SASA! Adaptations around the World

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Currently SASA! is...

• Being implemented in diverse settings by diverse groups & contexts.
• In total, over 60 organizations in 20 countries
• Beyond Africa:
  • Iraq, Pakistan, South Pacific, Mongolia
  • In Latin America:
    • Haiti – adaptation completed by Beyond Borders
    • Honduras – being adapted by the government supported by World Bank
    • Uruguay – the government considering adaptation
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Types of adaptations

- Translation
- Cultural adaptations (Haiti)
- Issue specific adaptation (e.g. FGM)
- Adaptation for specific groups (e.g. faith community)
- “Activity integration” vs. “full scale” implementation
What are we learning?

Quality adaptation requires a deliberate process and clear vision, ideally supported by an individual/group with applied experience & political alignment with the core ideas that drive the work.

Addressing the core drivers of VAW (rather than specific manifestations of VAW) allow for wide usability in diverse contexts.
Emerging recommendations for “adapters”

✓ Have clarity regarding your adaptation modality
✓ Don’t forget to innovate
✓ Define your vision for how this work aligns with existing programs
✓ Build in community feedback loops
✓ Get technical assistance
✓ Critically consider all the resources required
✓ Ask the tough question: are you the best placed to take this forward?
Thank you!
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