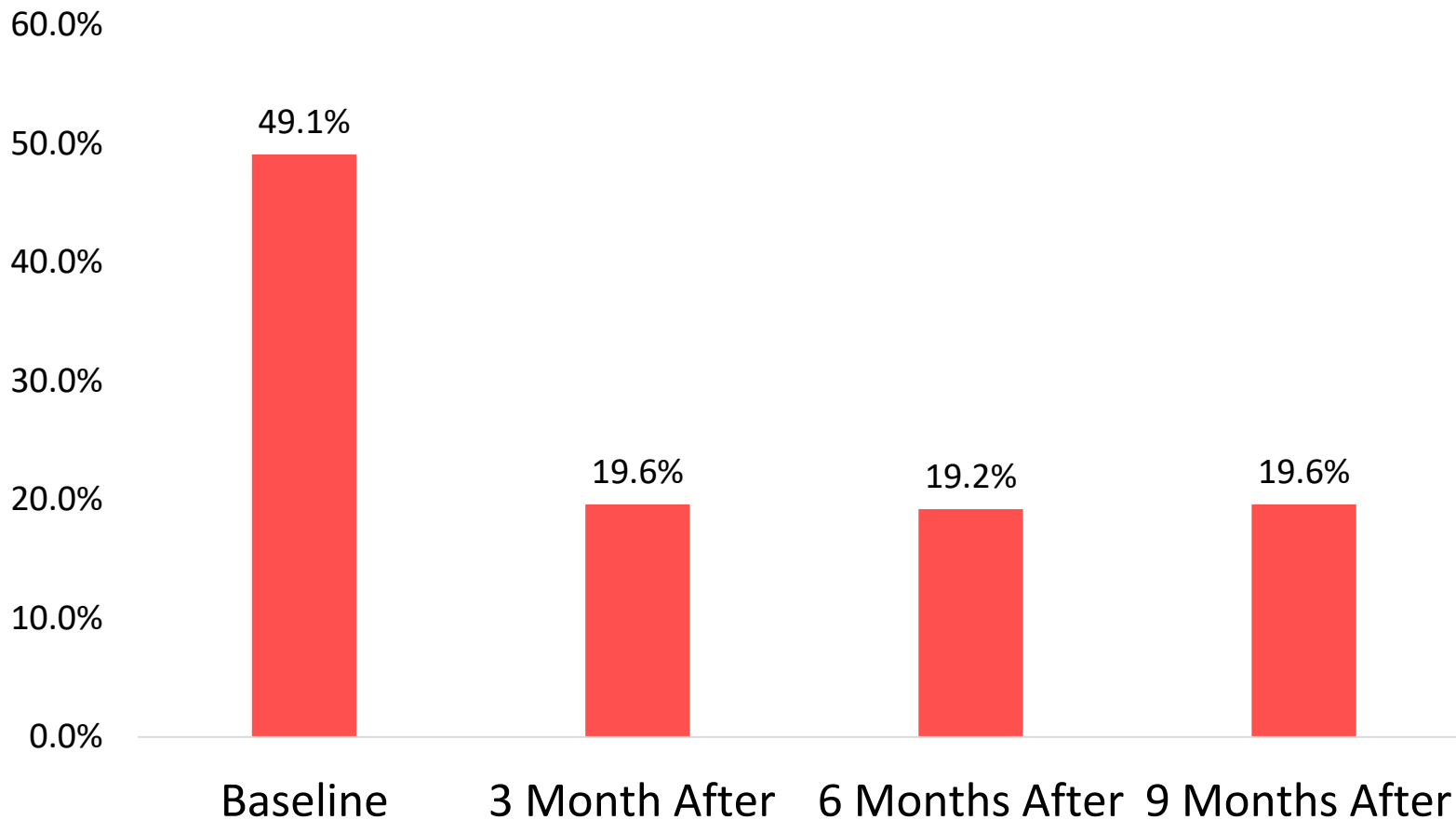
High risk sex practices decreased ($p < 0.05$)

% of AGYW Engaging in High Risk Sexual Activities



Levels of violence decreased

% of AGYW Who Have Experienced Violence



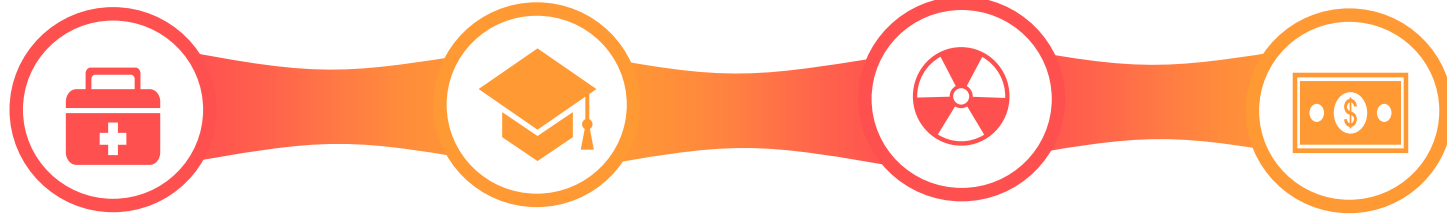


Issues raised by participants

- Gender Issues in WASH
- Leveraging Gender Integration Strategies in WASH programs
- Strengthening Women's Leadership in WASH
- Lessons Learned and Best Practices about Gender Equality Programming
- Deep Understanding of WASH

Gender and WASH

Access to safe water and adoption of safe sanitation and hygiene practices are critical to several gender-specific issues, including:



Maternal and newborn health

- WASH-related illnesses during pregnancy are linked to low birth weight.
- Undernutrition in newborns.

Education for adolescent girls and young women

- Lost opportunities for learning.
- Burden of menstrual hygiene management (MHM) for girls.

Preventing gender-based violence

- Women vulnerable to harassment or violence when fetching water, using shared toilets, or practicing open defecation.

Empowering women economically

- Women and girls perform most of the unpaid labor associated with WASH in households and communities.

Opportunities to Address Gender in WASH, Engage Women + Achieve a “Better Balance”

- Gender Analysis- very important
- Gender Sensitization
- Capacity building in gender integration
- Data driven solutions
- Context is critical
- Men not only supporters but also clients





Opportunities Continued

- Leadership is not only having equal number of men and women on committees
 - *Personal Expectations and confidence*
 - *Cultures*
 - *Work-life balance*
 - *“Do no harm”*
- Involving women and men at all stages of planning, implementing and monitoring programs.
- Empowering women should start early: girls to take leadership roles at schools
- Identify champions for change

Resources and Tools

- Visit www.usaidassist.org/topics/gender or our website www.wi-her.org
 - Technical briefs and additional resources (English, French, Spanish)
 - Sex-disaggregated data collection tools
 - Videos (English, French, Spanish)





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