



Supporting community action on AIDS in developing countries

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What are we asking for?

This is one of a number of briefings produced in support of a campaign from the International HIV/AIDS Alliance (the Alliance) asking 'what's preventing prevention?'. These briefings are available to download from www.aidsalliance.org

We call on governments to

At the national level

- break the barriers that impede access to HIV prevention programmes and services for vulnerable and most-at-risk populations and empower those key populations to be at the centre of the HIV response.
- respect, promote & protect the human rights of key populations and remove the political, cultural, social, legal barriers that affect effective HIV prevention measures, including combating stigma and social discrimination.
- remove legislation that hinders access to HIV prevention for key populations, especially laws that criminalize specific groups or behaviors. These include laws targeting sex workers, drug users, men who have sex with men, and HIV exposure or transmission.
- introduce nation-wide HIV & AIDS plans that ensure effective combination HIV prevention programmes and services, including time-bound plans to tackle root causes of HIV transmission.
- ensure the equal, meaningful participation in programme design and implementation of civil society organisations, key populations and representatives of people living with HIV.
- introduce national funding policies and mechanisms that value and support civilsociety-led and community-based interventions, foster integration and promote the strengthening of community systems in national strategic plans. These policies must empower civil society, to implement evidence and rights-based approaches to HIV prevention.
- increase the capacity for national programmes to collect, analyse, interpret and make data public, especially on key populations, and use it to inform programme design, as well as include strong accountability and M&E systems.
- Governments should make public their funding allocation for HIV prevention programmes and services in detail including a disaggregation as per types of intervention focused on each category of key population.

We call on donors to

At the global level

- provide leadership to scale up cost-effective funding for HIV prevention that targets key populations and empowers them to lead (design, implementation and evaluation) community based HIV prevention initiatives.
- create an international coordinating mechanism for HIV prevention that harmonises funding policies and reporting on HIV prevention allocation, introducing common indicators for HIV prevention funding that i) Target key populations, ii) Take into account the participation of such populations in decision making processes, iii) Factor in external barriers to access HIV prevention services and programmes.
- review the current distribution of funding for HIV prevention worldwide and make sure that there is a significant increase in funding allocation for interventions allocated to key populations.
- commit to supporting community system strengthening approaches to HIV prevention and ensure a combined HIV prevention strategy at the global and national level for tuberculosis (TB), Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH), and HIV/AIDS.
- put in place transparent and accessible tracking, accountability, M&E and learning systems of global funding for HIV prevention that track allocation from global to grass roots levels.
- ensure that governments and implementing bodies that receive funding for HIV prevention report publicly and fully on size and prevalence of HIV/AIDS among key populations; on types of intervention and allocation; and indicate explicitly how these populations take part in the implementation of such programmes.
- commit to including human rights violations and other legal, social, policy or administrative barriers to access to HIV prevention as indicators for future funding allocation.

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