

HIV in Fragile & Restricted Settings

Access, rights, and resilience in fragile and restrictive settings: Sustaining HIV systems through community-led response

Aidsfonds supports community-led HIV, sexual health, harm reduction and rights-based responses in settings affected by conflict, displacement, criminalisation, shrinking civic space, anti-rights backlash and funding disruption.

Impact snapshot

> **600,000+**

HIV-related services delivered annually

> **2.6 million**

young people reached each year

> **313 community-led organisations**

strengthened through the Love Alliance

> **62,000 refugees**

in Ukraine, Poland, and Slovakia received HIV treatment and care

> **€5.5 million+**

mobilised for Ukraine/CEECA emergency response

What Aidsfonds brings

Flexible financing in volatile contexts

We mobilise and manage rapid, adaptive funding enabling community-led organisations operating in crisis, conflict, criminalised or politically sensitive environments to respond to changing risks. This includes emergency grants, regranting, organisational continuity support and flexible resources that allow partners to respond dynamically.

Rights-based protection and anti-criminalisation work

We support partners to document rights violations, challenge punitive laws, reduce violence, engage law enforcement and health providers, and defend civic space. This work is central to HIV outcomes: where communities are criminalised or unsafe, access to HIV prevention and treatment is undermined.

Continuity of HIV services

We support partners in maintaining access to access to HIV prevention, treatment, harm reduction and sexual health services through community-led and hybrid service delivery. Aidsfonds works through organisations trusted by people often excluded from formal systems.

Strong delivery discipline

We have a strong track record in bringing the systems needed to manage complex international partnerships: compliance, safeguarding, grant management, financial controls, monitoring, evaluation, learning, risk management and donor accountability.

Our track record

> **Love Alliance: community power, litigation, and policy change**

Strengthened 313 community-led organisations across 10 African countries, advancing advocacy, strategic litigation and policy change. Partners advanced legal recognition, challenged discriminatory laws, and reduced barriers to HIV services.

> **Hands Off: reducing violence against sex workers**

Strengthened access to health, rights and justice for sex workers by training 50,000 police officers and 2,500 faith leaders, while documenting human rights violations to inform advocacy and policy change.

> **Ukraine and CEECA: conflict response and system resilience**

Through the Emergency Support Fund, Aidsfonds helped sustain community-led HIV services across Ukraine and CEECA by supporting treatment continuity, harm reduction, legal aid and humanitarian assistance during conflict and displacement.

The Emergency Support Fund

2022 - 2025

The Emergency Support Fund, initiated by Aidsfonds in 2022 in response to the full-scale invasion of Ukraine, provided uninterrupted services and safety for people living with and vulnerable to HIV in Central & Eastern Europe and Central Asia (CEECA) region, including Ukraine.

In 2025:

> 67,113

representatives of key populations directly benefited from ESF-supported services.

> 5,367,312

individuals were reached through HIV related digital outreach and social media campaigns.

“The establishment of a shelter allowed uninterrupted provision of HIV, psychological, and trust-room services during prolonged air alerts. This ensured uninterrupted ART access, and ongoing monitoring of health status, directly supporting treatment adherence in high-risk conflict settings”

– Service Provider Ukraine & CEECA region

Partner with us

Aidsfonds partners with donors, civil society and public health organisations to protect HIV gains in fragile and restrictive settings. We combine trusted community partnerships, flexible financing and strong programme delivery to ensure HIV services and funding reach the communities most at risk.

Together, we can keep people connected to care, protect human rights defenders, reduce violence and criminalisation, strengthen civic space and ensure that HIV financing reaches the communities most at risk of being left behind.

Reach out!

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