Gender Responsive Health Systems in TB Programming in Kenya

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Context

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The Consortium platform provided guidance on identifying large corporates, particularly those within their wellness programming networks that had not yet integrated TB programming. The intervention also sought to collaborate with the Kenya Private Sector Consortium Against AIDS to identify target corporates, engage senior managements, and integrate TB programming.

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