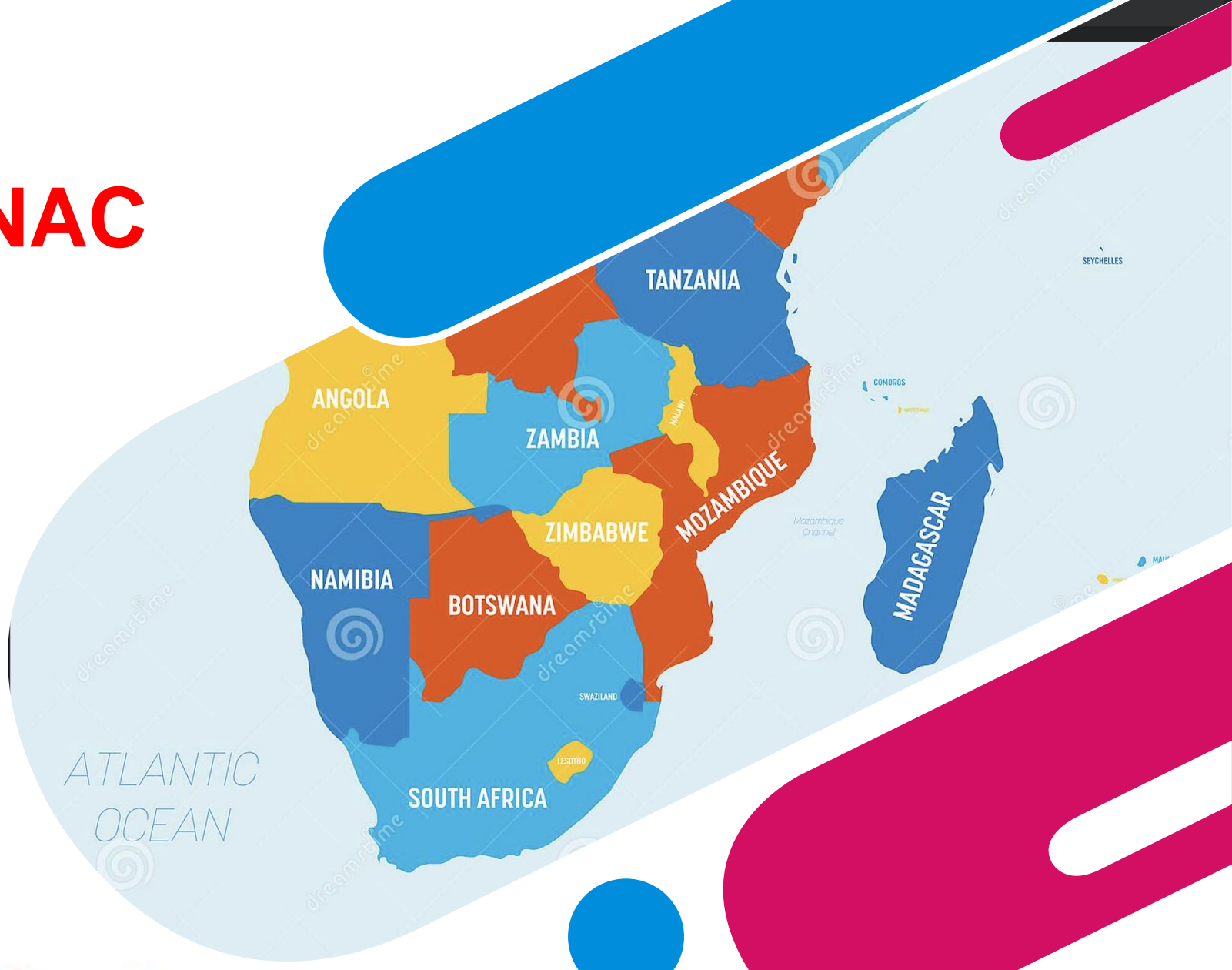


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Transnational Networks Advocacy Capacity strengthened for improved ECDE legislation, policies and measures in Southern Africa (TRANAC).

Project situated in Global Partnership for Education (GPE) Education Out Loud Operation Component 3 focused on transnational advocacy.

The Project is anchored on:-

- Transnational
- Adaptive management
- Synergies
- Learning collaboration and collaborative
- Transparency and social accountability



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The Problem

- ECDE sector's control and implementation mainly being in the hands of communities, civil society, and private players (14% being government);
- Existing weak system measures
 - low access and participation rates being mostly below 30%,
 - subject focused instead of domain emphasized curriculum,
 - weak quality assurance,
 - lack of and inappropriate infrastructure,
 - lack of learning and play materials, and
 - lack of trained and high-level workforce.
- civil society and oversight institutions capacity strengthening not demanding transparency and accountability by governments

The Solution



- Capacity strengthening of civil society, oversight institutions at national and regional levels in advocacy, research, governance and leadership.
- Provision of ECDE data through research, monitoring and evaluation for use at national and transnational levels in advocacy, learning and decision making.
- Policy analysis and advocacy through engaging in national and transnational advocacy to influence the development of comprehensive, sustainable, and inclusive ECDE policies, legislation and systems by governments



Overall objective:

- To develop stronger national and transnational early childhood development education (ECDE) networks that hold governments accountable on ECDE policy through learning and sustained advocacy in Lesotho, Malawi, Zimbabwe and other Southern African countries.



Project objectives:

- To strengthen the internal governance and advocacy capacity of national and transnational ECDE coalitions
- To engage in national and transnational advocacy to influence the development of comprehensive, sustainable, and inclusive ECDE policies, legislation and systems by governments
- To improve the availability of ECDE data through research, monitoring and evaluation for use at national and transnational levels in advocacy, learning and decision making on the attainment of SDG



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The Approaches and Methods

- **Human rights-based approach (HRBA)** focused on collaborating with problem bearers/the affected groups by fostering research-based peaceful advocacy.
- **TRANAC embedded sustainability approaches, Broadening advocacy for ECD** – from national to sub-regional to national, joining forces with other civil society and oversight institutions
- **Capacity building** process – monitoring visits, on job training, structured training
- **Research** for evidence based advocacy
- **Policy engagements**
- **Media advocacy**



The Products - Achievements

- Formation of vibrant transnational alliance that is able to hold government accountable on ECD issues
- The alliance has influenced the inclusion of ECDE in the Draft SADC Protocol on Children and is currently a regional ECD policy framework
- Increased recognition and ECD financing in both Malawi and Zimbabwe in the 2022-2023 budget cycles.
- Malawi government announced the introduction of an honorarium for community caregivers who are in charge of ECD as a result of sustained advocacy efforts.
- Improved evidenced based transnational advocacy as evidenced by the launching of the road to SADC, the engagements at SADC heads of state and minister's conferences.



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The Products - Achievements

- Launched the Africa Education Hub enabling access to research among stakeholders and partners.
- Draft policy framework for ECD developed and validated
- ECD Coalitions are now capable of effectively and efficiently influencing ECD policy processes at national and transnational level
- Formed a social accountability mechanism with the SADC parliamentary forum to hold governments accountable on ECD policy issues.



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Lessons Learnt

- The importance of partnerships and collective approaches in advocacy
- Adaptive management should be essential in a constantly changing advocacy environment.
- Importance of data of evidence backed policy advocacy
- Transnational advocacy cannot thrive if partners operate in silos

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