

Shifting Power to Communities

As global HIV funding contracts and civic space shrinks, sustainable HIV and SRHR impact depends on shifting power, resources, and decision-making closer to communities.

Aidsfonds works with community-led organisations, movements, and coalitions to strengthen locally-led HIV and sexual health responses.

Impact snapshot

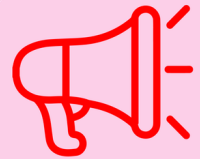
Love Alliance (2021-2025)

- > 394 community-led organisations strengthened
- > 132 coalitions and platforms secured
- > 167 joint advocacy and movement strategies developed

Indonesia Healthy Cities with Pride (2023 - ongoing)

- > 100% community-led
- > 130+ youth-led organisations strengthened across 11 cities
- > 10 new PrEP service locations established
- > Policy change enabling HIV testing under 18 without parental consent

How Aidsfonds shifts power



Communities lead decisions

Through participatory grant-making and trust-based partnerships, communities define priorities, shape solution, and allocate resources themselves.



Flexible financing

Our adaptive funding models help communities flexibly respond to crises, political backlash, shrinking civic space, and ensure continuity of care and services.



Strengthening collective power

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Building lasting power

We strengthen governance, advocacy, organisational systems, and movement infrastructure so community actors can sustain long-term influence and delivery.

Results in practice

> **Community-led HIV & SRHR advocacy**

Regional coalitions in Southern Africa strengthened cross-border HIV and SRHR advocacy in restrictive operating environments.

> **Youth-led service innovation**

Expansion of youth-friendly HIV prevention services and new PrEP access points in Indonesia and other urban settings.

> **Policy & systems change**

Community-led advocacy contributed to policy reform enabling adolescents to access HIV testing without parental consent.

> **Resilient community responses**

Flexible funding mechanisms enabled local partners to maintain services and advocacy during periods of political pressure and funding instability.

Indonesia Healthy Cities with Pride

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This project aims to strengthen capacity for movements of young LGBTIQ+ people across Indonesia to:

- > increase access to HIV services
- > reduce stigma, discrimination, criminalisation and violence against young LGBTIQ+ people, including young people living with HIV

Participatory grantmaking

Healthy Cities with Pride is Aidsfonds' first 100% community-led decision making programme where communities decide where, who, and what to fund. Its aim is to build the next generation of Indigenous grantmakers, raising the capacity of youth-led organisations to rightfully take their place as decision makers in their own programs.

“I was 21 when Aidsfonds first approached me, and I was really nervous. But they really trusted me as a leader and us as a youth-led organisation. It's kind of emotional for me because ... [it] enabled me to help other young people like me who have the same struggles.”

– Bella Aubree, National Coordinator of Inti Muda

Why funders choose Aidsfonds?

Beyond consultation

Communities are partners in governance, financing, and strategy - not just programme participants.

Trust-based financing

Flexible funding models replace restrictive donor control with local ownership and accountability.

Access in complex environments

We work where criminalisation, exclusion, and shrinking civic space limit traditional HIV and SRHR delivery models.

Linking local action to global influence

We connect community-led evidence and lived experience to national policy change and global HIV and SRHR advocacy.

“I think the value add and the really special and unique role that Aidsfonds plays is its role with community partners. Aidsfonds is a true partner to community, works alongside [them] to really understand what [their] needs are.”

– Jenny Cozins, Head of Positive Action
at ViiV Healthcare

Partner with us to shift power to communities
and strengthen locally-led HIV and SRHR systems
at scale.

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