

STIGMA AND NON-DISCRIMINATION TRAINING FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS

Stigma and discrimination (S&D) are central issues that often impede societal growth. Persons who are stigmatized or discriminated against often face social judgment and isolation, violence, loss of employment, physical abuse and limited access to health services. These negatively affect efforts in addressing other sexual and reproductive health issues. These negative impacts are compounded by intersectional stigma, leading to poorer health outcomes for the most vulnerable populations. Against this backdrop, PPAG organized a three-day training for selected service providers and franchisees with funding from SIDA through RFSU under the “Advancing International Legal, Policy and Financial Commitments to Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights: The project aims to secure increased political, legal and domestic and international financial commitments on safe abortion, comprehensive sexuality education, sexual rights and non-discrimination, as well as contributing to the implementation of commitments already adopted. The project is also focused on influencing SRHR policies and commitments at the global, regional and national levels towards improving the sexual life for all. Service providers received training on non-discrimination as a component of sexual and reproductive health and right information and service delivery. Another component of the training was various intersectionality and compounded discrimination and stigma for sexual and gender minorities (SGM) from diverse backgrounds and experiences.

