

OVERVIEW: Eliminating adolescent HIV in high-burden African countries depends on successful implementation of evidence-based interventions that can reduce transmission and improve treatment outcomes. Fogarty-led AHISA takes a collaborative approach to addressing challenges and developing new areas of investigation to advance HIV science. Established in 2017, AHISA catalyzes collaboration and communication among NIH-funded scientists and in-country program executors and policymakers.

AHISA Steering Committee

NIH: NIMH, NIAID, NICHD, OAR

USG: USAID, CDC, OGAC

Multilaterals: UNICEF, WHO*

Other: EGPAF, Desmond Tutu HIV Foundation, FIC Advisory Board Members

AHISA Goals



Provide a platform for cross-fertilization and exchange of ideas among implementation scientists, policy-makers, and program implementers



Enable the research to be better informed by programmatic challenges and questions on the ground



Inform policymakers of promising evidence and encourage use of the data in decision making



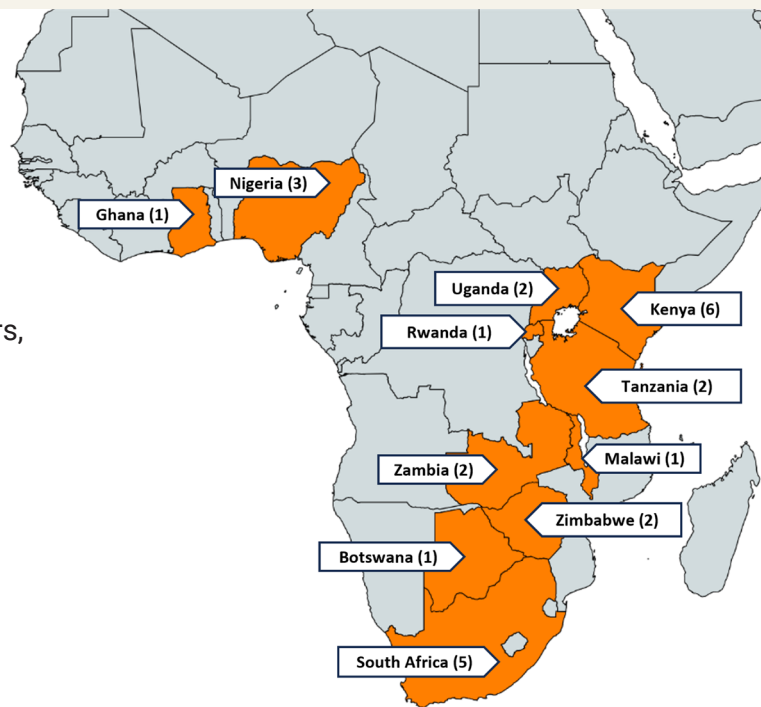
Extend the reach and impact of implementation science related to adolescent HIV prevention and treatment

AHISA Teams & Geography

- 26 teams across 11 countries
- AHISA teams are composed of NIH-funded scientists conducting relevant implementation research and in-country partners, including key government representatives and policymakers, research collaborators, and youth
- 80 active members (10% youth) as of May 2024

AHISA Funding

- Funding for AHISA comes from the **NIH Office of AIDS Research** and the **Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator in the U.S. Department of State**



AHISA Activities

AHISA Meetings

AHISA annual meetings enable the exchange of ideas and research results, provide training on priority implementation science topics, bring in subject matter experts to present and advise AHISA teams, and work towards driving the uptake of Adolescent and Young Adult HIV strategies to bridge the gap between research, program, and policy.

AHISA Small Awards: Local Alliances & Single Year Projects

Goals: provide AHISA members an opportunity to leverage their current research, engage local stakeholders, and build research capacity for implementation science.

Award Amount: Projects receive up to \$35,000 per year inclusive of indirect costs.



Local Alliances

These local alliances work to catalyze long-term, sustainable, region/country-specific collaborations that aim to enhance the quality of HIV prevention and care for adolescents through use of implementation science by **responding to local context and implementation issues** and **increasing implementation science capacity**.

Targeted Projects

Intended to provide resources to support key activities identified by the Steering Committee, including in-country **capacity building activities**, **COVID-19 adaptation**, AHISA member **travel** for related activities, and **engagement of policymakers and youth** related to implementation science efforts in SSA.

📍 **Kenya** Adolescent HIV Implementation Science Alliance (KAHISA)

📍 Adolescent HIV Implementation Science Alliance – **South Africa** (AHI(SA)2)

📍 **Tanzania** Adolescent HIV Implementation Science Alliance (T-AHISA)

📍 **Uganda** Adolescent HIV Implementation Science Alliance (U-AHISA)

📍 **Zambia** Adolescent HIV Implementation Science Alliance (ZAHISA)

📍 **Central and West Africa** Implementation Science Alliance (CAWISA)

📍 **Adolescent and Youth** Implementation Science Alliance (AYISA)



AHISA Publications & Deliverables

AHISA enables the development of collaborative, AHISA-wide publications co-authored by AHISA members and Steering Committee members including **peer-reviewed articles, supplements and special issues** (i.e., May 2023 *AIDS and Behavior Special Issue*), and **conference presentations, abstracts, and posters**.

(*) All WHO participation in the AHISA took place prior to U.S.' withdrawal from WHO per [Executive Order 14155](#) signed on January 20, 2025.

AHISA Action Groups

AHISA convenes five, topic-specific action groups composed of and led by AHISA members.

- Sustainability
- Dissemination
- Theories, Models, and Frameworks
- Whole Person Approach
- Youth Advisory Group