

Shifting the power for community leadership!

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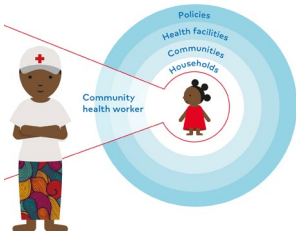
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Communities know what works and which approach is most effective. Community-led and community-based programming enable people to take control in their own communities. Through co-creation and co-decision making we jointly design, implement and evaluate our projects.

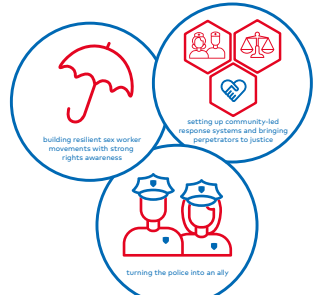
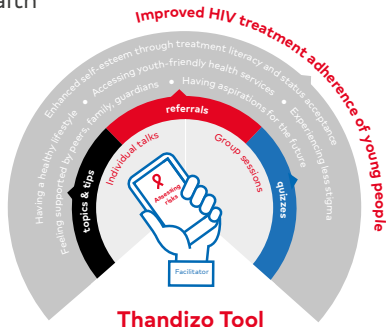


Kids to Care model
Community health workers play a central role in finding and supporting children and pregnant women living with HIV, and strengthening the links between communities and health facilities.



Thandizo tool

An online risk assessment tool for young people living with HIV in Malawi to improve treatment adherence. The app was developed and tested with community health workers and young people themselves.



Hands Off model

If violence against sex workers is addressed, new HIV infections can be reduced by 25%. Hands Off works with sex workers, police, religious groups, health care workers and policy makers on human rights and health services since 2014 to successfully end violence against sex workers.



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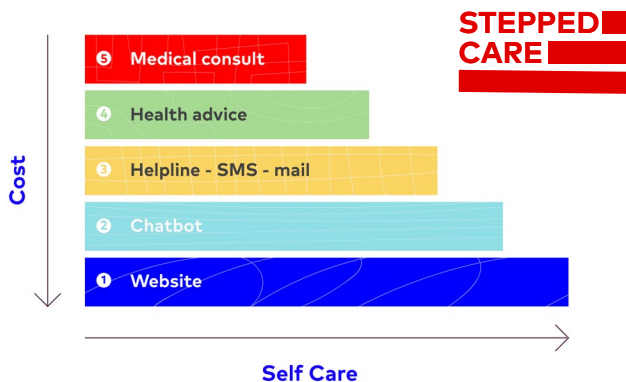
Self-care increases the agency of one's health. It can enable communities to prevent, diagnose and treat health issues in a private manner when and where it suits them best. Together with partners, we have built multiple (digital) self-care and health solutions that meet the need for accessibility, anonymity, and user-friendliness of SRHR/HIV information and services.

You(th)Care programme

Young people advocate for and practice self-care for their SRHR needs, including products such as the Dapivirine ring and self-injectable contraceptives. In Zambia, Tanzania and Kenya, we expect 325.000 young people to benefit.



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Stepped Care model for sexual health

With over 10 years of success in the Netherlands, the innovative self care model has expanded to South Africa, Kenya, Mozambique and Indonesia. We convene government, academia,

civil society and others and co-create evidence-based SRHR content together with young people, all centered around engaging youth brands.



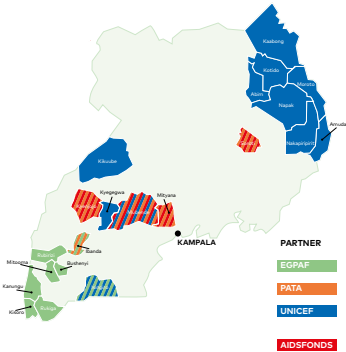
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Collaboration is the cornerstone of everything we do. It ensures strong programmes; provides opportunities for new business models; and key donors become champions on community intervention models. We are an active member of several global networks and working groups. We joined forces with top researchers, communities and donors to find a cure for HIV. Only together, we can shift the power for sustainable change!



Breakthrough Paediatric HIV Partnership

Set up by ViiV Healthcare Positive Action, this ambitious collaboration kicked off in Mozambique, Nigeria and Uganda. Aidsfonds' contribution is to pilot and scale community responses to ensure children and their mothers have access to the care they need to keep them healthy.



Emergency response fund Ukraine

Aidsfonds joined forces with Doctors of the World and organisations led by people with and vulnerable to HIV. Together we provide humanitarian access to basic medical and mental healthcare, sexual and reproductive health services, including HIV medicines to an estimated 350,000 people in Ukraine and neighbouring countries.



We fund pioneering scientific research



We closely involve communities



Our 4-step approach towards HIV Cure



We pursue international collaboration



We raise awareness

NL4Cure

Aidsfonds is a key funder of HIV cure research. The NL4Cure network promotes a cure for HIV and consists of representatives of people with HIV, researchers from universities and hospitals, HIV nurses and doctors. We will continue to closely involve communities in this research, so that potential cures will be available and appropriate for everyone.



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To achieve lasting positive change, policies and funding decisions should reflect the needs of communities. Through our advocacy loop, we link up country, regional and global advocacy that is fully informed by communities' advocacy priorities and country-level evidence.

Influencing the 2021 UN High-Level Meeting on AIDS

The UN Member States negotiations were directly informed by the input of communities. The Political Declaration that was adopted by Member States at the High-Level Meeting includes a number of critical targets and commitments that were advocated for by communities and is now a critical advocacy tool for communities to hold their governments accountable for implementing these targets.



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Making Universal Health Coverage work for the HIV response

Country-level policy research was conducted with the full involvement of communities to assess their countries' progress towards achieving universal health coverage and how this is affecting the HIV response.



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Global-level political participation by communities opens doors with governments at the country-level

During the UN High-Level Political Forum on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), community representatives highlighted the damaging consequences of criminalising laws for key populations and the most effective approaches to combatting stigma, discrimination, violence and inequality to achieve the SDGs. As a direct result of the bold intervention by an Indonesian community partner, they got an invitation from the Indonesian government for further dialogue on these issues, where this door had previously been closed.

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Over the past decade, we have worked with and learnt from a multitude of funders and partners about participatory grantmaking. Handing over responsibility has forced us to look critically at our role as a funder. This has resulted in communities co-deciding on all our funding decisions forming a cornerstone of our 2022-2025 strategy. Money is power. We believe that through participatory grantmaking, we can shift the power to those people who matter most.



The Love Alliance is about us; the LGBTIQ+, sex workers, people who use drugs and people living with HIV across Africa. We are discriminated against or criminalised, yet envision a world where all people are able and empowered to make well-informed, autonomous choices about their bodies. In addition, everybody, including us, can enjoy the highest level of SRHR fulfilment and lowest vulnerability to STIs, including HIV, so a world without AIDS can be realised by 2030.

This unique partnership that directly funds our community responses and puts us in the lead of funding decision-making, is supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands.



The Love Alliance

The Love Alliance believe that it is crucial to put communities in the driver's seat of change. That's why we work through the participatory grantmaking approach. This way, the Love Alliance plans to allocate € 38,8 million euros by 2025 to support community organisations in their work to break down barriers faced by key populations. So far, the Alliance has supported 129 grantees from 8 different countries in Africa.



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Funding What's Possible

The Robert Carr Fund - leading international pooled fund, created through a global dialogue among civil society networks and donors. Aidsfonds is host organisation of the Robert Carr Fund.

We are participatory grantmaker, which means the communities most impacted by HIV recommend where funds should be directed; that allows us to shift the power and the decision-making to the communities themselves.

In 2021-2022 Robert Carr Fund invested USD 9,000,000 to support community-led networks to maximise their efforts to improve the health, wellbeing and social inclusion in their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

1. Robert Carr Fund invests in global and regional networks that address the health and human rights of inadequately served populations (ISPs). We define ISPs as populations facing a high HIV risk and facing systematic human rights violations and barriers to health services.



"... AIDS response can't work unless civil society has the funds and the resources to move..."

Robert Carr

The Fund honours the name of Robert Carr — a scholar and human rights activist who worked to end to HIV in his native Caribbean region and globally.

2. Robert Carr Fund provides long-term core and flexible funding to grantees to be creative and innovative and to achieve sustainable impact.
3. Robert Carr Fund enables community-based networks to achieve extraordinary things during extraordinary times by maximising their efforts in advocacy and human rights protection.

For more information about our grantees: robertcarrfund.org

Robert Carr Fund — 10 years of building Stronger Networks

For the last 10 years Robert Carr Fund has been funding regional and global civil society and community-led networks. Between 2012 and 2021 RCF has allocated almost USD 90,000,000 to provide core funding to civil society networks.

1. During 2012–2022 Robert Carr Fund allocated USD 1,500,000 to strengthen networks of people in prisons.

Southern African Network of Prisons (SANOP) — a regional community-based network supporting the health and human rights of prisoners and ex-inmates in eSwatini, Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

With RCF support SANOP:

- Establishes networks of ex-inmate associations, in-prison clubs;
- Improves regional coordination and collaboration to advocate for prisoner health and rights;
- Implements and monitors human rights standards and access to medical services in prisons.

2. Robert Carr Fund spent a total of USD 4,500,000 in 2012–2022 on activities across Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

In 2018 leading key population networks launched a joint campaign “Chase the virus not people” The aim of the campaign is to draw attention to stigma and discrimination of key populations against the backdrop of the catastrophic situation with the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Activists take joint action to create conditions for an effective response to the HIV epidemic in EECA countries.



3. Robert Carr Fund invested USD 2,500,000 to support community-led networks to maximise their efforts to improve the health, wellbeing and social inclusion in their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In Nigeria INERELA+ flag off advocacy campaign of universal access to maternal and child health among religious women.

INERELA+ (International Network of Religious Leaders Living with or Personally Affected by HIV & AIDS) calls for local religious leaders to encourage pregnant women to seek medical care to prevent maternal deaths during childbirth. “It is good we have our religious leaders on board, because they have an influence on their followers. We should know that science is an answer to prayer”

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