

Call for Expressions of Interest to join the Country Community Advisory Board (C-CAB)

Project: The Country- and Community-Led Scale-Up of Accessible, Integrated, and Family-Centered Elimination of Vertical Transmission (EVT) Plus Services for a Healthy Start (SAFESStart+)

About the SAFESStart+ Project

Through partnership and funding from Unitaid, PATH, and the project's co-leads—the International Community of Women living with HIV Eastern Africa (ICWEA) and the World Hepatitis Alliance (WHA)—are leading SAFESStart+, a four-year project designed for maximum reach and impact. This project is accelerating demand and adoption of evidence-based approaches and integrated delivery strategies to eliminate vertical transmission of HIV, hepatitis B virus (HBV), syphilis, and Chagas disease, as well as integrated testing, treatment, and prevention of mpox.

SAFESStart+ is supporting countries and communities to design and scale integrated, people-centered services that meet local needs. This includes expanding access to new diagnostics that can detect multiple infections with a single test and reinforcing antenatal care services to deliver preventive treatment when it matters most.

The SAFESStart+ project aims to address barriers to EVT product access and service coverage, including demand and adoption, supply and delivery, quality, and affordability. This will be achieved by scaling up integrated EVT programs in four core-engagement countries (Malawi, Nigeria, Paraguay, and Uganda); addressing specific barriers to EVT scale-up and validation in five focused-activity countries (Brazil, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Senegal, South Africa, and Vietnam); disseminating innovations, successes, and lessons learned to ten peer-learning countries to further increase adoption and scale-up of evidence-based EVT approaches (Cambodia, Cote d'Ivoire, El Salvador, The Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Philippines, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe); and advancing regional policy, learning, and market-shaping interventions in Africa, Asia, and Latin America to accelerate progress globally.

Within the project's implementation framework, The SAFESStart+ Country Community Advisory Board (C-CAB) will be an essential platform to ensure that the voices, expertise, and perspectives of the communities living with HIV, HBV, syphilis, and Chagas disease (Chagas disease only for Paraguay) inform all stages of the project; and will comprise of members selected from a wide range of country-specific local community stakeholders. The C-CAB will comprise eleven members represented by women with lived experience in HIV, HBV, syphilis, and Chagas disease; adolescent girls and young women; female sex workers, women with disabilities; and women representing antenatal care and maternal, newborn, and child health civil society organizations among others.

Roles and Responsibilities of C-CAB Members

- Participate in C-CAB meetings, review the progress of the project and share best practices and learnings
- Participate in the data collection and dissemination processes.
- Represent the interests of the SAFEStart+ project to the community and country EVT technical working groups, HIV, HBV, syphilis, and Chagas disease (Paraguay) communities, and support appropriate community-led demand-generation, scale up, and adoption activities for EVT products.
- Generate ideas on how the SAFEStart+ project can best engage with stakeholders, civil societies, and community groups to generate demand, scale up adoption, and maximize the benefits of new or underserved products.
- Support and guide the implementation of evidence generation activities throughout the project lifecycle.
- Develop strong partnerships with leading local and national women networks to strengthen and support their EVT-related activities.

Note: Throughout all project-related work, C-CAB members should strive to maintain the promotion and protection of human rights and equity in all aspects of the project and ensure that the C-CAB takes independent, evidence-based and non-biased stand on aspects and outcomes of the project.

Eligibility

- Must be a woman with lived experience of HIV, HBV, syphilis, or Chagas disease.
- Working experience with or connection to any community-led organisations with experience in HIV, HBV, or syphilis (and Chagas diseases for those from Paraguay).
- Strong experience of working with SAFEStart+ target communities.
- Experience of working on or with Community Advisory Boards (desirable but not necessary).
- Strong experience in working with different stakeholders—including implementing partners at national, regional and global levels; and donors.
- Strong adherence to principles of non-discrimination, human rights protection, gender equality, and community engagement.

Remuneration

Please note that the SAFEStart+ Project's C-CAB position is a voluntary position that does not include a monthly stipend. However, members will receive support for meeting and/or travel expenses when required.

Submission Details

Please submit your expression of interest letter, CV, and a letter of recommendation from a community-led organisation working on HIV, HBV, or syphilis (and Chagas disease in

Paraguay) as a single PDF file. All applications should be sent to: SAFEStartCAB@path.org no later than **10th December 2025**.

Note: The detailed C-CAB terms of reference may be found here: [Terms of Reference](#)