ActHIVate Fund

Our ambition: Sustainable, community-led HIV services for men who have sex with men and trans communities in restrictive environments

Community-led organisations are often the only HIV healthcare providers reaching MSM and trans communities in criminalised and restrictive settings.

With civic space shrinking and funding under pressure, investing in these organisations is more critical than ever.

Because ending HIV requires investing in those closest to both the challenge and the solution.

> **Catalytic pooled fund**
for community-led service delivery, advocacy, and organisational resilience

> **€4M seed investment**
by Aidsfonds over four years (2026-2029)

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Why ActHIVate is needed now

Escalating barriers and urgent unmet health needs

MSM and trans communities continue to face criminalisation, exclusion, stigma, and discrimination that restrict access to services in increase HIV risk. As anti-rights movements gain influence and civic freedoms are under pressure, the barriers become harder to overcome.

Funding cuts widen critical gaps in HIV services

Community-led organisations provide trusted, accessible and culturally competent HIV services where national systems fall short. Yet PEPFAR funding cuts in 2025-26 were concentrated in services for key populations, with local partners hit hardest (amFAR, 2026).

Hard won gains remain vulnerable

Meeting immediate health needs alone is not enough. Without integration of community-led approaches into health systems and supportive policies, progress can be reversed by political shifts, funding cuts or discriminatory pressures.

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Investing in community-led solutions

Designed through extensive consultations with more than 40 MSM and trans community representatives globally, ActHIVate responds to community-identified priorities and addresses a critical gap in flexible funding for community-led HIV responses.

ActHIVate invests in organisations and activities that:

Meet urgent health needs

Supporting services that respond to unmet HIV-related healthcare needs of MSM and trans communities.

Strengthen community-led models

Investing in approaches that deliver measurable results and provide evidence for wider adoption.

Influence systems and policies

Supporting advocacy and engagement that advance the sustainable integration of key populations into national healthcare responses.

> **ActHIVate addresses immediate health needs while creating pathways for long-term systems and policy change**

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Geographic focus

Concentrating resources where they can have the greatest impact

ActHIVate prioritises funding for organisations in countries and regions where the HIV epidemic is growing, where funding cuts have hit hardest, and where there are significant social and political barriers to healthcare access for MSM and trans communities. We work with established and trusted community-led organisations capable of delivering impact.

The current geographic priorities are:

> Nigeria
> Uganda
> South West Asia and North Africa (SWANA)
> Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA)

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Together, we can achieve what no single donor can do alone

ActHIVate is more than a fund. It is a collective commitment to ensuring that MSM and trans communities can continue to lead the HIV response in the places where they are needed most.

Aidsfonds' investment provides a strong foundation, but our ambition extends much further.

Your contribution does more than add to the pool; it amplifies collective impact. It strengthens organisations, leaders, and movements that continue to deliver services, drive advocacy, and create change in some of the world's most challenging environments.

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Partner with us to strengthen community-led solutions.
Invest in an HIV response that leaves no one behind.

Reach out!

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