



## The Eswatini Story

The Zvandiri Model has been operational in Eswatini since 2016 under the READY+ Programme. When it came to a Global Fund call for proposals in 2020, the MoH had seen what the Model could do, that it was recommended by WHO, and that this was backed up by the data presented in ministerial meetings. Young people also attended these meetings and testified to the success of the Model for them and their peers. The Global Fund proposal was successful and Zvandiri now provides a dedicated in-country Technical Assistant to support CANGO in implementation.

### Implementing Partner:

Coordinating Assembly of Non-Governmental Organizations (CANGO)

### Web links:

CANGO: <https://cangoeswatini.weebly.com/>

READY: <https://frontlineaids.org/our-work-includes/ready/>

### Started implementing Zvandiri:

2016 - READY+ Programme

2021 - Global Fund

**No of CAYALHIV living in Eswatini: 16,524**

**As of June 2022: 80** trained and mentored CATS are collaborating with health care workers in **48** health facilities to support **1,877** children, adolescents and young adults living with HIV.\*

### Viral suppression:

**96%** of CATS are virally suppressed

**89%** of CAYALHIV are virally suppressed.\*

\* READY+ and Global Fund figures combined

### Key highlights of the Zvandiri technical assistance plan

- CATS training
- Online training and continued mentorship
- Provision of a dedicated Technical Assistant
- *"They always say 'you learn from the best' and from the beginning we used the Zvandiri data collection tools, which made our work easier."*

### Positive change

- *"We are contributing a lot in terms of the National Strategic Plan indicators and we are seeing progress with HIV. We are the first country among SADC to reach 95-95-95."*
- *"The CATS Programme is instrumental in bridging the gap between parents, young people and health service providers."*
- *"The overarching effect we are seeing with the programme is the empowerment of young people."*

### Our proudest moment:

*"The CATS are 'soldiers on the ground' — they disseminate information for various health and social protection services. They ensure young people know why they are taking ARVs and this creates demand for services. When there are gaps in service delivery, CATS and implementing partners check in regarding issues like gender-based violence etc."*

### Factors for success:

- Build and maintain a strong relationship with government ministries
- Align M&E indicators with ministry indicators
- Link the programme with other organisations providing outreach services.

### Hopes for the future:

- Expand Young Mentor Mothers programme (included in READY 2)
- Develop a graduation package including skills building and an internal savings and lending scheme.

### Would you recommend Zvandiri?

*"In terms of recommending the Zvandiri Model to other countries and partners — it's a big yes!" We are seeing a lot of partners in country who are really interested in the programme. We are saying — as long as they have money, we can provide them with technical assistance. We have seen this with the Global Fund — I would recommend the Model because we are the lead now in Eswatini — we have the expertise. This has led to expansion through the Global Fund."*