

Aidsfonds

Call for Proposals MOZAMBIQUE

Advocacy towards sexual and reproductive health and rights for sex workers, people who use drugs (PWUD), and LGBTIQ+ people, including people living with HIV



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Key Information

The [Love Alliance](#) is a strategic partnership between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, [Aidsfonds](#), [UHAI EASHRI](#), [AFE](#), [ISDAO](#), [GALZ](#), [Sisonke](#), [SANPUD](#) and [GNP+](#) which runs from 2021 to 2025. Aidsfonds is responsible for the participatory grant making for **advocacy on HIV and sexual and reproductive health and rights for key populations** in Zimbabwe, South Africa and Mozambique.

This call for proposals is specifically for organisations based in **Mozambique**, who advocate for sexual and reproductive health and rights for key populations. Your application can be completed in Portuguese or in English. Aidsfonds is inviting **organisations led by sex workers, people who use drugs (PWUD), LGBTIQ+ people**, including **people living with HIV** to apply through the [Aidsfonds online platform](#) before the **12th of December 2021, at 23:59 CET**.

The project duration must not exceed 21 months. Specifically, activities under the project must take place between 1st April 2022 till 31st December 2023. Each application can consist of a **minimum of EUR 10,000** to a **maximum amount of EUR 100,000** per year. Aidsfonds is looking to fund 4 to 5 organisations in Mozambique. The total available amount under this call is €620,000 Euro. Of this amount, €200,000 is specifically reserved for organisations led by and working with communities of people who use drugs.

Full details on the opportunities under this grant are found within this document. A session to further explain this call will be held on 10th November 2021, and a follow up Question and Answer session will be organised on 24th November 2021. [You may register for these sessions using this link.](#)

1. Introduction Love Alliance

The [Love Alliance](#) aims to improve the sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) of **sex workers, people who use drugs, LGBTIQ+ people** including **people living with HIV** in Africa through advocacy at national, global, and regional levels. The Love Alliance works towards a significant reduction in HIV incidence by influencing policies, organising communities and raising awareness on health rights in ten countries¹. Love Alliance brings together organisations led by the communities which are most affected by HIV and AIDS across Africa.

The Love Alliance works towards:

Goal 1	Capable, inclusive, influential, and mutually supportive key population ² movements in an unrestricted civic space .
Goal 2	An end to sexual and gender-based violence, stigma and discrimination against key populations.
Goal 3	Equal access to inclusive, people-centred, accountable, integrated HIV and comprehensive sexual rights and health services .

¹ South Africa, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Kenya, Uganda, Burundi, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Egypt, Morocco

² Definition: population facing a high HIV risk, mortality and/or morbidity compared to the general population, and, at the same time, facing systematic human rights violations and barriers to information and services. Love Alliance includes the following populations: sex workers, people who use drugs, LGBTIQ+ people and (young) people living with HIV.

2. Details on the Call

There is [insufficient funding](#) for organisations led by LGBTIQ+ people, sex workers, people who use drugs³, while key populations and their partners accounted for 65% of all new HIV infections globally according to the UNAIDS Global AIDS Update 2021. This is why the Love Alliance allocates funds for community advocacy with the aim to increase access to rights and health for key populations. Proposals under this call will address one or more of the goals from the Theory of Change (Annex 1) of the Love Alliance.

2.1 Who is this call for?

This call is for organisations and networks led by **LGBTIQ+ people, sex workers, people who use drugs, including people living with HIV and/or young key populations in Mozambique**. We specifically encourage organisations working with people who use drugs to apply as well as organisations inclusive of transgender⁴ groups, working from a feminist perspective.⁵

We are looking for **Community-led⁶ organisations and consortia in Mozambique, who are:**

- Advocating for an end to sexual violence, gender-based violence, stigma and discrimination against sex workers, LGBTIQ+ people, people who use drugs, and young key populations including people living with HIV.
- Advocating for equal access to inclusive, people-centred, accountable, integrated HIV and sexual and reproductive health services.
- Interested in creating or participating in a movement of capable, inclusive, influential, and mutually supportive key population-led organisations in an unrestricted civic space.

Eligibility criteria

In order to be eligible to apply under this grant, your organisation has to meet the following criteria:

- Your organisation is led by members of the following communities: sex workers, LGBTIQ+ people, people who use drugs and young key populations including people living with HIV.
- Organisations which are not community-led are (only) considered when:
 - they are hosting community-led organisations
 - are part of a consortium with community-led organisations
 - they are a network of community-led organisations
 - they channel the voice and ensure the meaningful engagement of people who use drugs, LGBTIQ+ people, sex workers, including people living with HIV, and/or young key populations in situations where there are no community-led organisations present.

³ <https://aidsfonds.org/news/new-study-funding-for-key-populations-affected-by-hiv-and-aids-way-off-track>

⁴ Transgender is used as an umbrella term including a diverse range of identities, which have in common not being cisgender.

⁵ Because there is structural underfunding of trans groups and feminist organisations.

⁶ Led by: LGBTIQ+ people, sex workers, people who use drugs, including people living with HIV and young key populations.

- Your organization is a not-for-profit organization engaged in HIV and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights advocacy in Mozambique for at least two years already.
- Your organizations can operate at local, provincial or national level. For organizations advocating at the Southern African regional level, please refer to a separate call for proposals, also published alongside this call.
- Your organization is registered with the relevant government department. If your organisation is not registered, you can find a fiscal hosting⁷ organisation to support you with the grant. For example, the national network of people living with HIV, harm reduction organisations, or other network organisations⁸.
- You may also apply as a group of community-led organisations together in a consortium. This can include harm reduction organisations, service providers, universities and other community based organisations etc. In this case you apply with one registered lead organisation and at least one community-led organisation in the consortium.

Opportunity for small grants

If you are a community-led organisation, but you are not able to fulfil one or more of the other criteria, then you can still apply for a small grant of maximum €20,000 euro per year for a period of one year. If you have any queries about the eligibility criteria, please feel free to email us at kp-grants@aidsfonds.nl

Often unregistered, new or under-resourced community-led organisations are not eligible to apply for funding. Aidsfonds therefore provides small grants to establish, strengthen, capacitate and empower organisations to become advocates for change. The grant can be used for strengthening your organisation to be able to fulfil the criteria for future calls. Small grant applications will be evaluated on a case by case basis. One of the requirements is to submit references of two registered organisations. In addition, partnerships, consortia and collaborations between community-led organisations and other stakeholders selected by the community, are encouraged.

Who can not apply?

- Organisations who are not led by members of the LGBTIQ+, people who use drugs, or sex workers community. Taking into account the exceptions mentioned under the eligibility criteria.
- Organisations from outside the Southern African region; they can also not take the role of hosting organisations
- Proposals by individuals or by political or government institutions will not be taken into consideration.
- Proposals by private or profitable organisations, companies, institutions will not be considered.
- Proposals by educational institutions, unless they are a member of a coalition with community-led organisations, and have a dedicated role in research or policy implementation.
- Existing Love Alliance grantees.

⁷ For more information, you are invited to attend the Q&A webinar. This report can also help, it explains different hosting relations: <https://aidsfonds.org/resource/sex-workers-know-best-summary>

⁸ Community-led organisations, groups or collectives, could partner with other community based organisations, for example: HIV and SRHR service providers, SRHR advocacy organisations, academic institutions, other registered community-led organisations that represent different key populations, key populations networks, harm reduction programmes and many others.

- Only one application per organisation is accepted for this call. An organisation can be involved in more than one application e.g. as applicant (max 1) and as a host in the application of other organisations (more than 1).

2.2 What work can be done under this call?

Key population⁹ community-led movement building and advocacy

The Love Alliance aims to strengthen community-led organisations and increase their role to influence the legal and policy environment and service provision affecting key populations in Mozambique¹⁰. Community members can influence policy development, policy implementation, legal processes and provisions and hold government and other bodies accountable on their commitments to the community.

While this call is fully focussed on **advocacy for SRHR for key populations**, applications may include certain **service delivery activities**, if those services generate evidence or models to inform advocacy outcomes. The call does not include large scale service delivery programmes and available funding for service delivery activities is limited.

Love Alliance goals	Example activities (not exhaustive)
Capable, inclusive, influential, and mutually supportive key population movements in an unrestricted civic space .	<p>Empowerment of community organisations (and civil society) to work together towards a common advocacy goal or shared ideas i.e. campaigns, associations, coalitions, partnerships, etc.</p> <p>Organisational capacity strengthening (financial, governance, leadership, programme management, monitoring and evaluation, fundraising, communications, registration etc).</p> <p>Capacity strengthening on advocacy, WHO guidance, SRHR, HIV/AIDS, intervention mapping skills, human rights, budget tracking.</p> <p>Capacity building in representation capacity for meaningful involvement of communities youth and women. Finding new champions in communities/civil society for your advocacy goals.</p>
An end to sexual and gender-based violence, stigma and discrimination against key populations.	<p>Communities provide input/co-write guidelines towards a policy change including policy development, blocking legislation, adoption of policies, change criminalizing laws and policies. Or contribute to the implementation of existing laws and policies.</p> <p>Communities influence attitude of government actors and decision makers and voice their concerns in networks and/or towards donors.</p> <p>Campaigns to address/reduce gender injustices, stigma and discrimination against PLHIV and key populations in society, health care settings, media, religious community, law enforcement etc.</p>

⁹ Definition: population facing a high HIV risk, mortality and/or morbidity compared to the general population, and, at the same time, facing systematic human rights violations and barriers to information and services. Love Alliance includes the following populations: sex workers, people who use drugs, LGBTIQ+ people and (young) people living with HIV.

¹⁰ For example, by establishing and strengthening strategic partnerships and collaboration to develop, implement and research best practice models of service delivery, advocacy and the integration of community members in the existing systems.

	Legal support, activisms, demonstrations, campaigns, collaboration with law enforcement, media, religious leaders, decision makers.
<p>Equal access to inclusive, people-centred, accountable, integrated HIV and comprehensive sexual rights and health services</p>	<p>Representation of communities in technical working groups, coordinating bodies, national CSO, HIV or Key Population e.g. Global Fund's Country Coordinating Mechanism, government roundtables, expert groups, policy reviews, law enforcement bodies, UHC working groups etc.</p> <p>Organisations develop new or improved health policies, systems, models, products and technologies, and services and delivery methods that improve people's health, with a special focus on the needs of vulnerable populations. i.e. community responses to HIV, prevention, treatment- and care options.</p> <p>Innovative solutions to add value in the form of improved efficiency, effectiveness, quality, safety and/or affordability, to reduce barriers to access services, to build stronger community-led and/or community-friendly services and to improved access to essential medicines and preventative technologies, harm reduction, paediatric treatment, self-care, etc.</p> <p>Collaboration with service providers and government officials, Advocacy for HIV-, harm reduction- and SRHR services Budget tracking to hold governments to account</p> <p>Involvement in decision-making spaces and processes to hold the government to account (for example Universal Health Coverage groups)</p>

Advancing Gender equality

The Love Alliance works towards sustainable development goal (SDG) 5 Gender Equality. The Love Alliance takes an intersectional approach to gender beyond the binary; addressing and transforming power relations. PWUD, LGBTIQ+ community and sex workers, including people living with HIV often face multiple and intersecting forms of oppression and discrimination – such as those based on income, race, age, ethnicity, disability, immigration status, sexual orientation, gender and sex.

Empowering young key populations

Young people (up to 24 years), especially young LGBTIQ+ people, young sex workers and young people who use drugs¹¹, , including people living with HIV, continue to be disproportionately affected by HIV. The Love Alliance aims to strengthen leadership of young people within key population movements e.g. by partnering with youth-led networks; fostering meaningful participation and youth leadership; and advocate for tailor-made interventions for young people within PWUD, LGBTIQ+ and sex workers communities.

¹¹ In 2019 PWUD, LGBTIQ+ people and sex workers accounted for 62% (an increase of 15% compared to 2018) of new HIV infections worldwide (Figure 11). UNAIDS (2019) *Communities at the Centre*, available [online](#).

Capacity Strengthening

The Love Alliance facilitates **capacity strengthening** based on the needs of community advocacy organisations. E.g. in the area of leadership, movement building, lobby and advocacy, planning, monitoring and evaluation, governance, psychosocial needs and financial and reporting skills.



Priority areas for Mozambique were identified in a participatory process in early 2020.

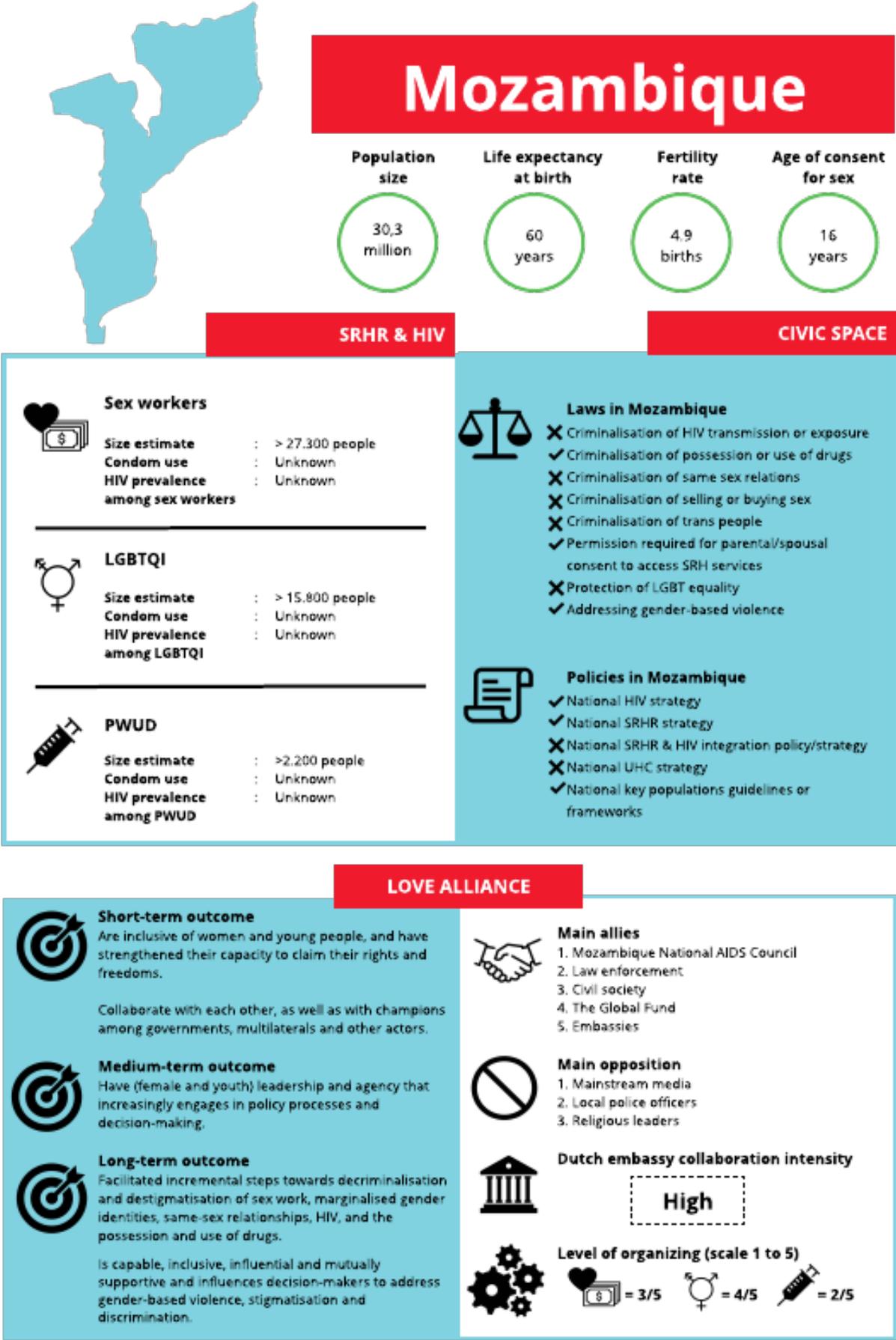


Figure 3: Summary of context analysis Mozambique

3. The application process

The application can be submitted through Aidsfonds online portal:

- i. Go to the online <https://aidsfonds.grantplatform.com> platform to start your application. The application can only be submitted through the online form. We will not accept applications via email. It is necessary to create an account first. Once this is done you can work in your application form and save all changes. You can save and come back to your application until you have submitted the application. In total, there are six weeks (1st of November till 12th of December 2021) to complete the online application.
- ii. Provide the details on your organisation and contact person in the online application form.
- iii. Upload documents to show your organisation is eligible. This includes:
 - The registration certificate of your organisation or the fiscal hosting organisation;
 - The constitution of your organisation or the fiscal hosting organisation;
 - Two annual reports (narrative reports of work done) over the last two years 2019 and 2020 (not older than 2019);
 - Two audit reports over the last two years (not older than 2019);
 - If applicable: an MOU with the consortium members and/or hosting organisation

If you apply for a small grant and you do not have all required documents, you can upload reference letters from two registered organisations in your country.

- iv. Fill in all the sections of your application. It is important to know that your application is only eligible if:
 - The proposal contributes to one or more goals of the Love Alliance, see the Theory of Change in annex 1;
 - The proposal addresses the priorities for Mozambique, as outlined in annex 2;
 - The proposed project takes place in Mozambique
 - The application is submitted in Portuguese or English;
 - The application is complete in the online [application](#) form.
- v. Upload the budgets through the same [online application platform](#) in the budget format provided. The proposed budget may include funding for a wide range of national level advocacy activities, organisational capacity building, movement building efforts, core costs and a limited level of service provision (see also Section 2.2).
- vi. Submit your application. This is important because only submitted applications can be reviewed. When you submit your application you also agree with Aidsfonds [Grant application regulations](#) and the due diligence process. When you submit the application correctly, you will get an automated email confirming your submission.

All applications received before the closing date of the **12th of December 2021 at 23:59 CET** will be checked by Aidsfonds on the eligibility criteria for proposals and

applicants. Applications that are submitted past this deadline will not be considered. Applications that are considered not eligible for further assessment by the Regional Grant Committee will receive notification of this from Aidsfonds in January 2022.

Next steps

- i. Aidsfonds informs successful applicants and successful applicants in February 2022.
- ii. The final selection will be made through a due diligence check before starting the contracting process in February/March 2022.

For any questions about this call for proposals or the application form, please contact the Love Alliance Secretariat at: KP-grants@aidsfonds.nl

Aidsfonds is looking forward to receive your application to become part of Love Alliance!

Summary timeline

1st November 2021	Call for proposals is published and application portal is open
10th November 2021	Info session to explain the call
24rd November 2021	Q&A session in Portuguese
12th December 2021 (23:59 CET)	Deadline for submission of proposals
13-17 December 2021	Eligibility screening
January-February 2022	Review of all eligible proposals
Mid-February 2022	Final funding decision shared with applicants
February-March 2022	Due diligence and contracting of successful applicants
1st April 2022	Start date for implementation of projects

4. Process for Proposal Review

The Love Alliance uses a **participatory grant making approach**, involving community activists from the Southern Africa region, organised in a [Regional Grant Committee](#), to ensure that the allocated funding addresses community needs and contributes to real and relevant social and policy change through advocacy and movement building.

Eligibility check

All received applications will be checked by the grant making organisation (Aidsfonds) for completeness and eligibility. Applicants will be notified if their application cannot be reviewed because of incompleteness and they will be offered an opportunity to adjust, but only in case this is done before the deadline of applications. If applicants are not eligible, they will not be able to make an amendment.

Review by Regional Grant Committee

Each eligible application will be reviewed by three members of the Regional Grant Committee¹² against the priorities and criteria set for the call. In case the Regional Grant Committee requires additional clarifications to review the application, applicants will be contacted by the following address KP-grants@aidsfonds.nl and asked to complete a rebuttal form within a two week period. Forms not completed within this period will not be considered.

Regional Grant Committee selection

The Regional Grant Committee will meet to discuss the most competitive applications, select the proposals most successful and allocate the available resources in a funding advice meeting. Please note that successful applicants may not receive the full amount requested, depending on the advice of the Regional Grant Committee. The Committee ensures diversity in the spread of the funding based on: (targeted) community group, geography and selected advocacy priorities. The Regional Grants Committee strives to select at least one youth-led proposal. The outcome of the meeting is a funding advice to Aidsfonds, a short report that outlines the rationale of the advice and the selected applications.

The funding decision and legal responsibility

The funding decision will be reviewed by the Southern Africa Advisory Committee, consisting of four members who are expert community leaders. Final approval and legal responsibility for the grants remains with Aidsfonds¹³. Successful applicants will then be informed mid-February 2022.

¹² Grants Committee members are trained to assess the applications in light of the criteria and priorities as outlined in this call.

¹³ 1. Any person whose interests are directly affected by a decision taken by the Executive Director of the Stichting Aidsfonds – Soa Aids Nederland concerning Aidsfonds ('Aidsfonds') on the allocation of a grant is entitled to appeal against this decision by lodging an appeal in good time with the Aidsfonds' Executive Director. The appellant should submit five copies of the notice of the appeal, that should be addressed to the Appeals Committee. The Appeals Committee is authorised to review all decisions taken by the Executive Director in relation to grant applications, with the exception of decisions on requests for individual support. 2. Appeals must be lodged within a period of six weeks, commencing on the day after the date stated in the letter announcing Aidsfonds' decision to reject the grant application.

Due diligence, capacity assessment and risk assessment

After the approval, Aidsfonds will conduct a due diligence check and risk assessment before the project agreement will be concluded¹⁴. After this, a critical dialogue and subsequently an organisational and financial capacity assessment will be facilitated by Aidsfonds, to identify capacity building priorities and the best way to support this during the implementation of the grant.

Planning, monitoring, evaluation, and learning

All grant recipient organisations will become part of the broader Love Alliance monitoring and evaluation framework. A detailed work plan and budget are part of the project agreement and can be finalised in consultation with and pending the approval of Aidsfonds. Successful applicants will receive support to fulfil reporting, monitoring and evaluation requirements and the Love Alliance will facilitate joint learning across communities and from the national to the regional and global levels. Alliance members and thought leaders, Sisonke, GALZ, and SANPUD, play a supportive role in building movements and equal partnerships.

¹⁴ Some applications may be conditionally approved following the due diligence and risk assessments. These conditions will be clarified at the moment of approval. Funding is contingent on the fulfilment of all terms and conditions (e.g. due diligence in the contracting procedure).

Annex 1 – Theory of Change Love Alliance

Key populations are healthy and empowered through inclusive people-centred SRHR
 We build on past achievements

