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**Legislating for women's rights in the context of
the HIV pandemic:
Draft legislation project description**

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The draft legislation will address four key areas of law which are fundamental with respect to women's vulnerability to HIV infection and the rights of women living with HIV. They are:

- Rape and sexual assault;
- Domestic violence;
- Property law and inheritance rights; and
- Family law (i.e., marriage and divorce).

The strategic decision was made to focus on these four areas because (i) the

