

# Kids to Care!

An effective community-based approach for paediatric HIV prevention and care



## Children (0-14) are left behind in HIV care

- >400 become HIV-infected each day
- 273 die of AIDS each day
- 1.7 million live with HIV Worldwide
- 46% are not on treatment
- 40% of children receiving treatment are on adult formulations

This is **unacceptable**.

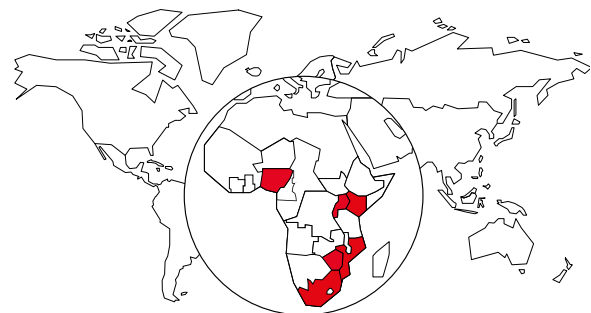
## Our approach

One of the Sustainable Development Goal targets is to end AIDS as a public health threat by 2030. It includes the super-fast-track target of providing 1.4 million children (0-14 years) with lifelong HIV treatment by 2020. increased efforts in children. The Aidsfonds Kids to Care approach comprises **five components** that mutually reinforce each other.

## Our goals

1. All children living with HIV have started treatment, are supported to continue their treatment and live **healthy lives**.
2. Child-friendly HIV treatment is available, accessible and affordable for **all children** and their caregivers.
3. All **pregnant women** living with HIV receive treatment and their children are born and remain HIV free.

### Where we work



## Community-based HIV programmes

Aidsfonds works in collaboration with governments and local partners, to test and scale up community-based HIV programmes. These are based on our 'Kids to Care' model which:

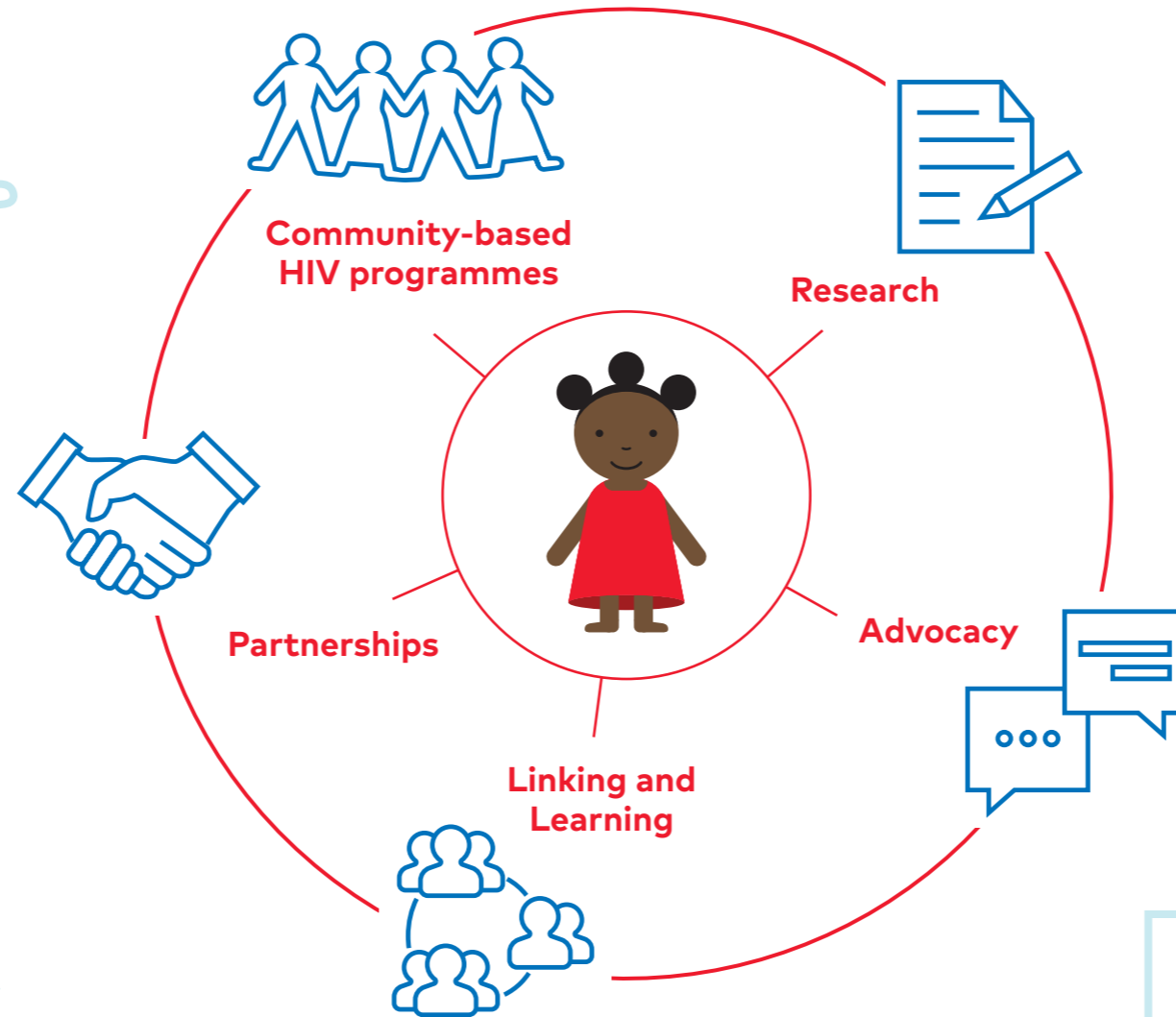
- Empowers communities to find and support pregnant women and children living with HIV
- Strengthens the links between communities and health facilities.

Community health workers are a crucial link at all four stages of HIV care for children: **find, test, start and stay**. It means children can live healthily with HIV.

## Partnerships

Aidsfonds puts great value on partnerships to enhance our efforts:

- Build strategic partnerships with **like-minded organisations** like Elisabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, ELMA Foundation, Global Network of People living with HIV, PATA, UNICEF and ViiV Positive Action to ensure strong programmes through alignment and co-investment
- Explore opportunities for **public-private** partnerships and new **business models** to maximise our impact
- Involve key donors to become **champions** on community intervention models at regional and global levels
- We are an active member of several **global networks** and working groups, including the Coalition for Children Affected by AIDS and the AIDS Free working group



## Linking and Learning

Aidsfonds has set up a paediatric HIV linking and learning initiative in which we:

- Connect our local partners in multiple countries to exchange best practices and share **challenges and solutions**

- Encourage partners to learn from each other to validate and further enhance **community-based intervention models**, adjusting the model to local contexts
- Jointly share lessons learned at national, regional and international levels to **influence** future programming, policies and funding of other organisations, donors and governments.

## Research

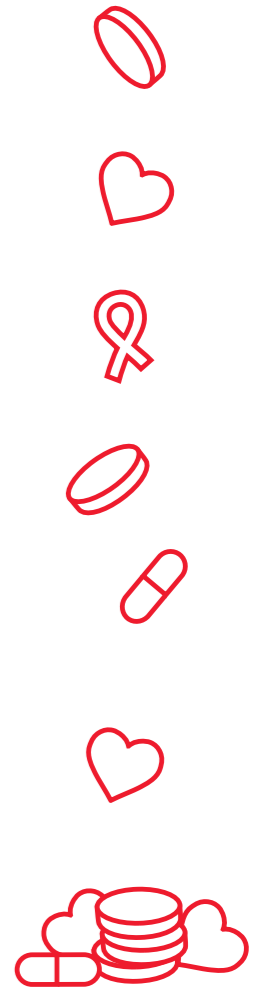
All Aidsfonds paediatric HIV programmes include research. Research is crucial to:

- Assess how **best to reach** all children living with or affected by HIV
- Assess the **impact** of the model
- Generate **evidence** on cost- and general effectiveness of community-based interventions as part of a paediatric HIV service delivery package
- Respond to **emerging** themes to improve paediatric HIV efforts and inform advocacy

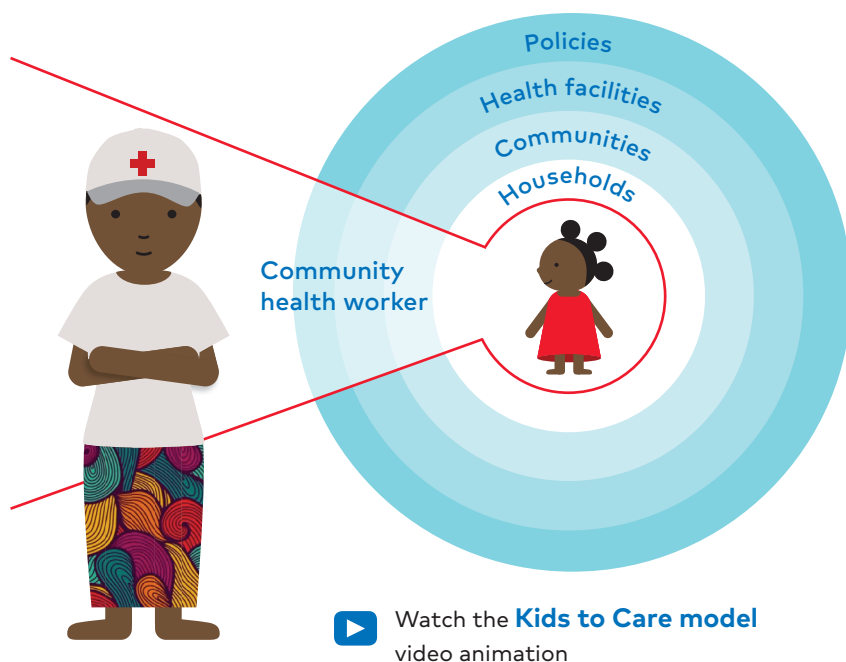
## Advocacy

Aidsfonds advocates for:

- National and local **government investment** in effective community interventions for paediatric HIV care and to adopt and **scale** the model nationwide
- **Integration** of community intervention models in mainstream HIV and child health care service delivery
- Increased political and financial investments to ensure **optimal, child-friendly and affordable** paediatric HIV treatment and diagnostics are available for all children



# Kids to Care model



Community health workers are a crucial link at all four stages of HIV care for children:



## Find

Communities know their children. Community health workers **educate** community members on paediatric HIV and **move door-to-door** to find children and pregnant women living with HIV.



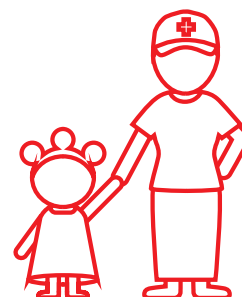
## Test

Community health workers are trained about paediatric HIV testing and treatment, and prevention of mother-to-child transmission. They test pregnant women and children in their **homes** or refer them for testing in the **community** or **health facility**.



## Start

Community health workers **help caregivers** gain access to HIV treatment for children. Traditional and religious leaders, teachers and mentor mothers act as **role models** and encourage access to care. Staff at health facilities are trained to offer **child-friendly services** and to work closely with community health workers.



## Stay

Community health workers support children to stay on HIV treatment. They promote treatment **support groups** for caregivers and children, and income-generating activities and **savings groups** for caregivers.

## More information

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Aidsfonds is a Dutch non-profit organisation working towards a world without AIDS with a focus on the people and regions most affected. We aim to accelerate worldwide HIV prevention, treatment, care and support, by piloting and upscaling community-based interventions together with governments and local partners. We believe that investment in communities is crucial in ending AIDS.