JOURNEY ELEMENTS

WomenLift Health SOUTHERN AFRICA SIGNATURE LEADERSHIP JOURNEY

2025-2026 Calendar

LEARNING TOUCHPOINT FRIDAYS,

Lift-Off Public Event

28-29 January:

Lift-Off Private Event (Mandatory)

Presentations! Goal-Setting







LEADERSHIP PROJECT

MONTH & THEME	TOUCHPOINT FRIDAYS, 13:00-16:00 CAT	TOUCHPOINT (90 minutes)	TOUCHPOINT (30-90 minutes)	(OPTIONAL) WEDNESDAYS
	ONI	BOARDING		
FEBRUARY 2025 Orientation	26 February: Welcome Orientation 13:00-16:00 CAT			
	27 February: Tech Platform Orientation 13:00-14:30 CAT			
MARCH 2025 Leadership Assessments			Foundation Call 20 March – 2 April (60 min)	
APRIL 2025 Immersion • Identity •Resilience • Voice • Purpose	23-25 April 3-Day Immersion (Mandatory)	Month of April	WPB5 Debrief 2 April – 18 April (60 min)	9 April: 13:00 - 15:30 CAT Authentic Leadership
	AUTHEN	TIC LEADERSHIP		
MAY 2025 Enrich Your Mindset	May 23		360 Debrief May (60 min)	
	INCLUSIN	/E LEADERSHIP		
JUNE 2025	Leadership Project Deliverables			
JULY 2025 Ally & Amplify	25 July	Month of July	Group Meeting – Mid check July (60 min)	23 July, 13:00 - 15:00 CAT: Building Male Allies
AUGUST 2025 Inspire Action	15 August		ISI Debrief August (60 min)	20 August, 13:00- 14:30 CAT: Peer Coaching Model
	STRATE	GIC LEADERSHIP		
SEPTEMBER 2025 Leverage Your Power	19 September	Month of September	CDP Debrief September (60 min)	
OCTOBER 2025 Lead Change	24 October			
NOVEMBER 2025 Reimagine Possibilities		Month of November	Optional Group Session November (60 min)	26 November, 13:00- 14:30 CAT: Peer Collaborative Visioning
DECEMBER 2025 Develop others	5 December			3 December, 13:00- 15:00 CAT: Effective Feedback
	IMPACT	FUL LEADERSHIP		
JANUARY 2026 Prep for LiftOff			Closing January (60 min)	
Lift-Off! Reflections!	23 January:			

Leadership Projects Overview

> Develop & Finalize Leadership Project Idea

Deliverables Overview

Develop & Submit Theory of Change, Stakeholder Analysis Implementation Plan

Leadership Projects Reviewed

Begin Implementation

Implementation

Presentations at Lift-Off Public Event







PROGRAM DATES

Please check the dates and timing of the sessions to ensure you would be able to attend all touchpoints and in-person residencies. They are all mandatory to attend aside from the JourneyPLUS events, which are optional.

The in-person residences involving travel include the **3-day Immersion** (23-25 April, 2025) in **Namibia** and the 2-day Lift-Off (28-29 January, 2026) in **Zambia**.

Immersion and Lift-Off are crucial and important parts of the Leadership Journey. These events are mandatory and therefore cohort members are expected to avail themselves for these events.

Elements of the Journey



Virtual Learning

Learning Touchpoints are facilitated virtual group sessions. Cohort members explore leadership frameworks, research & tools in highly interactive learning touchpoints and workshop-style sessions focused on dynamic practice. The touchpoints focus on personal & professional growth, relevant topics and priorities for health leadership, as well as their Leadership Projects. These sessions allow the cohort to share with and learn from each other.



Virtual Mentorship

Effective women leaders are championed by a network of strong supports, including that of mentors. We identify senior-level leaders from different backgrounds, health sectors, and disciplines to serve as mentors to the cohort. Mentoring groups, comprised of several cohort members and one mentor, are grouped based on complementary backgrounds and professional trajectory. Cohort members will be able to rely on their mentor as a technical and career resource during the Journey.



Virtual Coaching

Having a personal leadership coach is critical in helping navigate change and adapting to new challenges on the path towards leadership roles.

Cohort members are paired with an executive coach who works one-on-one with them to build on their strengths and address areas for growth. Leadership style assessments, including a "360-degree evaluation", will inform these conversations and enhance each participant's understanding of their own leadership skills. With this gift of feedback and support from their coach, participants can decide which leadership competencies to focus on, paving the road for them to be a more powerful and effective leader.

The combination of mentors and coaches is powerful as women prepare for the next level of their career, providing both professional connections and transformational leadership guidance.



In-Person Session

The Leadership Immersion is a three-day experience that takes place a few months into the Leadership Journey. Through dynamic discussions and hands-on exercises, you and your cohort will enhance your skills, apply them to real-world examples, and reflect on lessons learned.

A series of powerful conversations will complement the instruction, featuring eminent figures in global health who have led transformational change.

The two-day Leadership Lift-Off event at the end of the journey celebrates the cohort's growth as you lift off to a new phase of your leadership. Cohort members will reflect on their leadership evolution through the year and present their Leadership Projects to their peers and other global health leaders.



Leadership Project



The Leadership Project is an opportunity for each member to design and lead an effort that taps into their expertise, network, passion, and creativity.

Participants enter the Journey with a project idea and develop a Theory of Change, stakeholder analysis, and implementation plan with the guidance of their mentor, coach, and Southern African health experts. The implementation phase of the project begins in the latter half of the Leadership Journey. Finally at the Leadership Lift-Off event, each cohort member presents a summary of their project's development and early outcomes.

Implementation of the project does not have to be completed by the end of the Leadership Journey and will likely continue beyond it.

There are only four rules for the Leadership Project:

- It should focus on improving outcomes at the intersection of health and gender equality or examine a global health issue with a gender lens
- It should leverage your leadership skills
- It should be within your scope of control or influence, but also stretch you beyond your day-to-day work requirements
- You should be passionate about it

Leadership Projects fit into one of four themes:

- Centering women and girls in health
- Catalyzing institutional change
- Optimizing pathways to leadership
- Building integrated and resilient health systems

Your Leadership Project could accomplish one or more of the following, but is not limited to:

- Answering a research question
- Promoting health or gender education in a particular group
- Developing a new or better technology
- Innovating a better way to collect/analyze/use health or gender data
- Improving a gender- or health-related process/system in your organization
- Empowering women in your community or organization to be successful
- Incorporating a gendered approach into a policy, practice, or research project where it was absent



JourneyPLUS Sessions

JourneyPLUS sessions are optional programmatic offerings that provide cohort members with a focused space to learn more, build community with one another, and explore special topics. The sessions sometimes feature guest speakers such as senior global health experts and Leadership Journey alumnae.

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