



FGS INTEGRATION GROUP (FIG) 2022 & 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

The FGS Integration Group (FIG) is a global coalition galvanising collective action across sectors (including HIV, cervical cancer, sexual and reproductive health and rights, and neglected tropical diseases) to address FGS through integration. This will contribute to strengthening health systems by improving the delivery of equitable and holistic health services for all people, improving women's health outcomes, and ultimately contributing to social and economic equity.

We are excited to share with you some of the key FIG moments from across the FIG partnership in 2022 and 2023.

To find out more about the [FGS Integration Group](#), become a member and find out more about Genital Schistosomiasis at the [Global Schistosomiasis Alliance](#) webpage.

FIG Partners:





FIG ADVOCACY

FIG is coordinating cross-sector advocacy to increase the recognition and inclusion of FGS within women’s health and rights initiatives with donors, policy- and decision-makers, programmers, technical experts and affected communities.

2023

WHO NTD Progress Report (January 2023)

FIG was featured in the [WHO Global report on neglected tropical diseases 2023](#) and was acknowledged as a contribution to progress being made on Schistosomiasis elimination.

malaria-prevention programmes. There is also increasing interest in addressing the burden of FGS in adolescence through preventive chemotherapy as a strategy for preventing HIV/AIDS, as incorporated in the global AIDS strategy 2021–2026 to end inequalities and end AIDS (66). The FGS Integration Group, an innovative coalition of organizations, is galvanizing joint action across the sexual and reproductive health and rights, HIV, human papillomavirus/cervical cancer, NTD and WASH sectors to tackle the neglected issue of FGS. The group is raising awareness of FGS with the aim of improving treatment and prevention with and for women and girls through sustainable integration of FGS into sexual and reproductive health and rights and NTD programmes at scale. Continuing to expand the public health scope



Global report on neglected tropical diseases

2023

Disease summaries: progress and challenges in 2021–2022

Schistosomiasis

Progress

- Created FGS Integration Group (FIG) uniting partners with the aim of establishing links and promoting integration with reproductive health programmes



International Women's Day (UK Parliamentary Roundtable on FGS, March 2023)

FIG members, Unlimit Health and Frontline AIDS, coordinated a cross-party parliamentary roundtable on FGS integration with the APPG on Malaria and NTDs, APPG on HIV/AIDS, and APPG on Population, Development and Reproductive Health. The event commemorated International Women's Day by raising awareness of FGS within UK Parliamentarian interest groups on health.

In addition to the briefing, FIG launched its policy paper Unlocking Health and Opportunity for Women and Girls in Africa - Tackling a Neglected Reproductive Health Crisis.

As a result of the cross-APPG Parliamentary Roundtable, Baroness Barker posed a Parliamentary Question on FGS.

APPG on Malaria and NTDs @MalariaNTDAPPG · Mar 7
 This #IWD2023, @LizBarkerLords chaired a roundtable on FGS with @MalariaNTDAPPG, @APPG_HIV_AIDS & @APPGPopDevRep highlighting the opportunity for greater gender equity & women's health & drawing the links between NTDs, HIV & SRH to tackle this neglected reproductive health crisis



FGS: OUR CALLS TO ACTION:

- Raise awareness about FGS among decision makers and the public
- Address FGS in health and gender policies
- Integrate FGS services in all parts of the health system
- Fund FGS services as a part of integrated SRH care
- Include FGS in gender equality and human rights advocacy
- Strengthen cross-sector coordination for women's health

FRONTLINE AIDS

UNLOCKING HEALTH AND OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS IN AFRICA

TACKLING A NEGLECTED REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CRISIS

[FIG] TOGETHER TO END FEMALE GENITAL SCHISTOSOMIASIS

You and 9 others

APPG on Malaria and NTDs @MalariaNTDAPPG · Mar 29
 On #IWD2023 we co-hosted a roundtable with @APPG_HIV_AIDS & @APPGPopDevRep on #FGS which causes painful, yet preventable, sexual & reproductive health complications.

We are grateful to @LizBarkerLords for raising FGS with @ZacGoldsmith, and to @DNDI for their critical R&D work 🙏

Question



Baroness Barker

Liberal Democrat

Life peer

To ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to tackle female genital schistosomiasis.

Answer



Lord Goldsmith of Richmond Park

Conservative

Life peer

Answered on

29 March 2023

The UK is supporting research and development into schistosomiasis through funding for the Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative (DNDI) which is actively developing new drugs for the disease with the aim to counter the risk of resistance and to treat female genital schistosomiasis. We had previously supported research into female genital schistosomiasis through support to the Coalition for Operational Research on Neglected Tropical Diseases (COR-NTD) and this had led to the development of new competencies for the training of health professionals on the disease. Through our funding for The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and support for their Global AIDS Strategy 2021-26 we are also supporting initiatives to address female genital schistosomiasis and integrate treatment and prevention services for the disease with HIV services, sexual and reproductive health and rights services and comprehensive sexuality education.

You and 8 others



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International Development Committee's inquiry on UK Aid's impact on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (UK Parliament, April and July 2023)

In April 2023, Unlimit Health and Frontline AIDS on behalf of FIG, submitted evidence on FGS for the UK International Development Committee's (IDC) inquiry on the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) approach to the SRHR of women and girls in lower-income countries.

Amplifying FCDO's impact on sexual and reproductive health and rights of women and girls in lower-income countries – the case for female genital schistosomiasis (FGS) integration as a multiplier for health and equity outcomes

FGS Integration Group (FIG)

The Female Genital Schistosomiasis (FGS) Integration Group (FIG), FIG, is pleased to submit evidence to the International Development Committee's inquiry into the effectiveness of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's (FCDO) work on sexual and reproductive health programmes in lower-income countries. FIG is a global coalition galvanizing collective action across HIV, cervical cancer, SRH and neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) sectors to address FGS through integration and strengthening health systems for women's health.

For this inquiry we are presenting evidence to make the case for the UK to provide more support to integrated person-centred approaches as a way to increase effectiveness of work to address the '3 Es' and as a multiplier for health and equity outcomes for women and girls in lower-income countries.

FIG was then invited to give oral evidence, and Dr Camilla Ducker gave evidence on behalf of FIG and a written response to questions from parliamentarians about the impact of FGS and its need for integration into SRHR was submitted to the IDC. You can watch the recording of the oral evidence on UK Parliament TV here. More recently the IDC committee asked the International Development Minister Andrew Mitchell on how FCDO will address the need to integrate FGS into SRH services:

<https://twitter.com/MalariaNTDAPPG/status/1701950781455253744>



INCREASING VISIBILITY AND AWARENESS

2022

In 2022, FIG focused on increasing awareness of FGS as a sexual and reproductive health condition and increasing the visibility of FIG in global health spaces. This included launching FIG in the UK Parliament, at the Kigali Summit and at the International AIDS Conference.



House of Lords reception on NTDs hosted by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Malaria and NTDs and the UK Coalition against NTDs (UK, June 2022)

The event took place in the lead up to the CHOGM (Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting) and the Kigali Summit on Malaria and NTDs, where governments and civil society made commitments to eliminating NTDs. [Baroness Liz Sugg](#) launched FIG in the UK, alongside [Delphine Pedeboy](#), who spoke about her experience of FGS and [Felicia Wong](#), FIG Coordination Team.



You can read more about the event in the APPG Malaria and NTDs [2022 Annual Report](#). The event also drew online media attention for FGS including a feature story in The Telegraph online edition.

- Harriet Barber. The Telegraph. [Waterborne parasites are laying eggs inside women's bodies – with deadly consequences.](#)
- The Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. [Lord Trees and Baroness Sugg call to end Neglected Tropical Diseases with UK Coalition at Westminster event](#)
- eyenews. [Lord Trees and Baroness Sugg call to end Neglected Tropical Diseases with charity coalition at Westminster event](#)



Kigali Summit on Malaria and NTDs (Rwanda, June 2022)

The Kigali Summit gathered the Heads of Government across NTD and malaria endemic countries. The event launched the next wave of commitment focused on progress in the next 10 years providing the perfect opportunity to secure political support and investment in integrating NTDs programmes and highlighting the unique needs of FGS within the health system. FIG's work perfectly highlighted one of the meeting's themes on the importance of integration and cross sector collaboration to end NTDs and malaria. Julie Jacobson ([Bridges to Development](#), FIG Coordination Team) launched FIG on stage amidst heads of state, ministers of health and CEOs.



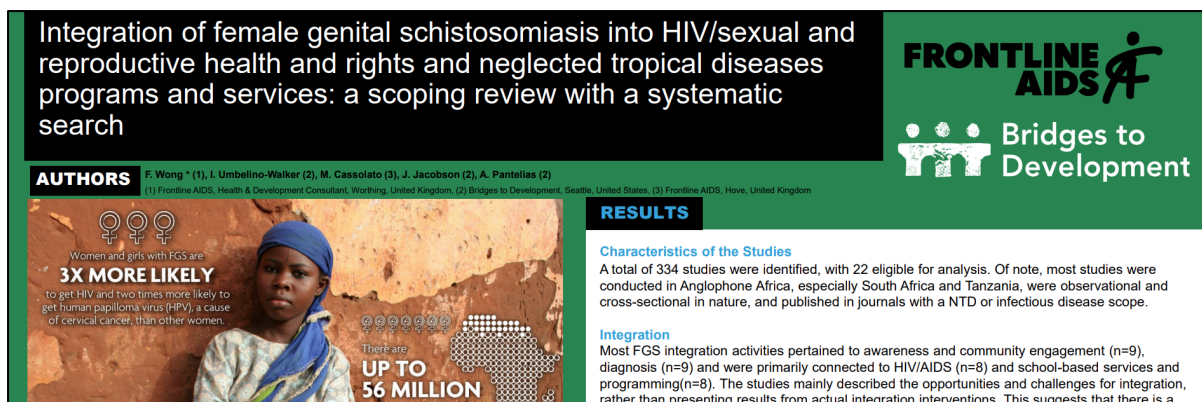
The 24th International AIDS Conference

Montreal, Canada, and virtually

The 24th International AIDS Conference (Montreal, 29 July- 2 August 2022)

Frontline AIDS, Avert and LVCT Health represented FIG at the conference. Almost 13,000 HIV professionals and members of civil society, including approximately 3,600 virtual delegates, took part in [AIDS 2022](#). This was the first in-person International AIDS Conference that had taken place since the COVID pandemic. FIG was introduced and FGS awareness was raised across formal and informal conference platforms.

Bridges to Development and Frontline AIDS' abstract was accepted as a [Poster Presentation](#) (scroll to bottom to download): *Integration of female genital schistosomiasis into HIV/sexual and reproductive health and rights and neglected tropical diseases programs and services: a scoping review with a systematic search.*



The poster is divided into several sections. At the top left, the title is displayed in white text on a black background. To the right, the 'FRONTLINE AIDS' logo is shown in white on a green background, with the 'Bridges to Development' logo below it. The 'AUTHORS' section lists F. Wong, I. Umbelino-Walker, M. Cassolato, J. Jacobson, and A. Pantelias, along with their affiliations. The central image features a young girl in a blue headscarf against a textured, brown background. Text on the image states that women and girls with FGS are 3x more likely to get HIV and two times more likely to get HPV, and that there are up to 56 million women and girls with FGS. The 'RESULTS' section is divided into 'Characteristics of the Studies' and 'Integration', providing a summary of the 334 studies identified and the nature of the integration activities.

Integration of female genital schistosomiasis into HIV/sexual and reproductive health and rights and neglected tropical diseases programs and services: a scoping review with a systematic search

FRONTLINE AIDS
Bridges to Development

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Women and girls with FGS are **3X MORE LIKELY** to get HIV and two times more likely to get human papilloma virus (HPV), a cause of cervical cancer, than other women.

There are **UP TO 56 MILLION** women and girls with FGS.

RESULTS

Characteristics of the Studies
A total of 334 studies were identified, with 22 eligible for analysis. Of note, most studies were conducted in Anglophone Africa, especially South Africa and Tanzania, were observational and cross-sectional in nature, and published in journals with a NTD or infectious disease scope.

Integration
Most FGS integration activities pertained to awareness and community engagement (n=9), diagnosis (n=9) and were primarily connected to HIV/AIDS (n=8) and school-based services and programming (n=8). The studies mainly described the opportunities and challenges for integration, rather than presenting results from actual integration interventions. This suggests that there is a

Frontline AIDS and the Canadian Network for NTDs hosted an informal donor dinner to raise awareness of FGS and how FGS integration is an opportunity for joined-up funding across private-public donors as well as within donors' own funding portfolios. Participants included Gilead Sciences, Children's Investment Fund Foundation, Go Further (PEPFAR), the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis, the National AIDS Commission of Kenya, ViiV Healthcare, Elton John AIDS Foundation, amongst others.

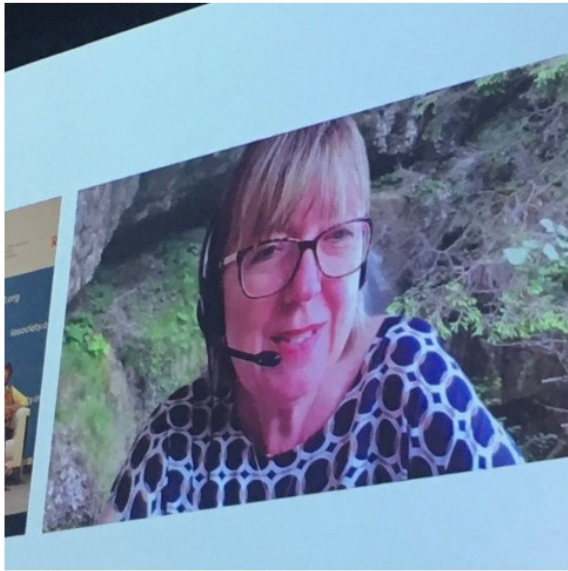
An awareness raising session was held in the Global Village Women's Networking Zone called "What does Bilharzia have to do with HIV?" The session was also live streamed on the [#BeTeamWomen](#) facebook page. The session raised awareness amongst women's rights and women living with HIV networks within the community space in the conference. For many participants this was the first time they heard of FGS and were shocked that they had never heard about it, especially because it increases risk for HIV and cervical cancer which also disproportionately affect women across Africa.

Speakers included Dr Marc Steben (HPV Global Action, Canada), Karen Webb (Organization for Public Health Interventions and Development - OPHID) and Dr. Ntombi Muchuchuti (AIDS and Rights Alliance for southern Africa - ARASA).



On the last day of the conference, FIG had its official [Satellite Session](#) (scroll to bottom to view) *Strengthening health systems for holistic HIV prevention, cervical cancer and female genital schistosomiasis prevention and control services*. The session was dedicated to Dr Mwelecele Ntuli Malecela, Director of WHO’s Department of Control of Neglected Tropical Diseases, who was an advocate and champion for gender responsive NTD programmes and FGS. Marike Wijnroks, the Chief of Staff at the Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, made opening remarks for the session, showing support of the practicality of FGS integration, ‘For me, Female Genital Schistosomiasis is the next frontier, and there is such an obvious case to be made. It is logical.’





Speakers included Patricia Jeckonia (LVCT Health, Kenya), Marijke Wijnroks (the Global Fund), Helena Nangombe (Young Women Empowerment Network, Namibia), • Pamela Sabina Mbabazi (WHO, Control of NTDs), Jutta Reinhard-Rupp (Global Health Institute, Merck), Naisiadet Mason (Gutmacher Institute), Margaret Gyapong (University of Health and Allied Sciences, Ghana)



NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASE NGO NETWORK

A global forum for nongovernmental organizations
working together on NTDs

NTD NGO Network Meeting (Nepal, September 2022)

The Global Schistosomiasis Alliance, LVCT Health, Sightsavers and the Arise Consortium hosted a hybrid workshop on Cross-cutting approaches to mainstreaming NTDs: innovations, opportunities and limitations which focused on the WHO pillar: Intensifying Cross-Cutting Approaches to NTD control. The Key themes included integration, mainstreaming and coordination. Dr Victoria Gamba and Dr Akinola Oluwole led the section of our workshop on integrating Female Genital schistosomiasis into healthcare services. Dr Gamba presented on a pilot project in Kenya to integrate FGS into existing cervical cancer screening and SRH services in Homa Bay and Kwale County. Dr Oluwole reported on the COUNTDOWN project in Nigeria and Liberia, integrating FGS awareness and training for health workers, with outputs of two manuals, one for Nigeria and the other for Liberia. Breakout groups discussed key integration enablers and challenges. We saw a clear interest from NTD stakeholders and participants in working with SRH and primary health professionals to integrate FGS into health services.

- NNN 2022 FGS workshop report and slides: [Cross-cutting approaches to mainstreaming NTDs: innovations, opportunities and limitations](#)
- Crown Agents Article [NNN Conference acknowledges growing health crisis of FGS in sub-Saharan Africa](#)
- Full NNN Conference Report [NTDs in health systems - innovate, integrate, & empower](#)



American Society for Tropical Medicine and Hygiene Session (Seattle, October 2022)

At the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) annual meeting in 2022 in Seattle, FIG members organized a Symposium: **Breaking the silos between Tropical Medicine and Sexual and Reproductive Health: a path towards equity, integration and sustainability.**

- Session recordings can be accessed [here](#)

There were also 3 proudly presented posters on the FAST Package findings and lessons learned:

- Knowledge and awareness of schistosomiasis and female genital schistosomiasis among teachers in Ghana by Margaret Gyapong et al.
- Understanding the socio-cultural determinants of health-seeking behaviours and health information trust among women at-risk for female genital schistosomiasis in Ghana: A mixed-method study by Kruti Patel et al.
- Community awareness and knowledge on Schistosomiasis and Female Genital Schistosomiasis (a neglected sexual and reproductive health issue): Findings from the FAST Package baseline assessment in Ghana and Madagascar by Alison Krentel et al.

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Symposium 75. Breaking the silos between Tropical Medicine and Sexual and Reproductive Health: a path towards equity, integration and sustainability

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Felica Wang
Consultant FrontlineAIDS
Co-Chair FGS Integration Group (FIG)

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International Conference on Family Planning (Thailand, November 2022)

Frontline AIDS and LVCT Health ran a lunchtime roundtable discussion on FGS and SRHR/Family Planning and a side event on innovations in HIV prevention which included FGS and an introduction to FIG; Frontline AIDS and LVCT Health also held an [introductory webinar](#) for Frontline AIDS partners on FGS/HIV integration in the lead-up to the conference.

WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER

Roundtable
Uncovering FGS: An essential element of an integrated HIV response

Time: 13:25 - 14:25 (Thailand)
Venue: Beach Hotel, Royal Summit Chamber A
Table: #15




THE PREVENTION EVOLUTION

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Over 40 years into the HIV epidemic and knowledge and treatments have prevented millions of deaths. But a **lack of integrated services** to support women and girls' wellbeing is failing to **reduce new HIV infections** and **improve sexual health**. Join experts to hear why **new HIV prevention technologies** such as the dapivirine ring can reduce new HIV infections. And how **improving the diagnosis, testing and treatment of female genital schistosomiasis**, a disease which increases a woman's risk of getting HIV and cervical cancer, will transform lives and change the landscape of HIV and SRHR integration.

DATE
Wednesday 16 November
Time: 17:00 - 18:30
Venue: Nova Platinum, 562-562 Bang Lamung District, Chon Buri 20150 - free shuttle service from PEACH
Light refreshments available



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[Women Deliver](#) Conference (Kigali, 17-20 July 2023)

Held every three years, Women Deliver is the largest multi-sectoral convenings to advance gender equality. FIG members were delighted to attend, joining colleagues to urge the integration of FGS services into SRHR and primary care. Events included:

- The screening of [Female genital schistosomiasis: Ending the neglect](#), a short film by Frontline AIDS and LVCT Health at Women Deliver Arts & Film Festival
- A Q&A and direct partner outreach session on FGS by [Bridges to Development](#), [Frontline AIDS](#), [LVCT Health](#) and [Sightsavers](#)
- 'Achieving Gender Equality in Burkina Faso: Spotlight on challenging issues', a side event held by Uniting to Combat NTDs, a FIG friend and FGS champion. The event invited renowned leaders, medical professionals, champions and activists to discuss how Burkina Faso is progressing towards gender equality.



Dr Lilian Otiso (left), Executive Director of LVCT Health, and Dr Julie Jacobson, Managing Partner and Co-Founder of Bridges to Development, joined other FIG members for a Q&A event at Women Deliver in July.

American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene 2023 (Chicago, October 2023)

There were many presentations and posters about FGS at ASTMH this year including:

- Poster by Ruth Allotey, **Navigating Barriers to Awareness Creation on Female Genital Schistosomiasis: A Case Study in the Central Region of Ghana**
- Poster by Isis Umbelino-Walker, **Integration of female genital schistosomiasis into HIV/sexual and reproductive health and rights and neglected tropical diseases programs and services: a scoping review with a systematic search**
- Presentation by Ruth Allotey, **Case Study – (2) Female Genital Schistosomiasis at Symposium 2: How the pandemic pushed the paradigm to elevate the voice of health care providers in public health problem-solving**
- Presentation by Martha Mberu, **Expanding Female Genital Schistosomiasis (FGS) Learning and Application through an Online Training for Mixed Cadres of Health Care Workers in Francophone Africa**
- Abstract by Olimpia Lamberti, **Association of female urogenital schistosomiasis with high-risk human papillomavirus among women in Zambia: baseline results of a longitudinal cohort study (the Zipime Weka Schista study)**
- Poster by Omosefe Osinoiki, **Barriers to Female Genital Schistosomiasis care management in Nigeria; Community Members and Health Workers Perspectives**
- Poster by Iris Kamilla Ottosen, **Gaps in bedside protocols and policies for management of Female Genital Schistosomiasis in endemic South Africa and non-endemic Norway**
- Presentation by Navneet Kaur, Nilanjan Lodh, **Prevalence and distribution of Female Genital Schistosomiasis (FGS) across three endemic countries, timeline, and age groups**
- Presentation by Emmanuel Donkoh, **Acceptability of genital self-sampling for the diagnosis of female genital schistosomiasis in hard-to-reach communities**
- And more...!

Integration of female genital schistosomiasis into HIV/sexual and reproductive health and rights and neglected tropical diseases programs and services: a scoping review with a systematic search

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ICASA (Zimbabwe, December 2023)

FIG Partners shared social media messaging around FGS and the link to HIV and the need for comprehensive FGS integration around ICASA. LVCT Health, Avert and Frontline AIDS organised an FGS Spotlight Session and handed out leaflets generating engagement with the conference attendees.

Mrs. Privillage Charashika from OPHID had an abstract titled *Are we FGS and HIV aware? Community Health Workers' Knowledge on Female Genital Schistosomiasis (FGS) and HIV risk in Zimbabwe* accepted for presentation.



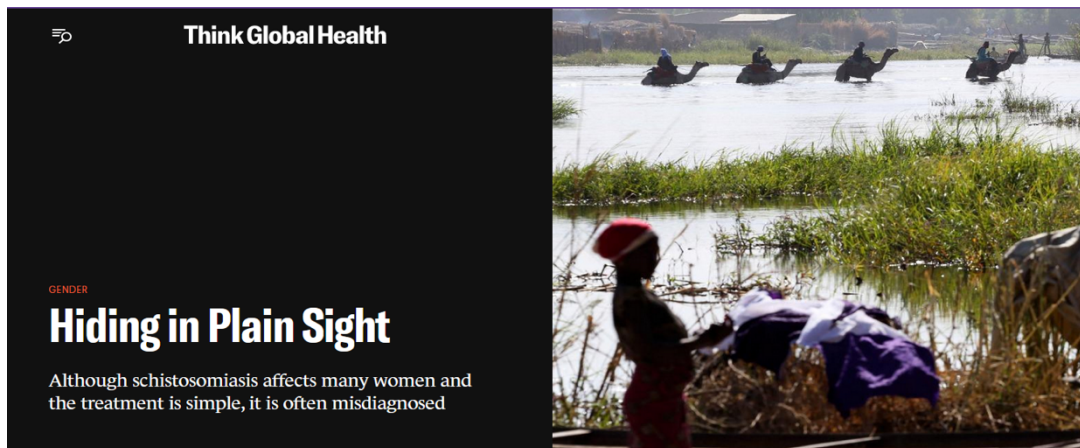
FIG PARTNERS' HIGHLIGHTS

FGS Accelerated Scale Together (FAST) Package (Bridges to Development, Bruyère Research Institute, Schistosomiasis Control Initiative Foundation, Merck Global Health Institute, NTD support centre, University of Health and Allied Sciences, Ghana, and WHO-ESPEN.)



The FGS Accelerated Scale Together (FAST) package is a project aimed at reducing the morbidity of FGS by building the capacity of health workers on the diagnosis, treatment, prevention, awareness creation and training of personnel to detect, treat and record FGS.

- **Hiding in Plain Sight** (FAST Package partners) article in Think Global Health by Julie Jacobson, April 2022



- **Improving the Response of Health Systems to Female Genital Schistosomiasis in Endemic Countries through a Gender- Sensitive Human Rights-Based Framework in Diseases** (FAST Package partners: Carol Vlassof, Kazeem Arogundade, Kruti Patel, Julie Jacobson, Margaret Gyapong and Alison Krentel)

Article

Improving the Response of Health Systems to Female Genital Schistosomiasis in Endemic Countries through a Gender-Sensitive Human Rights-Based Framework

Carol Vlassoff ^{1,*}, Kazeem Arogundade ¹, Kruti Patel ¹, Julie Jacobson ², Margaret Gyapong ³ and Alison Krentel ¹

- [Introduction to FGS | Nursing Now Challenge](#) (FAST Package partners)



An introduction to FGS



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- [“The FAST Package: Addressing FGS in Ghana and Madagascar”](#) (Dr., Alison Krentel, Bruyère) [Global Health Learning Network Webinar Series](#) held on the 17th of November 2022 and again in January 2023



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The FAST Package: Addressing female genital schistosomiasis in Ghana and Madagascar

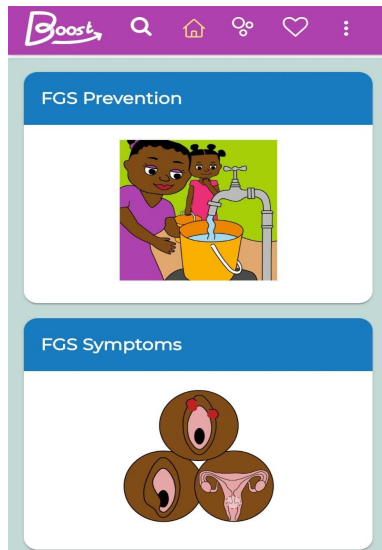
Thursday, November 17, 2022
12:00 – 1:00pm Eastern Standard Time

Presenter: Dr. Alison Krentel
PhD MSc BA

A collaboration between:

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Boost job aide (Avert)

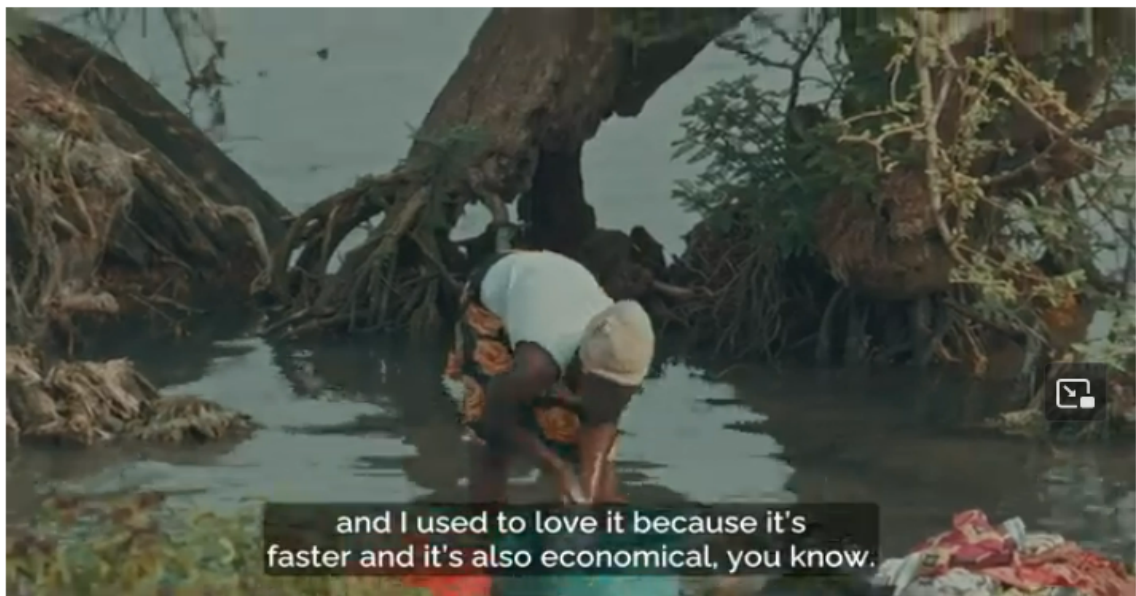


Avert has included a new module on FGS into Boost – their job-aide for community health worker and peer educator cadres (CHWs). Boost can be shared and downloaded for free. It is also accessible offline, supporting CHWs to build their knowledge, confidence, and skills to support community health. The FGS module was co-created in partnership with [OPHID](#) and its active cadre of CHWs in Zimbabwe. Boost is available in English, Shona and Ndebele. Boost can be co-branded and further content added to meet the specific needs of organisations. Please reach out to the Boost Manager at Avert if you would like to know more: Lucy.gale@avert.org

Female genital schistosomiasis (FGS): Ending the neglect (Frontline AIDS and LVCT Health) Video - Homa Bay, Kenya



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Integration of FGS into Global Fund country proposals webinar (Frontline AIDS) 17 January, 2023



Integration of female genital schistosomiasis into HIV/sexual and reproductive health and rights and neglected tropical diseases programmes and services: a scoping review in Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters (Frontline AIDS and Bridges to Development) October 2023

Review Article

Integration of female genital schistosomiasis into HIV/sexual and reproductive health and rights and neglected tropical diseases programmes and services: a scoping review

Isis Umbelino-Walker  , Felicia Wong, Matteo Cassolato, Anastasia Pantelias, Julie Jacobson & Christine Kalume

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She is Seen Campaign (Unlimit Health)

In November 2023, Unlimit Health launched a Big Give Christmas appeal, She is Seen: Support women in Côte d'Ivoire to come out of the shadows. Exceeding its target of 100K, they are delighted as the funds will go towards supporting a project that will benefit women affected by FGS in Cote d'Ivoire. Find out more [here](#).



She is Seen: Support women in Côte d'Ivoire to come out of the shadows



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The FGS Integration Project (Frontline AIDS, LVCT Health, Bridges to Development)

Funded by the Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF) and managed by Frontline AIDS, in collaboration with LVCT Health and Bridges to Development, the project spans from March 2023 to February 2025 in 3 counties in Kenya: Homa Bay, Kwale and Kilifi. Its objective is to enhance the incorporation of FGS prevention, diagnosis, and treatment into sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) initiatives, budgets, policies, and guidelines globally. The project will produce guidance and resource materials for integrating FGS into existing SRHR interventions, conduct implementation research in Kenya to assess feasibility, acceptability, and cost, and disseminate findings to stakeholders at various levels. Leveraging



the FGS Integration Group (FIG), the project seeks to expand access to inclusive FGS and SRH services, including HIV and cervical cancer, and contribute evidence on integration feasibility, acceptability, and affordability to inform policy and funding decisions at county and national levels. The first Training of Trainers (ToT) took place in Homa Bay in November 2023, and cascade training is planned for early 2024, prior to data collection.

Women wash clothes and utensils at the lake in Homa Bay, Kenya. Female Genital Schistosomiasis (FGS) is endemic in the region due to the presence of waterborne snails which carry the parasite that causes FGS. @Frontline AIDS/Denis Mwangi/2023

