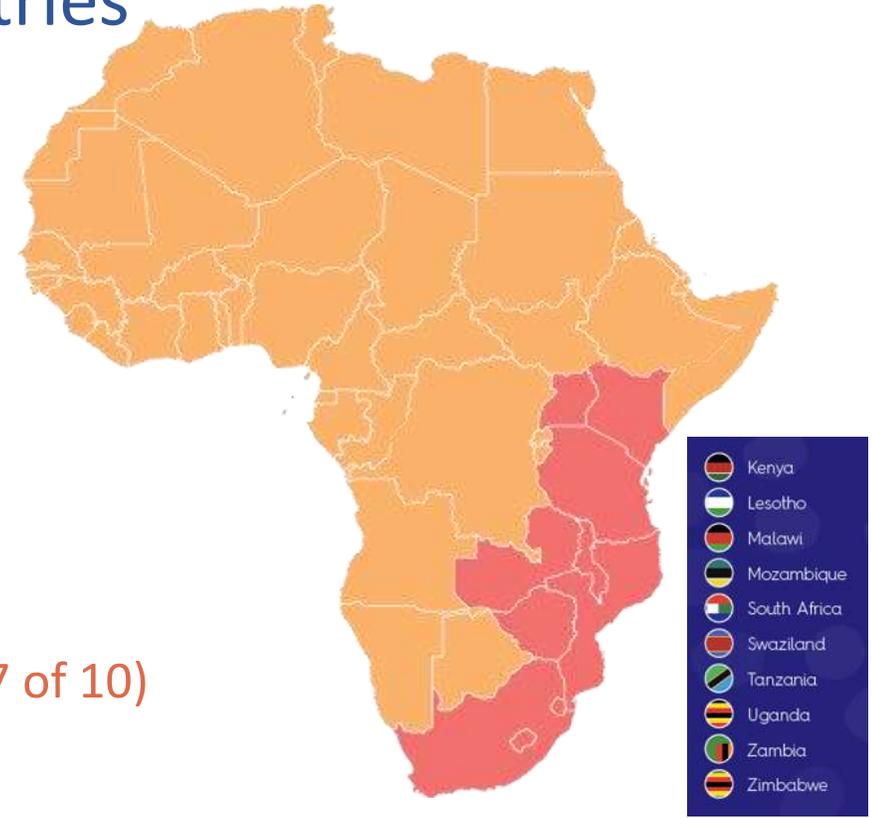


# GBV Law and Policy Review for 10 DREAMS Countries

## SELECTED FINDINGS:

- GBV or DV is not clearly defined (3 of 10)
- Customary law can override Constitutional gender non-discrimination provisions (at least 2 of 10)
- Child marriage illegal – must be 18 – no exception (4 of 10)
- Marital rape not criminalized; marital status a defense to rape (6 of 10)
- Protection orders available for adults and children (6 of 10)
- Legal provisions facilitate reporting GBV/DV committed against adults (7 of 10)
- Child sexual abuse must be reported to police (8 of 10)



## ACTION: Through a greater understanding of GBV laws and policies we can:

- ➔ Shape a **multi-sectoral response** with our clinical, law enforcement, education, justice, and child protection partners to support the health and human rights of the girls and women in our HIV and violence programs.
- ➔ Support the **enforcement of laws** by helping our partners and participants understand their rights.
- ➔ Share examples of laws that protect human rights with government and civil society partners and support **changing harmful laws and ongoing law reform.**



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