No time to lose

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Preface

“Our response remains much-needed”

“We have achieved a lot in our response to HIV and AIDS. But that progress is at risk if we think that we’re done.” Prince Harry’s powerful words at the AIDS2018 conference in Amsterdam. I cannot repeat this message often enough: our fight remains desperately needed.

Last year, there were almost two million new HIV infections worldwide. Due to poverty, exclusion and stigma, the HIV epidemic is flaring up in Central Asia and Eastern Europe, with Russia leading the way. Thanks to all the efforts made in recent decades, just over half of all people with HIV are on treatment worldwide. The other half, 15 million people, do not yet receive medication. If we do not intervene now, the number of new cases of HIV will increase to the point that it will become increasingly difficult to treat everyone. This cannot happen!

Beating HIV and AIDS requires a lot more than only offering medication. We also need to address poverty, discrimination and inequality. Why? Because the harsh reality is that people still do not have access to HIV care because they are, for example, young, female, a sex worker or gay. And because many people do not know that they have HIV or live in remote villages where there has never been a doctor. Our work revolves around finding hard-to-reach groups, making HIV treatment affordable, working on sustainable changes with local organisations and providing information.

Results from 2018 show that we are on the right track. In the Netherlands, thanks to our many years of lobbying, the HIV prevention pill ‘PrEP’ will be made available to people with an increased risk of HIV. And thanks to a unique collaboration between top Dutch scientists, donors, HIV health practitioners and people living with HIV, we can speed up the search for an HIV cure. We also managed to reduce the cost of HIV medication by fighting patents in 26 countries. We have trained people in communities in Uganda and Zimbabwe to become healthcare workers and thereby want to give 40,000 children and 50,000 young women access to treatment. We have helped young women in Uganda and Kenya set up their own businesses so that they can inform others and protect themselves against HIV. And with the ‘Turning the Tides’ project, we now want to give 150,000 gay men and sex workers in Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine and Russia access to proper care. This is just a selection of what we achieved in the past year. You can read more about it in this report.

Of course we don’t do all this work alone, but together with partners, communities, scientists, people living with HIV, politicians, volunteers and of course thanks to our donors. Thank you! Only together can we put an end to AIDS. For good.

Mark Vermeulen
Director – Sea Aids Nederland

“AIDS is not over yet”

We are at a historic turning point in the response to HIV and AIDS. We have all the knowledge at hand to beat the global epidemic by 2030. Our ambitions are greater than ever. With our new 2018-2021 multi-year strategy ‘No time to lose’, we are committed to accelerating our goals. We will no longer focus on 40 countries, but on 15 focus countries where we can have the greatest impact on the epidemic. With more knowledge of a country and an existing network, more impact is possible.

Over the next four years, our goals will contribute to the following dreams:

1. The Netherlands towards zero new HIV infections.
2. Worldwide less than 200,000 new HIV infections.
4. A cure for HIV.
5. Awareness, support and full financing of the AIDS response.

In this report, we will illustrate where we were at the start of the new strategy. We will also present a selection of results from 2018 and our ambitions for the coming years.

Want to know more about our work and projects? Then also read our official annual report.
The Netherlands towards zero new HIV infections

No utopia, but achievable reality

The Netherlands has always been a frontrunner in the fight against HIV, but in recent years we have been overtaken by neighboring countries such as Belgium, France, Portugal and Norway. There, for example, the HIV prevention pill PrEP already started being covered by health insurances a long time ago.

Will the Netherlands soon be the first country in the world with zero new HIV infections? We are convinced that it is possible! But then we need to persevere! The resources are available, the knowledge is there and the HIV prevention pill PrEP will, partly thanks to our many years of lobbying, be made available to people with an increased risk. Now is the time to deploy all resources, among the right people, in the right places and at the right time; by joining forces in our national movement 'The Netherlands towards zero new HIV infections', by making smarter use of data and all preventive measures that can be implemented (from condoms to PrEP), and by combating stigma and investing in the faster detection and treatment of HIV infections. Because people with HIV who are being treated quickly and properly, can no longer transmit the virus.

2019: Invest in collaboration

Our ultimate dream?
The Netherlands towards zero new HIV infections.

Our goals
- Create the movement 'The Netherlands towards Zero new HIV infections'.
- Improve access to the HIV prevention pill PrEP.
- Make sure that HIV infections are found more quickly.
- Encourage people to better protect themselves against HIV.

Ronald Berends
Policy maker
Aidsfonds – Soa Aids Nederland

‘Thanks to the contributions from our donors, we can invest in multiple projects to better prevent, find and treat HIV. For example, we support the Amsterdam UMC that trains doctors in recognizing an acute HIV infection to make sure they test for HIV more quickly. And the Open University that makes people resilient to negative reactions and thereby promotes therapy adherence.”

Cor Blom
Policy maker
Aidsfonds – Soa Aids Nederland

‘Government support was disappointing last year. The minister even said that he does not find our ambition realistic. We won’t let our success depend on politics, but we do need the commitment of others: doctors, researchers, (care) professionals, people living with HIV and sponsors. We are joining forces with our ‘The Netherlands towards zero new HIV infections’ movement, which was started in 2018 and will be the focus of our attention in the coming years.’

Goal 1: The Netherlands towards zero new HIV infections
**The facts**
This is why our work remains urgent

**Around 2,300 people do not know their HIV status.**

**There are 2 new HIV infections every day.**

**In 2017, 750 people found out that they have HIV. This number decreases every year, but not quickly enough.**

**Of the people who receive an HIV diagnosis, 43% start treatment too late.**

**69% of all new HIV infections in 2017 were found in men that have sex with men (MSM).**

**Many people with HIV experience negative responses and stigma.**

**Of all people living with HIV, 26% of these people already have an advanced HIV infection, i.e. AIDS.**

**The results**
A selection from our ambitions, small and big results

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**The Netherlands towards zero new HIV infections**

in order to make the Netherlands the first country in the world with zero new HIV infections.

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**More than 23,000 people in the Netherlands are living with HIV.**

**Our approach**
To be more effective in the fight against HIV, we must use all knowledge and available resources.

**Optimal prevention**
The HIV prevention pill PrEP must be immediately accessible to people who are most at risk of HIV infection.

**Test and treat quickly**
The detection and rapid treatment of acute HIV infections ensures that people with HIV live a long and healthy life and stops further transmission.

**Collaboration**
Doctors and scientists, HIV practitioners and people with HIV, policy-makers and healthcare institutions; we must improve our collaboration, in every city, in every region.

**Finally: the fight against HIV depends on fighting stigma surrounding HIV even more effectively.**

**Aidsfonds supports the HIV association with a yearly contribution of € 350,000 and we will continue doing so in the coming years.**

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Goal 2: Worldwide less than 200,000 new HIV infections per year

Our fight remains much-needed

Last year, there were almost 2 million new HIV infections worldwide. Due to poverty, but also exclusion and stigma, the HIV epidemic is flaring up in Central Asia and Eastern Europe, with Russia leading the way. The number of new HIV infections in these regions is now increasing just as fast as during the early years of the epidemic in Africa. This is once again putting millions of lives at risk. Worldwide, it is the youngest generation that is the victim. Due to a lack of information, two thirds of young people do not know how to prevent an HIV infection.

To beat HIV and AIDS, we must fight poverty, but also discrimination and inequality. In 2018 we therefore put international pressure on governments and supported local (youth) organisations for better information about HIV and AIDS. We helped young women in Uganda and Kenya to start their own business so that they can better protect themselves against HIV. And with the ‘Turning the Tides’ project, we now want to give 150,000 gay men and sex workers in Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine and Russia access to proper care. This is how we want to reduce the number of new HIV infections worldwide to less than 200,000 by 2022.

Highlight: Women with a dream

Women with their own income have more options and independence and can better protect themselves against HIV. In Uganda, we therefore took an innovative approach: we helped young women start their own business. “The ‘Women with a dream’ project in Uganda is truly one that we are proud of”, says Martine Weve, programme leader International Projects at Aidsfonds. “We helped ‘healthy entrepreneurs’ start their mobile drugstore, which they use to provide information and sell contraceptives. Now they can continue independently without support from Aidsfonds. Vulnerable young women have a purpose again, feel financially independent and therefore dare to say no to unsafe sex more often.”

Our ultimate dream?

We strive – together with all those responding to HIV and AIDS worldwide – for less than 200,000 new HIV infections.

Our goals

- 2,000,000 young women at high HIV risk know their status and have access to commodities and knowledge to prevent an HIV infection. In total this allows us to reach 3,000,000 young people.
- 2,000,000 persons from key populations know their status and have access to commodities and knowledge to prevent an HIV infection.
The facts
This is why our work remains urgent

In 2017 almost 37,000,000 people worldwide were living with HIV

1,800,000 new HIV diagnoses were made.

At the end of 2017, 75% of people with HIV were aware of their status.

Every day around 1,000 girls and young women between the ages of 15 and 24 get an HIV infection.

Poverty, stigma and exclusion are the main causes of the ongoing HIV epidemic. Where governments discriminate and implement an oppressive regime against people at risk of HIV, and do not recognise the sexual rights of young people, the HIV epidemic is increasing drastically.

95% of all new HIV infections occur amongst key populations.

Sex workers, men who have sex with men, transgender people, drug users and their sexual partners account for:

47% of all new HIV infections worldwide.

Our work is increasingly about finding hard-to-reach groups who are at higher risk of HIV. Think of young people, young women, sex workers or homosexuals. We focus on three pillars.

Key populations

‘HEALTHY ENTREPRENEURS’ trained by Aidsfonds are active in Kenya and Uganda in total they showed 142,419 information videos and distributed 885,000 condoms.

Our approach

Community approach

We make HIV prevention accessible to risk groups that are not (or do not want to be) reached by governments.

Focus

To be able to work more effectively and in a more focused way, together with the people involved, we reduced the number of focus countries from 40 to 15.

Entrepreneurship

For example, we make young women (in eastern and southern Africa) self-reliant by encouraging entrepreneurship.

In this way they take sexual risks less often and we prevent new HIV infections.

Due to a strong lobby from our partners in Indonesia, one controversial law was amended in 2018; the age at which women may marry has gone up from 16 to 18 years. This allows them to make better choices with regard to sex.

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7,500,000 people in Uganda have been reached via social media with knowledge and information about HIV, through a beauty contest for young people with HIV.

This project won the Fast Forward Award in 2018, an Aidsfonds initiative that stimulates innovations for and by the community.

Starting capital: € 1,750,000

We use these funds, for example, as an emergency to supply HIV medication and legal support for people who stand up for their rights.

Large-scale research showed that if violence against sex workers is tackled, we can prevent up to 25% of new HIV infections. Together with the police, we set up a training programme for the rights and needs of sex workers and handed this over to the Minister of Justice of Mozambique.

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Goal 3: Globally all people living with HIV on treatment

Child, gay person or sex worker; everyone has a right to access treatment

We can only achieve our goal of an AIDS-free world if all people living with HIV receive medication. In people who are being treated successfully, the virus is no longer detectable in the body and therefore not transferable. Yet only 47% of all people living with HIV worldwide do not receive life-saving medication. How is that possible? They, or the government, cannot afford the expensive HIV inhibitors, or are refused at clinics (where medication is not always present) because of their sexual orientation or lifestyle. Or they don’t know they have HIV, like thousands of children in villages who hardly ever visit a doctor.

Our work revolves around finding these hard-to-reach groups, fighting discrimination and making medication affordable. By fighting patents, we have already managed to get the price down in 26 countries. Moreover, thanks to our projects, around 30,000 sex workers with HIV were able to access treatment. By training people from the communities to become health workers, we found hundreds of children and pregnant women with HIV in Uganda and Zimbabwe. This has allowed us to save thousands of lives in the past year and this number continues to increase.

Worldwide all people living with HIV on treatment

Our ultimate dream?
We want – together with all those fighting AIDS worldwide – to ensure that all PLHIV are on treatment.

Our goals
- 40,000 children have access to treatment.
- 50,000 young women have access to treatments, this allows us to give 100,000 young people access to treatment.
- 100,000 persons from key populations have access to treatment.
- The cost of a HIV treatment remains affordable in our 15 focus countries.

This is how we save children’s lives
Many children in Africa live in remote villages. Their lives often take place in and around their house. They hardly ever visit a clinic. If a child is born with HIV, this goes unnoticed or is not noticed quickly enough. That is why we have been training people from the communities to become health workers since 2016. The health workers cycle to remote villages to test children, and to inform pregnant and breastfeeding women about HIV inhibitors that prevent them from passing on the virus to their (unborn) child. We then bring children and women with HIV into contact with a clinic for life-saving HIV medication. This approach, which we started in Uganda, was so successful that we adopted the same method in Zimbabwe in 2018. In 2019 we will expand to Nigeria, South Africa, Kenya and Mozambique. And through lobbying with governments, we ensure that our approach is adopted nationally. More and more children with HIV receive life-saving medication and mothers can no longer pass on HIV to their children. Towards an AIDS-free generation!
The facts
This is why our work remains urgent

Worldwide
59%
of people living with HIV have access to treatment.

At the end of 2017
941,000 children
with HIV (52%) were receiving treatment.

Half of the children
who do not receive treatment, die before the age of two.

1 in 2 children
diagnosed with HIV had resistance to the HIV medication offered.

Many people with HIV do not receive treatment because the treatment is too expensive, the physical distance to care centers is too large or because they are being denied access to care due to their age, sexual orientation or because they are sex workers. In our work we focus on three pillars:

- Fight patents
  By fighting patents and campaigning, we can reduce the cost of HIV medication and make them available to more people.

- Combating stigma & discrimination
  By offering help to vulnerable groups who are excluded from health care, PLHIV receive access to treatment and can no longer transmit the virus to others.

- Access to treatment
  By deploying people from the (village) communities or by training them to become health workers, more children from remote villages receive HIV treatment.

The results
A selection from our ambitions, small and big results

In East and South Africa:
6 of the 10 new HIV infections are among young women. Here, AIDS is the most common cause of death among young women.

Of all new HIV infections among young people in East and South Africa
79% are young girls and women

About 50 young women every day die as a result of AIDS-related diseases.

HIV can be effectively suppressed with the right medication. The virus is no longer life-threatening and cannot be transmitted. Yet not everyone receives treatment, because there are still countries that criminalise people with an increased risk of HIV: homosexuality is prohibited in 44 countries, the death penalty is imposed in 7 countries, and drug use is prohibited in 78 countries.

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1 in 2 children diagnosed with HIV had resistance to the HIV medication offered.

In 26 countries we ensure that medicines are and remain affordable for people with HIV.

In Ukraine, thanks to our activities, the price of HIV medication for pregnant women recently dropped by 50%.

Based on this project, we developed the ‘Kids to Care’ model
This approach, with the aim of giving children who are not found by others an HIV treatment, will be given a follow-up in five other African countries. For example, in Zimbabwe, where we want to reach 4,000 children with a new project in the coming period.

So far, we have trained
211 healthcare workers in order to find children living with HIV and providing them with medication.

Mukoko app
To guarantee a sustainable approach, we developed the ‘Mukoko’ app together with Capgemini. This app allows all health professionals with a mobile phone to keep track of how many children are being reached.

A cycling campaign in the Netherlands raised € 28,254 to buy bikes used by healthcare workers in Africa.

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Partly as a result of our efforts, 47 laws and policies were amended in 2018 that increase access to care for drug users, sex workers and gay and bisexual men, transgender people, women and girls.

In Uganda, 1,459 children under the age of 14 were referred to a clinic thanks to our approach, at least 252 started treatment.

In 2018, 34,396 drug users, sex workers, gay and bisexual men and transgender people had access to treatment in 2018. Of these, 28,714 were sex workers.

Thanks to our partners in the Bridging the Gaps programme, a total of

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In 2019, too, we will run campaigns to draw attention to the high prices of HIV inhibitors, to challenge patents and to conduct research to show governments how much they pay too much for HIV medicines. In recent years we have succeeded in drastically reducing prices in five countries. With that we saved an enormous amount of human lives. And we will continue to give everyone with HIV access to affordable medication.’
A cure for HIV – crucial in putting an end to AIDS

Goal 4: A cure for HIV – crucial in putting an end to AIDS

Our ultimate dream?
A cure for HIV.

Our goal
Accelerate a cure for HIV by raising €10 million and mobilizing ground-breaking scientific research.

Knowledge is our ammunition in the fight against AIDS

A cure for HIV... not just the dream of millions of people living with HIV, but also a crucial step towards the end of AIDS. Our country can lead the way in this. Dutch scientists who conduct research into a cure are among the best in the world. By investing now, working together and combining scientific knowledge, we can increase the chances of a breakthrough and accelerate a cure for HIV.

That is why we initiated a unique partnership in 2018: NL4Cure, bringing together top scientists, HIV health practitioners and people living with HIV. In 2018 we also made five scientific studies possible thanks to our donors, and in the coming years we want to mobilise an additional €10,000,000 for groundbreaking research into a cure. Because we believe that a breakthrough will happen.

Knowledge is power

Besides prevention and treatment, a cure for HIV is the third crucial step towards putting an end to AIDS. Only with a vaccine or medicine can we really stop the HIV epidemic. And that requires knowledge. Because it is only once we know how the virus behaves in the body and where it ‘hides’, that we can develop a way to stop this. More knowledge is the main tool in our HIV response. That is why Aidsfonds invests in scientific research.

Marein de Jong
Advisor Scientific Research at Aidsfonds

‘We were already funding research into HIV cure, but in 2018 we really gained momentum with the partnership NL4Cure on the road to a cure for HIV. The energy, enthusiasm and willingness to work together to find a cure is wonderful to see. Researchers (rightly) do not want to give false hope with regard to the cure for HIV. But I see that progress is being made! The first joint research projects will start in 2019. The day we can cure HIV is coming closer step-by-step. Thanks to our donors, we can accelerate the process of finding a cure for HIV.’
The facts
This is why our work remains urgent

Aidsfonds has been financing scientific research for 30 years

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A cure

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The results
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With our support, almost 100 people in 25 projects work on HIV research every day in the Netherlands.

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Our approach
By combining three success factors, we can increase the chances of a breakthrough and accelerate an HIV cure.

Mobilize
Mobilise people and organisations to take part in realizing our dream!

Finance
Financing of scientific research into an applicable cure. This allows us to translate research into practice so that people with HIV actually have access to the breakthroughs.

Collaborate
Promoting collaboration between researchers, HIV care professionals and people living with HIV in the Netherlands.

Worldwide only 3 people have been cured of HIV

Until 2019, Timothy Brown was the only one ever cured of HIV and leukemia due to a transplant of stem cells that are immune to HIV. At the beginning of 2019, scientists reported that another two people have possibly been cured of HIV following a stem cell transplant.

Dutch HIV research is among the best in the world

We started the NL4Cure project in 2018 by drawing up a joint research agenda, unique in the field of cure research in the Netherlands. This allows us to promote cooperation and accelerate a breakthrough.

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Goal 5: Awareness, support and full financing of the HIV response

Our ultimate dream?
Awareness, support and full financing of the HIV response.

Our goals
- HIV and AIDS are in the top ten of the world’s most urgent problems.
- 20% increase in Dutch and EU contributions to the international HIV response.
- Increase in local funding of the HIV response in our focus countries.
- €57 million available to spend on our organisational goals in 2022.

Highlight: AIDS2018
The international top of the fight against AIDS on Dutch soil

During the International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2018), doctors, activists, top scientists, people with HIV and celebrities from 150 different countries gathered in Amsterdam in the company of many journalists. Aidsfonds was closely involved in the organisation of AIDS2018. Before, during and after the congress there were various activities such as protest marches, a cycling event and a Red Ribbon concert (see photo).

It was a crucial opportunity to wake up the Netherlands and the world: AIDS is not over, but it is possible! No one could have missed our message: for a week, the national media was dominated by the HIV topic. With over 300 articles in all national newspapers, magazines, online channels and TV items in Jinek, Nieuwsuur and NOS, we reached millions of people.

The message was clear: AIDS is not over. And now is the time to beat the epidemic.

Awareness:
We are the generation that can beat AIDS

After all the efforts in the last twenty years, we have arrived at a turning point. The end of AIDS is possible. The coming years are crucial, but the focus on the HIV response is weakening. Now that we can turn the tide, the money tap is being closed more and more, international investors are withdrawing and new hot beds are being created in Eastern Europe due to rising conservatism. Only once everyone is aware of the necessity and the possibilities, can we beat the epidemic.

That is why we constantly draw attention to the HIV/AIDS issues through campaigns, events and lobbying. In the Netherlands and internationally. The message remains the same: The HIV/AIDS problem is not over. We can stop the epidemic, but that is a matter of (political) will. An important moment in 2018 was the international AIDS conference AIDS2018 in Amsterdam. For a week, the Dutch media was dominated by the worldwide fight against AIDS.
The facts
This is why our work remains urgent

Due to increasingly conservative politics, the money supply for support for developing countries and for the response to HIV and AIDS is being cut off more and more by international donors.

There have already been major cuts by Western donor countries in the budgets for the global HIV/AIDS response.

They are reducing their contribution by 20% from $ 8.6 billion to $ 7 billion.

The Netherlands is the 4th largest western donor in the worldwide HIV response.

No. of deaths from AIDS p/year: 940,000 people

The end of AIDS is possible
That is why extra investments are needed now. By spending more money in the coming years, we save costs in the long term.

HIV/AIDS is less and less seen as a global problem.

Our approach
Put an end to HIV transmission worldwide, that requires money and political will!

Awareness
Social support for a world without AIDS and STDs is crucial. Not only to raise sufficient funds, but also to enable political change. That is why we make our voice heard through lobbying, campaigns and events.

Sufficient funding
We are lobbying for more money from the Netherlands and the EU for the international HIV response, and are raising funds for our organisational goals.

Sustainable relationships with donors
In the coming years we will pay special attention to the relationship with our donors (such as the Postcode Lottery and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs) and our 160,000 donors.

The results
A selection from our ambitions, small and big results

Together with 137,873 donors, of which 10,485 new ones in 2018, we are committed to a world without AIDS.

On top of its usual contribution, the Dutch Postcode Lottery donated an amount of € 2,250,000 to Aidsfonds for new projects in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

The Friends Lottery donated an amount of € 892,539.

Minister Kaag of Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation announced that the government is allocating an additional € 10,000,000 for groups at great risk of HIV. (Robert Carr Fund.)

10,500 Dutch people
signed our ‘alarm’ petition against the alarming growth of the HIV epidemic in Russia.

28,000 Dutch people
signed our universal declaration of love and shared our call to protect all kind of love against HIV and AIDS – no exceptions.

106,000 people
followed us through our national social media channels.

Awareness, support and full financing of the AIDS response
On behalf of all men, women and children: thank you!

Thanks to all our donors, volunteers, financiers, partners, inheritances and participants of Charity Lotteries, we have already achieved a great deal.

Ten years ago 1,300 people were diagnosed with HIV in the Netherlands. Now there are 750 thanks to comprehensive information and prevention.

Only 4 million people worldwide received life-saving HIV inhibitors at the time. That has already increased to 22 million!

We are incredibly happy with all the enthusiasm, confidence and financial support, so that we can continue to take major steps towards an AIDS-free 2030 in the coming years!