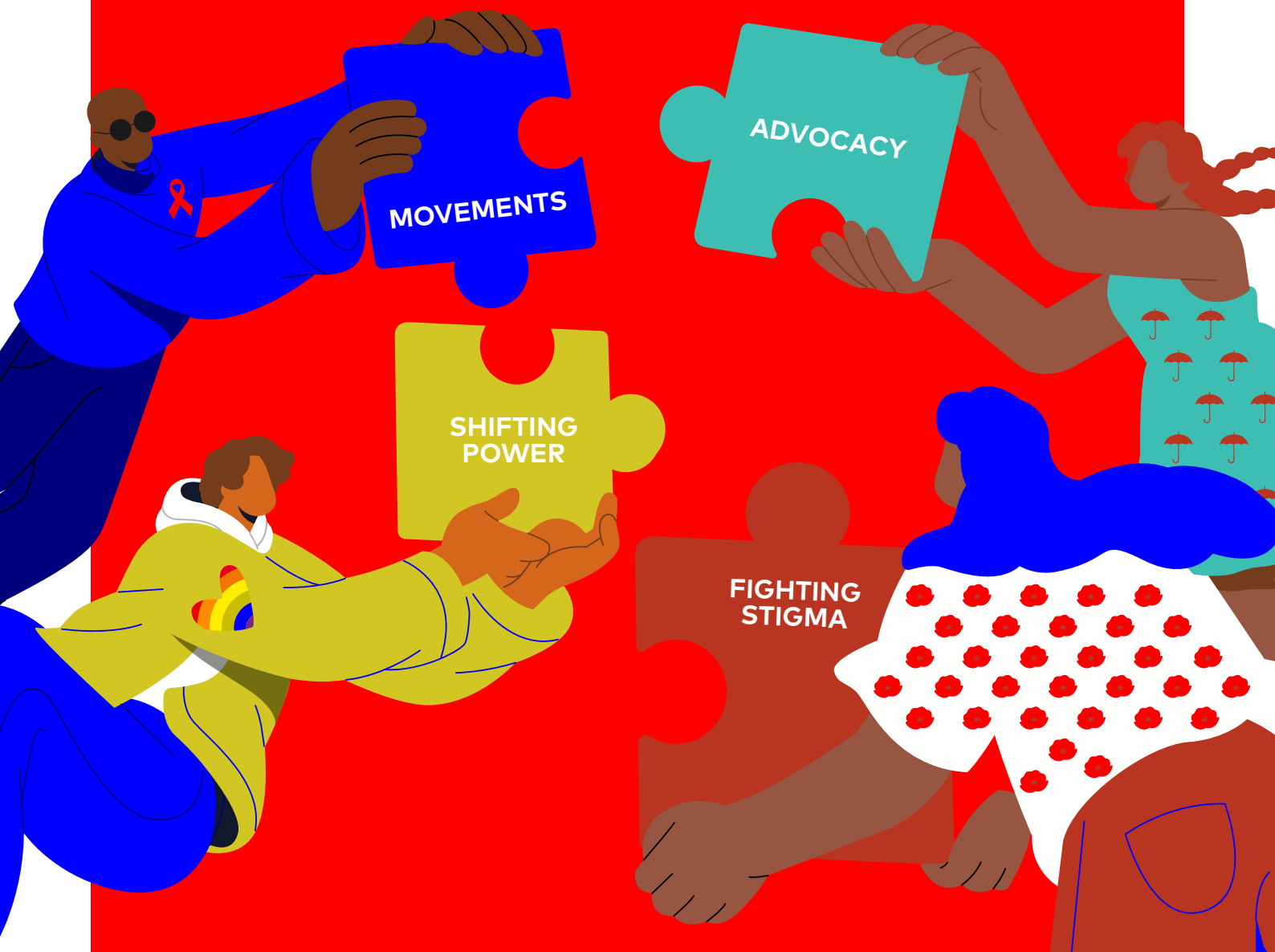


2025 CHANGE STORIES



ABOUT THE LOVE ALLIANCE

The Love Alliance partnership (2021-2025) is committed to protect, promote and fulfil sexual and reproductive health and rights. We bring together communities of people who use drugs, sex workers and LGBTIQ+ movements across 10 African countries. The partnership provides support to build movements for change at national, regional and global levels, amplifying marginalised voices, influencing policies and ensuring access to sexual and reproductive healthcare and justice.

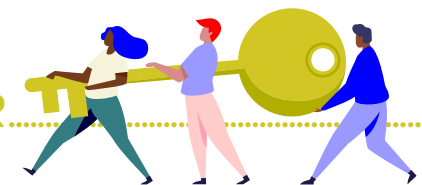
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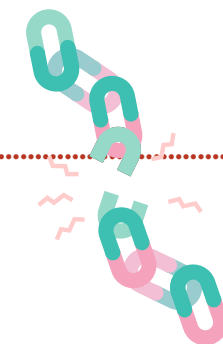


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Change Story 1

MOVEMENTS

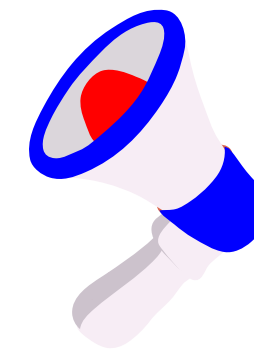
BUILDING MOVEMENTS FOR LASTING IMPACT

The systemic discrimination and criminalisation faced by people who use drugs, sex workers, LGBTIQ+ people and people living with HIV significantly impacts their ability to organise and advocate for their rights. Fear of legal repercussions stemming from regressive laws is exacerbated by the rising anti-rights movement and increasingly restrictive policies. Only by building unified and intersectional movements can we challenge this situation.

How we see 'movement building'

Within the Love Alliance movement building is about creating a shared vision and amplifying the voices of communities that have been historically marginalised. We foster solidarity among diverse groups -LGBTIQ+, sex workers, and people who use drugs- and ensure that we're all working together towards common goals. We strengthen movements by providing core funding and investing in organisational capacity, encouraging cross-learning and innovation.

We give communities the tools and resources to advocate for their rights, challenge oppressive systems, and demand systemic change in an inclusive way that is rooted in solidarity and the power of the collective. This includes addressing harmful laws and policies, fighting stigma and discrimination, and ensuring access to health and social services.



WHAT WE ACHIEVED



We formed 45 inclusive networks/coalitions and platforms and strengthened 50 of these through supporting coalitions, joint advocacy, cross-learning and building organisational capacity.

We increased the capacity of 345 community-led and civil society organisations to advocate for the rights of key populations.



WHAT WE DID: THE ROAD TO CHANGE

The Love Alliance focuses on three key areas of movement building:

KEY AREA 1: MOBILISING COMMUNITIES

We support pan-African movement building by strengthening inclusive, intersectional networks and creating coalitions that are led by communities.

Examples from Love Alliance partners in action:

The Love Alliance provided core funding to partners and supported them to establish a vibrant community-led network. In Egypt, this increased their visibility and credibility, leading to recognition from the Ministry of Health and UN agencies. The support enabled them to be the first key-population-led group to deliver HIV services in Egypt, showing strength in unity.

In Mozambique and Southern Africa, the Love Alliance has galvanised 21 community-led organisations across Mozambique to create an inclusive movement for change. Funded by the AIDS and Rights Alliance for Southern Africa (ARASA), together with the government, they designed a groundbreaking National AIDS Strategy, and identified collective goals. This has already boosted access to local health centres by community members. This collaborative model was replicated in South Africa and

Zimbabwe, where national partners created strong, inclusive movements through shared advocacy to meet the needs of marginalised groups. This Southern African movement also played a critical role in changing regional policies, for example strengthening the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) Key Populations Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) Strategy, adopted by SADC Ministers of Health.

In Burkina Faso, Nigeria and across West Africa, LGBTIQ+ individuals, sex workers, and people who use drugs have united to build an intersectional movement. They developed shared advocacy priorities and strategies, building solidarity and synergies between their communities.

“Yes, movements are changing! It is impressive to see how nowadays movements dare to speak out for their rights. Five years ago, there were not many movements like today.”

Love Alliance community member,
Nigeria

KEY AREA 2: CATALYSING YOUNG LEADERS

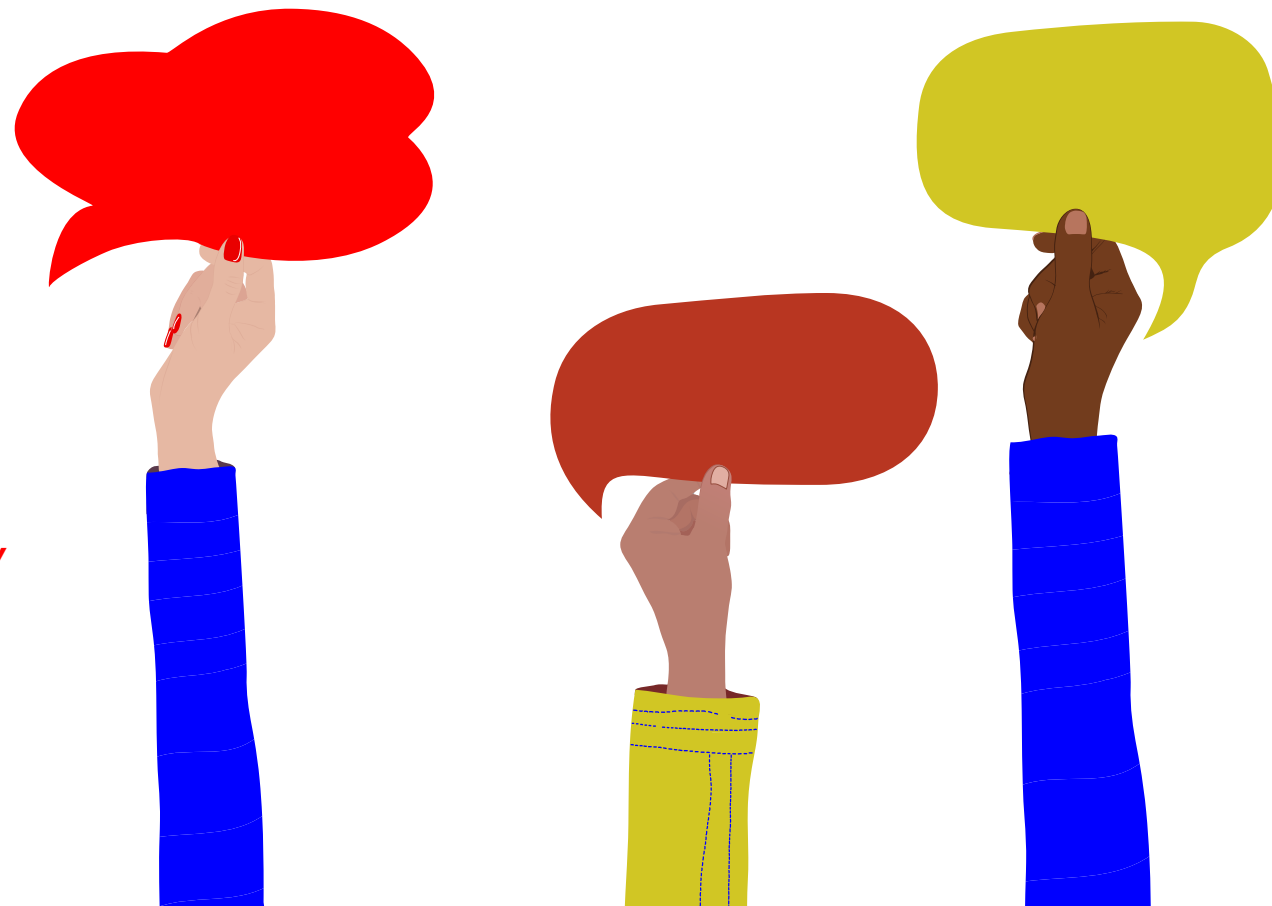
The Love Alliance supports young leaders and youth groups to speak out and determine policies that affect them.

The Young Emerging Leaders Programme (YEL), led by the Global Network of Young People Living with HIV (Y+ Global), nurtures advocates who are equipped to influence global policy through training and mentorship. With personalised coaching, skills building and thematic trainings, these young advocates have participated in key advocacy platforms such as PACT and the STOP TB partnership. They now advocate more effectively on HIV rights at national level and many have gone on to occupy positions in leading organisations such as the Athena Network as well as implementing

projects to counter stigma and anti gender movements within their communities. In Morocco and Egypt advocacy on HIV rights has been highly successful, despite the challenges. The Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+) facilitated youth partners' participation in the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board, bringing issues relevant to young people living with HIV onto the agenda.

“There is this inter-generational shift in the movement leadership that we have recorded in the last two years. The older activist and movement leaders had a lot of scepticism and wanted to hold sway and to hold the status quo. A large majority of community members that I know of are young members so trying to double down on youth engagement is very important.”

Love Alliance community member,
Nigeria



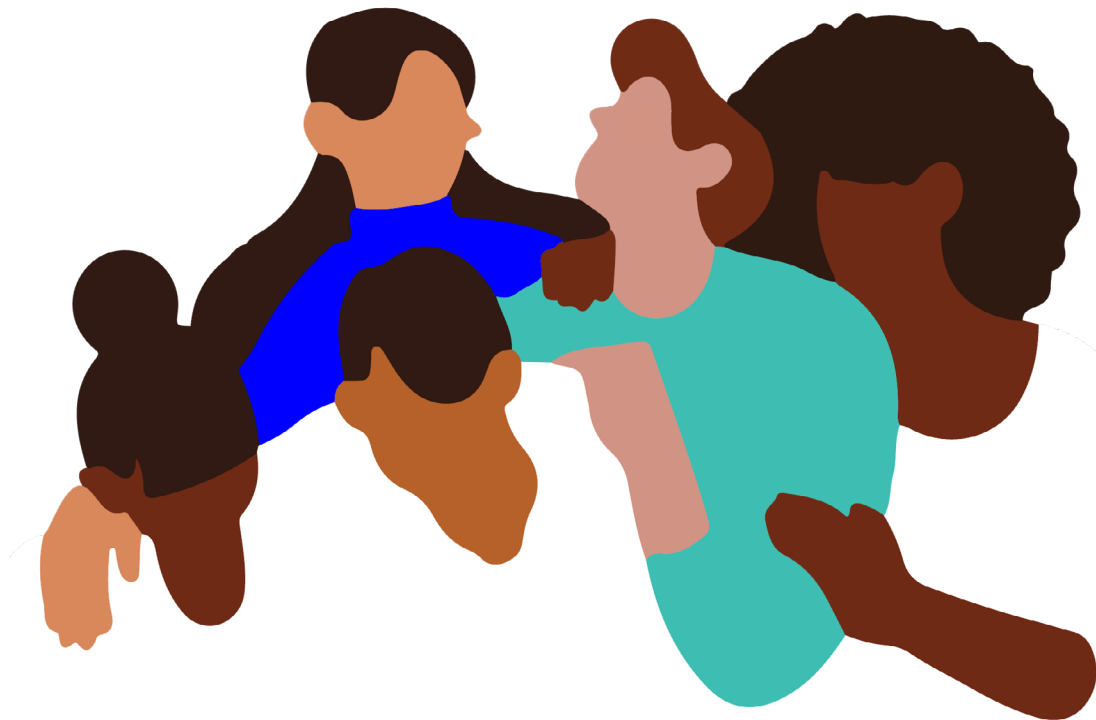
KEY AREA 3: CROSS-LEARNING FOR EMPOWERMENT

The Love Alliance promotes knowledge-sharing. We connect established movements in East and Southern Africa with emerging movements in West and North Africa. This exchange enriches and strengthens advocacy efforts.

Partners developed valuable learning resources, such as the Sisonke movement-building manual and a technical guide for engaging with Global Fund processes created by our global advocacy partners Global Action for Trans Equality (GATE) and the Global Network of Sex Work Projects (NSWP). By sharing these resources, global partners have built connections between national advocacy partners and increased

skills and learning. Sharing expertise also increased engagement in the Global Fund's funding request process for 2024-2026. This led to global advocacy partners supporting national partners to secure critical funding for HIV-related programming and service provision.

In Zimbabwe, partners launched a peer-to-peer mentoring platform to build a stronger trans-led movement. This initiative supported organisations to create their own policy documents and guidelines, facilitating their registration as legal entities. As a result, the movement became more effective in advocating for trans rights and representation.



WHAT HAS CHANGED?

The Love Alliance has contributed to more resilient community-led organisations, ready to advocate for the rights of key populations and drive meaningful change across the region. Movement building has mobilised marginalised communities and networks across the partnership countries, uniting them to advocate for shared issues. This has led to joint strategies, national platforms, and mechanisms for community coordination and engagement. Promoting cross-learning initiatives among partners has also played a crucial role in strengthening connections between established and emerging movements across the continent. These initiatives have generated valuable resources and training frameworks, empowering grassroots organisations to engage more effectively in advocacy.

A CALL TO ACTION

We urge stakeholders and donors to invest in movement building. In the quest for meaningful change, it is vital to prioritise core and direct funding for communities. By supporting grassroots organisations and movements led by those most affected – people who use drugs, sex workers, LGBTIQ+ individuals, and young leaders – we cultivate strong, unified networks that drive transformative policy change.



“Thanks to the Love Alliance, the movement knows each other better. The Love Alliance is the first programme to unite the movement.”

Burkina Faso National Advocacy partner



Change Story 2 ADVOCACY

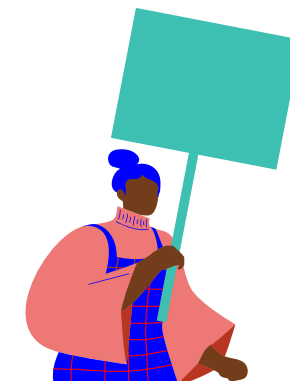
ADVOCACY FOR A BETTER FUTURE

In most Love Alliance countries, marginalised groups like sex workers, people who use drugs, and LGBTIQ+ individuals face arrest and harassment, threatening their ability to mobilise to protect their rights. Harmful policies and laws mean these communities experience stigma, discrimination, and violence that can deter them from seeking healthcare or justice. Civic space is shrinking fast, posing serious threats to civic freedoms and political rights, including the right to assemble and associate. Many countries are imposing strict restrictions on foreign funding, creating barriers to organisational registration and conducting arbitrary detentions of individuals who express dissent. The need for powerful advocacy is greater than ever, to respond to the assault on rights across the globe.

How we see 'advocacy'

The Love Alliance sees advocacy as a powerful tool for meaningful change. We support diverse groups to use their voices to speak out and influence policy decisions that affect them directly.

The partnership adopts a cyclical "advocacy loop" connecting local, national, sub-regional, and global levels. We support community-led initiatives to gather evidence through participatory research and community-led monitoring. This feeds into national advocacy aimed at governments and key institutions. Sub-regional platforms amplify these advocacy messages, while global partnerships use this evidence to drive broader policy changes. This feedback loop enhances accountability and leads to impactful advocacy to promote health equity and social justice.



WHAT WE ACHIEVED

27 policies were formally blocked or retracted in favour of key populations.



Love Alliance contributed to 46 policies, laws and strategies currently being implemented to meet the needs of key populations.

WHAT WE DID: THE ROAD TO CHANGE

The Love Alliance focuses on four key areas of advocacy:

KEY AREA 1:
CHALLENGING HARMFUL LAWS, POLICIES AND PRACTICES

We challenge laws and policies that negatively impact the health and safety of our communities by investing in long-term advocacy.

Examples from Love Alliance partners in action:

In 2022, South Africa tabled the first bill in Africa to decriminalise sex work, initiated by a coalition of 131 advocacy groups. The Love Alliance provided vital funding to strengthen the movement. 100 sex workers gathered in the Northern Cape province to engage communities and amplify their voices, attracting the Deputy Minister for Social Development as a key advocate for the campaign. While the introduction of the bill has faced delays, it remains a crucial step toward justice, allowing sex workers to seek legal recourse and access previously denied services.

In the face of the Anti-Homosexuality Act, the Love Alliance and partners in Uganda united to defend LGBTIQ+ rights, ensure access to sexual and reproductive health services and monitor human rights abuses. We united partners through the Convening for Equality platform, intensifying advocacy through strategic litigation, petitions against the Anti-Homosexuality Act and establishing an effective rapid response mechanism. In 2024, this campaign forced the government to repeal sections of the Act, improving access to sexual and reproductive health and HIV services for the LGBTIQ+ community.



“We will never stop calling for our rights and our dignity...we know, as long as sex work is still criminalised, we will never see the end of HIV.”

South African Sex Worker

KEY AREA 2:
TARGETING INTERNATIONAL MECHANISMS

The Universal Periodic Review (UPR) is a UN mechanism that assesses the human rights records of member states, allowing civil society to contribute independent insights.

The Love Alliance engaged in this important process, producing shadow reports and recommendations that highlighted the challenges facing marginalised communities that are often overlooked in official narratives. In Zimbabwe, the government accepted two recommendations - firstly stronger measures to address violence against women, children, and all persons based on their sexual orientation and gender identity and secondly the protection of intersex minors from non-consensual surgeries and violations of bodily integrity.

In Egypt, partners submitted two shadow reports and hosted high-level meetings in Geneva and Cairo to advocate for improved policies. The first report exposed rights violations related to misuse of vice laws against sex workers, TikTok influencers and university professors. This was the first time leading human rights organisations have worked directly on key population issues in Egypt. The second report focused on the right to health for transgender and intersex individuals, moving beyond criminalisation to wider human rights violations. The impetus for this advocacy effort emerged from a national needs assessment conducted within Egypt’s transgender community, which revealed that healthcare issues were a higher advocacy priority than criminalisation.

KEY AREA 3:
ENGAGING IN NATIONAL COORDINATION MECHANISMS

The Love Alliance engages in national coordination to drive change across various regions.

ISDAO supported efforts to influence Global Fund processes in Burkina Faso, where partners formed a network of 22 community-led organisations that engaged with traditional leaders and government bodies, advocating for health centres to support community-friendly services. This network gained recognition and a role in the Global Fund proposal writing committee.

In Mozambique, partners facilitated government discussions on changing laws for drug users by raising awareness among policymakers. This led to a commitment to expand the harm reduction strategy and expand methadone access.

In Nigeria, partners engaged with the Ministry of Health and Human Rights Commission on Intersex Genital Mutilation. Community members’ stories helped include intersex individuals in the Zero Tolerance to Genital Mutilation policy.

Input from partners led to the inclusion of people who use drugs in the Zimbabwe National AIDS Strategic Plan. A policy brief on the National Drug Master Plan resulted in the establishment of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Drugs to oversee its implementation.

KEY AREA 4: SHAPING THE FUTURE OF THE AIDS MOVEMENT

At the global level, Aidsfonds and the Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+) led the process charting the future direction of the AIDS movement beyond 2030.

In collaboration with UNAIDS, we convened key networks from our communities in Geneva to develop a roadmap that will guide future advocacy efforts and influence key stakeholders in shaping the next global AIDS strategy.

In 2022, Aidsfonds, in collaboration with ISDAO and UHAI, launched the 'From Pledges to Progress' consultative process to promote accountable investments in community leadership and environments that protect the rights of key populations.

The initiative included interactive dialogues with multilateral and bilateral agencies, civil society, and community groups, piloted in Burkina Faso and Kenya. These consultations aim to enhance monitoring of health services, human rights, and health budgets, ensuring greater accountability and reinforcing the key role of communities in determining the global AIDS response.

“I hope to be in a world free of criminalisation in the coming years. A world that accepts me as I am and doesn't try to change me or force me to be who I am not. I hope policymakers will listen and replace bad laws with evidence-based legislation to protect our communities from criminalisation, discrimination, and gender-based violence and support the creation of independent human rights institutions.”

Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+) team member



WHAT HAS CHANGED?

Love Alliance's advocacy efforts have bolstered legal protections for marginalised groups, empowering them to fight for their rights. By supporting community-led movements, the partnership has influenced legislation, policy frameworks, and human rights mechanisms, enabling these communities to engage effectively with policymakers.

Our advocacy has led to landmark legal and policy changes, including decriminalisation, strategic litigation, and legal recognition of human rights violations. International engagement, especially through the UPR, has strengthened civil society's role in holding governments accountable.

At national level, partners have secured commitments for harm reduction, expanded health services, and given marginalised communities a stronger voice in policy. Globally, civil society has driven donor accountability and positioned communities at the centre of health advocacy. These remarkable achievements prove that investing in grassroots advocacy leads to lasting change.

A CALL TO ACTION

To ensure the rights of all individuals are upheld, donors must invest in core funding and advocacy for organisations and communities. Core funding provides financial stability to plan long-term and multi disciplinary strategies, retain skilled staff, and implement impactful programmes and advocacy initiatives, including building relationships and partnerships with other stakeholders. By prioritising long-term financial support, we can consolidate this work, maintaining the resilience and innovation needed to combat restrictive laws, policies and practices.





Change Story 3

SHIFTING POWER

SHIFTING POWER TO COMMUNITIES

Current power relationships between donors and grantees in development frequently marginalise local communities and expertise. These donor-grantee relations are shaped by colonial mindsets, where external actors impose their values and practices without adequately considering or respecting local knowledge and cultural contexts. Donors typically hold the decision-making authority, which can lead to ineffective resource allocation that does not align with the actual needs and priorities of the communities they intend to serve. This top-down approach often results in development initiatives that are short-term and fragmented, with limited community buy-in and ownership, lacking the impact needed for lasting change. Transforming these entrenched power relationships takes time, but is critical to empowering communities.

How we see 'shifting the power'

The Love Alliance is dedicated to shifting power and transforming decision-making processes by putting power where it belongs: in the hands of communities. It is essential for LGBTIQ+, people who use drugs, people living with HIV, young people and sex worker communities to have control over decisions that affect their lives and to determine how their funds are spent. We recognise the valuable resources that communities bring to the process, such as community networks, knowledge and expertise. By empowering local partners with decision-making authority, the Love Alliance fosters initiatives that reflect community priorities, moving them closer towards social justice and equity.

WHAT WE ACHIEVED



Regional Grants Committee have awarded grants to 313 different community-led organisations.

The amount of funding allocated directly to communities by communities was € 16.408.636 – 50% for the LGBTIQ+ community; 29% for the sex workers community; 19% for people who use drugs and 2% to young people living with HIV.



52 community members have engaged in grants committees of our regional grantmakers, deciding where the funding goes.

WHAT WE DID: THE ROAD TO CHANGE

The Love Alliance focuses on three strategies for shifting power to communities:

KEY AREA 1: CREATING MECHANISMS FOR SHARED DECISION-MAKING

We demonstrate our commitment to shifting power by developing structures that enable communities to decide how funds are used and how activities are shaped.

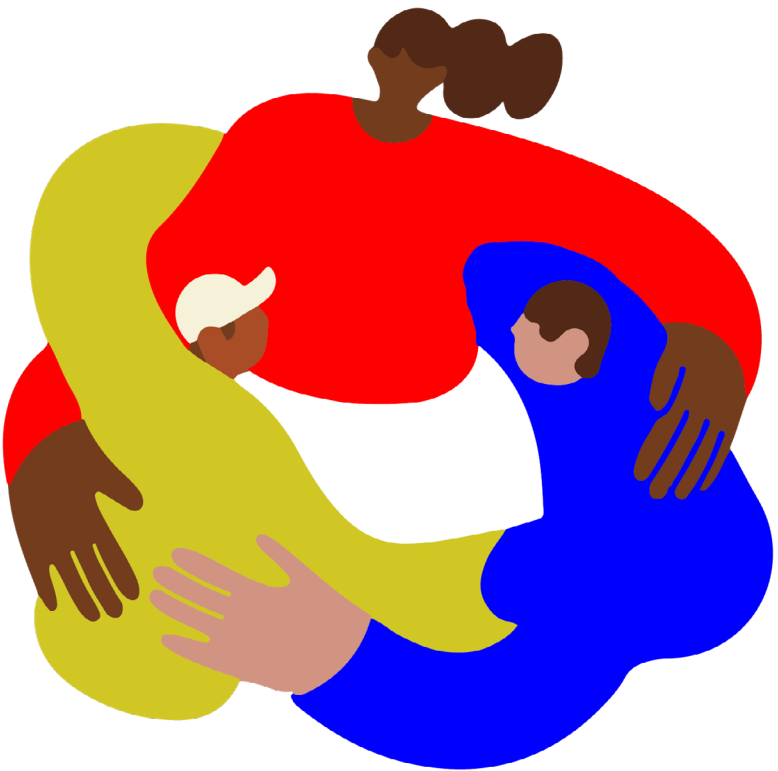
The Strategic Board is designed to decentralise decision-making. It sets strategic direction, allocates budgets and oversees planning and accountability. Each founding partner has one seat and vote on the board, ensuring shared authority. Having honest discussions around power dynamics at board meetings has been vital, and having clear guiding principles to navigate these dynamics. This structure ensures the voices of those most affected by issues guide the alliance's direction.

The Activist Advisory Committee (AAC) provides guidance to the Strategic Board, helping steer the Love Alliance's strategic direction so it remains aligned with community priorities. It comprises independent experts to represent the LGBTIQ+, youth, people living with HIV, sex workers, and people who use drugs. Each year, the AAC reviews the theory of change,

advocacy strategy, and impact, providing valuable input to the Strategic Board. This structure enables the Love Alliance to focus on grassroots initiatives that address community needs instead of responding to external pressures.

“Being part of this committee shows how we shift power. We don't just give input; we make recommendations that shape funding, partnerships, and priorities. This makes sure decisions reflect the experiences of those directly impacted.”

Activist Advisory Committee member



KEY AREA 2: COMMUNITY-LED ORGANISATIONS AND NETWORKS AT THE HELM

Regional Grant Committees (RGCs) of community members, and in some cases Peer Review Committees, evaluate all grant proposals and provide advice to grant-makers in each region.

The Love Alliance's participatory governance process is transformative: it allows communities to assess and address their own needs, transferring decision-making power from donors to local partners. Communities now determine funding allocation, resulting in more effective strategies and advocacy for inclusive movements and engagement with policymakers.

GNP+, Aidsfonds, ARASA, ISDAO and the East Africa Sexual Health and Rights Initiative (UHA) have championed participatory grant-making, an approach that actively involves activists and beneficiary communities in funding decisions. Unlike traditional top-down funding models, it uses the expertise and lived experiences of those directly impacted to help shape funding priorities. At the individual level, the process enhances understanding of how funding decisions are made and how proposals are evaluated. This fosters a sense of ownership, accountability, and alignment with movement goals. It also builds stronger movements by reinforcing trust between funders and communities.

“The Love Alliance's approach to shifting the power is about putting people at the center of decision-making to decide how the funds that are intended to benefit them are spent and to decide what kind of world they want to live in and be their own facilitators of change.”

Regional grant-maker

KEY AREA 3: INCLUDING YOUNG PEOPLE IN DECISION-MAKING

The Love Alliance also shifts power to young people by ensuring they have decision-making authority in key structures: the Strategic Board, RGCs and the AAC all reserve seats (and voting power) for youth.

The gender, youth and inclusion working group further advanced youth inclusion by supporting intensive training on meaningful youth participation, using a toolkit developed by Y+ Global. As a result, they supported 12 emerging leaders and eight activists to participate in key advocacy platforms, ensuring youth perspectives were included.

“As an LGBTQ+ activist and feminist, I see this [shifting the power] as an incredible opportunity. It allows us to shape strategies and allocate resources in ways that truly reflect our needs and priorities. It’s not just about funding; it’s about breaking down colonial mindsets and traditional power structures that have long dominated our work and development. This approach also strengthens our ability to lead advocacy efforts, both locally and globally, on our own terms.”

Activist Advisory Committee member



WHAT HAS CHANGED?

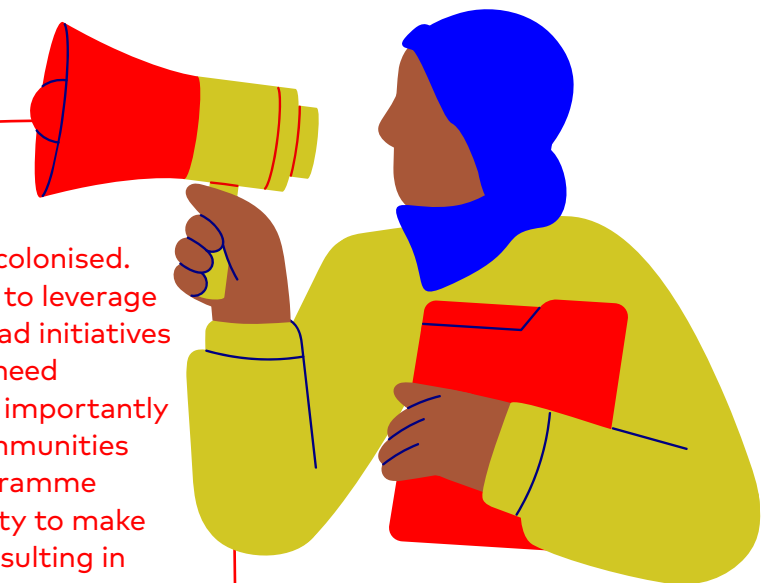
By shifting power to local partners – many without formal structures but deeply connected to their communities – the Love Alliance enables them to design and implement impactful programmes that meet their specific needs. The Love Alliance’s commitment to redistributing budgetary power to marginalised communities leads to strong advocacy and supports grassroots movements, instilling ownership and responsibility while challenging traditional power dynamics.

Alliance partners across Africa now have greater control over funding decisions, allowing them to implement localised solutions. This empowerment builds community engagement and advocacy efforts, enabling organisations to mobilise resources for grassroots initiatives. Globally, as Southern partners gain recognition and funding, they contribute to a more equitable distribution of power within the development sector, challenging traditional hierarchies that favour Northern partners. Overall, these shifts promote sustainability, resilience, and transformative change within the communities they serve.

A CALL TO ACTION

Grant-making must be participatory and decolonised. Shifting power to communities allows them to leverage their unique insights and experiences, and lead initiatives that effectively address local challenges. We need systems that facilitate this power shift, most importantly decision-making structures that engage communities meaningfully in resource allocation and programme design. When communities have the authority to make decisions, they advocate more effectively, resulting in solutions that are not only relevant but also enduring.

By supporting this power shift, we can create an environment where communities truly thrive and drive their own development processes, ensuring that resources are targeted at the communities that need them most.





Change Story 4

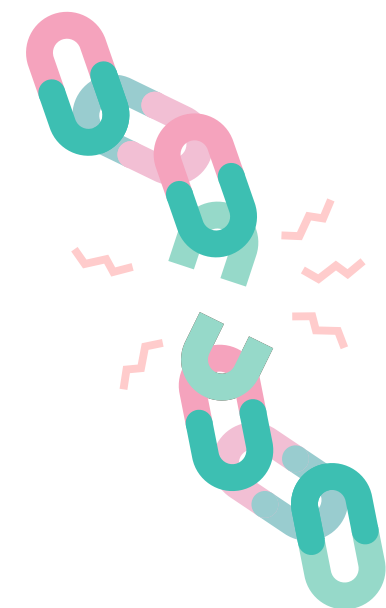
FIGHTING STIGMA

TRANSFORMING LIVES BY FIGHTING STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION

LGBTIQ+ people, people who use drugs, sex workers, and people living with HIV face persistent stigma and discrimination, resulting in human rights violations, including high rates of criminalisation, harassment, and violence. Such violations severely restrict access to essential healthcare services. The constant threat of legal repercussions, social exclusion, and physical harm prevents many from seeking timely medical attention or accessing vital HIV prevention and treatment services. This is further exacerbated by the insidious impact the anti-rights movement is having across Africa and globally. Overcoming persistent stigma and discrimination requires changing mindsets and promoting tolerance and greater understanding.

How we tackle stigma and discrimination

The Love Alliance confronts stigma and discrimination by putting community leadership and evidence-based advocacy first. This strategy involves community members directly documenting human rights violations and gathering evidence on the impact of anti-rights movements to inform targeted initiatives that prioritise their own needs. We also actively challenge harmful gender norms and work to sensitise key actors – including law enforcement, religious leaders, and healthcare providers – to address prejudice and discrimination. Our comprehensive approach encompasses community-led monitoring, advocacy, and targeted sensitisation work to create a more inclusive and equitable environment for marginalised groups.



WHAT WE ACHIEVED



We implemented 165 joint advocacy strategies and campaigns that challenge stigma and discrimination.

WHAT WE DID: THE ROAD TO CHANGE

The Love Alliance has found three effective strategies to addressing stigma and discrimination against marginalised groups:

KEY AREA 1:
PROMOTING TOLERANCE AND UNDERSTANDING

The Love Alliance partners have found innovative ways to get the specific needs and priorities of vulnerable communities heard at local and national level.

Examples from Love Alliance partners in action:

In Kenya, we supported the LGBTIQ+ community to lobby for better representation in the controversial and discriminatory East Africa Community Bill on Sexual and Reproductive Health. We rallied peer advocacy groups and challenged an anti-gender petition and were successful: demands for Love Alliance communities' inclusion in public hearings were met, and inputs reflecting diverse perspectives entered the legislation, preventing the endorsement of stigma and discrimination. We also used intersectional advocacy to help LGBTIQ+ survivors of violence access free legal aid and justice services. Training religious leaders shifted perceptions and improved access to these services for LGBTIQ+ and sex worker communities.

In Zimbabwe, we improved media coverage of LGBTIQ+ issues and enhanced services for female sex workers and queer women by creating safe spaces in clinics. We also raised awareness of transgender rights around mental health and access to care.

In Morocco, partners launched the "my Transition" campaign, a multimedia initiative focused on trans rights and SRHR. The campaign included the release of the "Come to Talk Together" podcast. This provided a platform for trans individuals to share personal stories and experiences around SRHR services, transphobia and discrimination. The campaign reached a wide audience, helping to challenge misconceptions and reduce stigma around HIV status and trans identities.

66 To effectively oppose the punitive SRHR bill, we adopted a specific approach centered on the language used when providing feedback. To avoid provoking our opponents in the East African Community parliament, we deliberately avoided using any LGBTIQ+ acronyms. We understood that such terminology could lead to the rejection of our recommendations. 99

National Advocacy Partner, Kenya

KEY AREA 2:
TRANSFORMING ATTITUDES OF POLICE, RELIGIOUS LEADERS,
MEDIA AND HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

The Love Alliance engages with groups that discriminate against people who use drugs, sex workers, and LGBTIQ+ individuals to shift their attitudes and behaviour:

Partners in Burkina Faso worked with the judiciary and law enforcement to sensitise them on discrimination towards marginalised communities leading to a commitment to reduce police persecution, and a significant fall in police brutality against sex workers.

In South Africa, the South African Network of People who Use Drugs (SANPUD) and national partners educated healthcare providers and stakeholders in harm reduction, and successfully launched a national Psychosocial Harm Reduction programme. This initiative changed attitudes toward people who use drugs and led to over 400 referrals for testing and treatment. Engaging with law enforcement reduced harassment reports and boosted access to vital services for vulnerable populations.

In Egypt our national advocacy partner ran digital media campaigns highlighting critical issues, including the sexual health

needs of individuals in war zones. In 2024, we produced 124 digital media products - written, audio, and video - reaching over 450,000 followers and generating 55 million views. These campaigns focused on amplifying voices often neglected in traditional media. We also launched the Comprehensive Guide on HIV spreading awareness about HIV in Arabic-speaking communities and reaching over 100,000 people. The Love Alliance's support enabled our partners to contribute to a greater understanding and de-stigmatisation of HIV.

66 Through hotspot mapping we now know where we can access services. We need to aim for at least sensitising 90% of healthcare facilities to access key population-friendly services. 99

Zimbabwe Love Alliance community member



KEY AREA 3: COMMUNITY-LED MONITORING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The Love Alliance promotes community-led monitoring to document human rights violations, including:

In South Africa, after the sex worker-led movement Sisonke presented evidence of human rights violations at the second presidential summit to combat gender-based violence, the government pledged to increase shelters for the LGBTIQ+ community and allocate funding to organisations that provide legal support to communities.

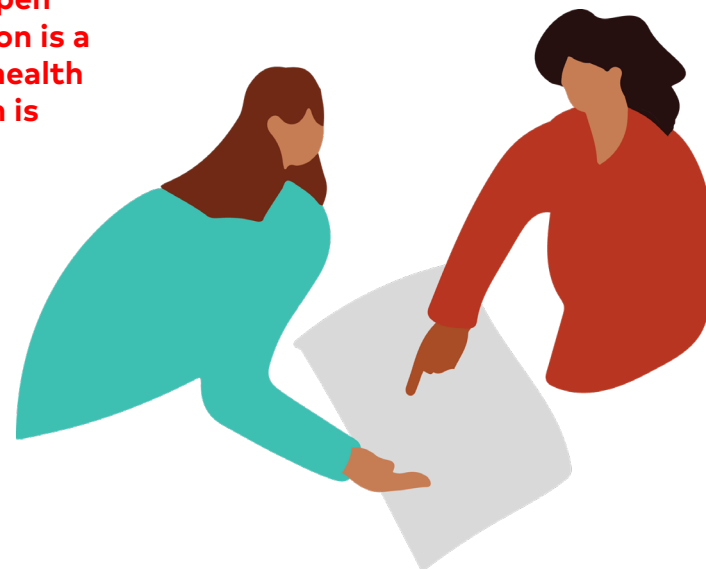
Community-led monitoring has played a pivotal role in informing advocacy efforts in Burkina Faso. Partners established a national observatory to document human

rights violations against key populations. The evidence collected through the observatory is used by partners in their advocacy to the government and to produce shadow reports through the Universal Periodic Review process, contributing to advocacy for human rights and accountability.

In Kenya, recognising the intersectionality of our communities, and the need for a safe space, a platform has been established for sex workers, LGBTIQ+ persons and people who use drugs. Key population groups are now working together on funding advocacy and engaging in the community-led monitoring processes that are happening in the country.

“There has been an introduction of health services for Love Alliance communities at the health centre. This has motivated communities to look for the health services which did not happen before. As people know that discrimination is a crime, now they feel free to look for the health services instead of self-medication which is dangerous.”

Mozambique Love Alliance community member



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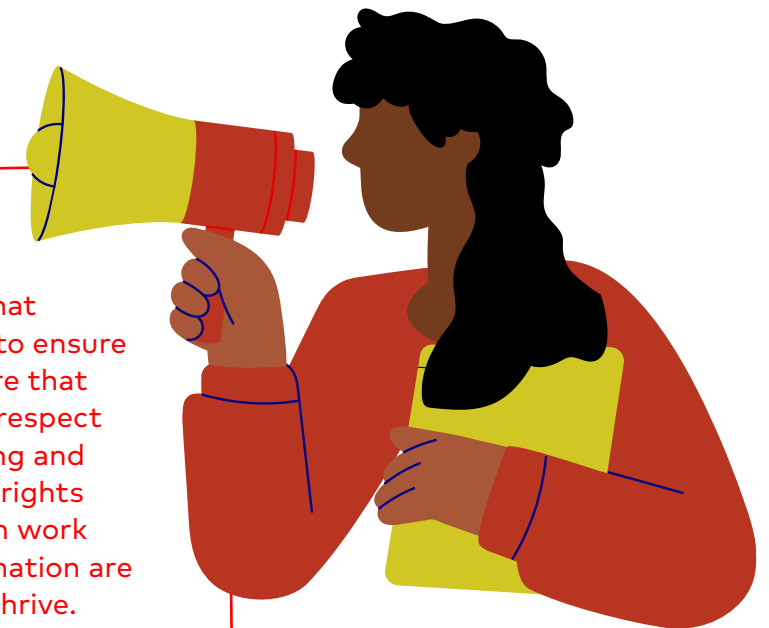
The Love Alliance has achieved significant progress in combating stigma and discrimination against marginalised communities through grassroots advocacy and engagement. By empowering individuals from vulnerable groups to advocate for their SRHR, the Alliance has won over local leaders and gained better access to policymakers. This has boosted access to legal aid and services for LGBTIQ+ individuals and led to the adoption of intersex rights into national policies.

Community campaigns and better media coverage have challenged negative stereotypes and promoted awareness of rights. The Love Alliance has transformed attitudes among key stakeholders, including law enforcement and healthcare providers. Collaboration has fostered understanding, reduced violence against marginalised populations, and established safe community spaces. Community-led monitoring has documented human rights violations, harnessing evidence-based advocacy to bring policy change. Overall, the Love Alliance's work has significantly advanced rights for marginalised communities.

A CALL TO ACTION

Investment in human rights programmes that tackle stigma and discrimination is critical, to ensure quality health care for all. We need to ensure that every individual is treated with dignity and respect to create more inclusive societies. By funding and supporting initiatives that promote human rights education, awareness, and advocacy, we can work toward a future where stigma and discrimination are no longer tolerated, and all individuals can thrive.

Community-led monitoring initiatives must be adopted widely to empower marginalised groups to document their experiences, advocate for their rights, and hold leaders to account.



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