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**GNP+**  
GLOBAL  
NETWORK  
OF PEOPLE  
LIVING  
WITH HIV/AIDS

**In memory of all our sisters and brothers who have died of AIDS**

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In celebration of all those who manage to continue to live with HIV  
despite sometimes overwhelming odds in all parts of the Globe

## Letter from GNP+ Board Chair, Ms. Deborah Williams

This year will be remembered as the year that we saw the realisation of our efforts towards the professionalization of the network. GNP+ has undergone a dramatic and exciting shift in the way in which the network operates, from an activity-based working method to being objective-oriented. To ensure effectiveness and sustainability the secretariat is also proactively working on improvements across the board. Through systematic, thoughtful and strategic long-term thinking GNP+ is scaling up efforts to enable a better world for those of us living with HIV.



This shift has greatly impacted the development of the network and secretariat which now has the capacity to enable the roll-out of long-term programming, including results-based work plan frameworks that are clearly driven by the Global Advocacy Agenda and 5 Platforms: Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Human Rights, Prevention, Empowerment, and Strengthened Governance and Communication. Under these Platforms our programmes work toward gathering evidence and developing user-friendly tools, which seek to inform programmes and policies at national and regional levels.

One example of this shift is our new *Leadership through Accountability Programme*. This 5-year programme is cross-cutting throughout the GNP+ Platforms and is a collaborative effort with the World AIDS Campaign (WAC). Through this programme GNP+, WAC and PLHIV networks in 15 countries (starting with 3 countries in 2009: Kenya, Nigeria, and Zambia) will support national processes to achieve universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support using the innovative GNP+ mapping tools (PLHIV Stigma Index, GIPA Report Card, Human Rights Count!, and Criminalisation Scan) and the Guidance Package on SRHR of PLHIV.

Central to our work was the *LIVING 2008: The Positive Leadership Summit* which brought together over 250 PLHIV from over 80 countries in advance of the XVII International AIDS Conference in Mexico. Through the consultative process by and for PLHIV that took place from January to July 2008 culminating with the LIVING 2008 Summit itself, shaped many of GNP+ programmes and the 2009 Workplan, including building the foundation for GNP+ work on prevention, with the new programme *Advancing Positive Prevention through PLHIV Leadership*.

Throughout 2008, among the many successes there have been challenges too, namely in regards to core-funding, which is essential for the development of advocacy tools and convening people and networks to share expertise and experiences. With the global financial crisis, we need to ensure that efforts towards achieving universal access and building an enabling environment for PLHIV remain global priorities.

On behalf of the GNP+ board of directors, with respect and sincerity, I am pleased to present the Annual Report for 2008.

Deborah Williams, GNP+ Board Chair

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## VISION

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To strengthen the worldwide movement of people living with HIV by providing leadership and a voice for people living with HIV.

## MISSION

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To improve the quality of life of people living with HIV on the national, regional and international levels.

GNP+ is based on shared principles that include a commitment to ensuring that the network is driven by constituency's needs, the understanding that HIV is a human rights issue, an acknowledgement of the need to address gender inequalities and a commitment to solidarity, hope, compassion, inclusion and diversity.

## GLOBAL ADVOCACY AGENDA

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1. To increase access to treatment, care and prevention programs for all PLHIV.
2. To decrease stigma and discrimination directed towards people living with HIV
3. Increased and more meaningful involvement of people living with HIV at all levels and in every aspect of the HIV response

## 2008 PLATFORMS FOR ACTION

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1. Sexual and reproductive rights of people living with HIV
2. Human rights of people living with HIV
3. Empowerment of people living with HIV
4. Strengthen governance of and communication within GNP+

## GNP+ Regions & Governance: A Network of Networks Driven by People Living with HIV

GNP+ is a global network, on equal footing with the autonomous regional networks, but with a global mandate. GNP+ continually feeds-back to the regions through consultations, annual board meetings and through the representation of the regional networks on the GNP+ board of directors. This ensures that PLHIV are at the center of everything we do and that networks of PLHIV from around the world drive our cutting-edge evidence informed advocacy efforts, Global Advocacy Agenda and 5 Platform Areas.

Each regional network nominates 2 members to the GNP+ board of directors who serve two-year terms. The networks are required to elect a gender balanced representation to the board. The regional networks are:

**Network of African People Living with HIV/AIDS (NAP+)**

**Asia Pacific Network of People with HIV/AIDS (APN+)**

**Caribbean Regional Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (CRN+)**

**The Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS Europe (GNP+ Europe)**

**The Latin American Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (RedLa+)**

**Global Network of People Living with HIV North America (GNP+ NA)**



**As of 1 July 2008, the GNP+ board consists of the following people:**

### **Africa**

Mrs. Miriam Banda, Zambia  
Mrs. Marie Mendene, Cameroon

### **Asia/Pacific**

Mr. Dionisio Quinto Jr.,  
Philippines  
Ms. Rachel Ong Yong Yong,  
Singapore

### **Caribbean**

Ms. Deborah Williams, Tobago  
(Chairperson)  
Vacancy

### **Europe**

Mrs. Svetlana Moroz, Ukraine  
Vacancy

### **Latin America**

Mr. Ruben Pechio, Panama  
Mrs. Laura Ines Perez Ottonello,  
Uruguay (Treasurer)

### **North America**

Mr. Skip Rosenthal, USA  
Vacancy

## GNP+ secretariat

The GNP+ secretariat has 9 staff and is located in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. GNP+ staffs are:

Mr. Aad Louter, Book keeper

Dr. Christoforos Mallouris, Director of Programmes

Mrs. Elizabeth Wouters-Eising, Administrative Accountant

Ms. Georgina Caswell, Programme Officer

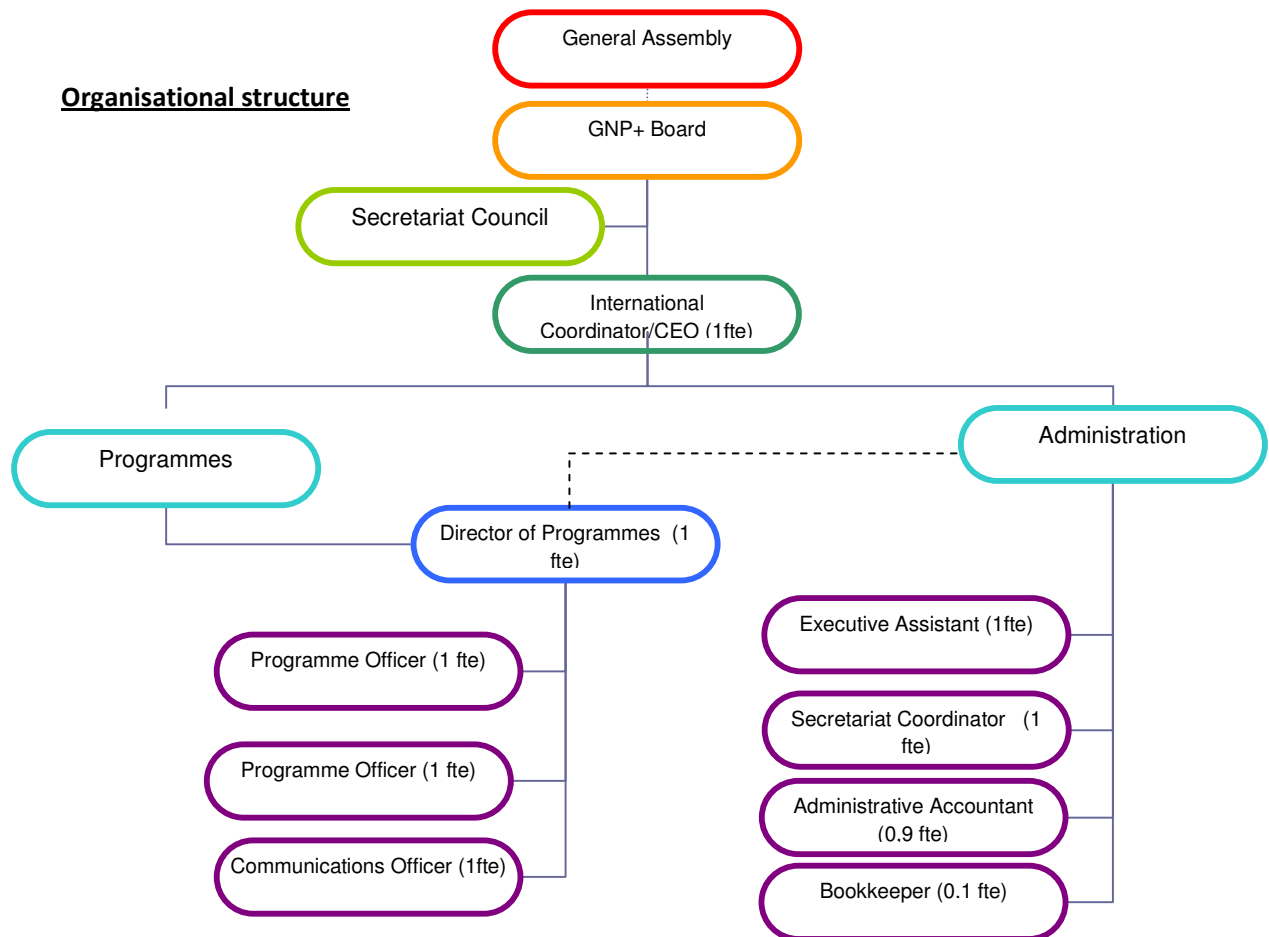
Mr. Gil Levy, Executive Assistant

Dr. Kevin Moody, International Coordinator/CEO

Mr. Marsel Kuzyakov, Programme Officer

Mr. Martin Stolk, Communications Officer

Mr. Rick Jones, Secretariat Coordinator



## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS - 2008

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- **Leadership through Accountability Programme** - In partnership with the World AIDS Campaign, secured funding from DfID to roll-out mapping tools in 15 countries over 5 years (2008-2013) supporting PLHIV networks to strengthen evidence-base advocacy, policy, programming and participation in national processes.
- **LIVING 2008- The Positive Leadership Summit: Reclaiming our Advocacy Agenda** –31 July to 1 August 2008 in Mexico. The Summit convened 267 PLHIV leaders from 82 countries. Website developed and innovative consultation mechanisms used to develop the Summit’s thematic areas. Resulting from the consultations and the Summit are priorities and recommendations for action by and for PLHIV on four thematic areas: SRHR, Criminalisation of HIV transmission, Access to treatment, care and support, and Prevention (with a focus on positive prevention).
- **Global Criminalisation Scan** - Website and user guide launched on World AIDS Day 2008. Information on legislature, policies and prosecuted cases from over 150 countries and territories has so far been uploaded onto the website.
- **PLHIV Stigma Index** - Seed grants distributed through GNP+ to over 20 countries to initiate county-led PLHIV Stigma Index initiatives.
- **Advancing Positive Prevention through PLHIV Leadership** – Programme Officer recruited, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, to support the development of a GNP+ programme on prevention.
- **Second Donor Consortium Conference, Amsterdam, March 2008** - For the first time, PLHIV networks, donor agencies, and AIDS Ambassadors engaged in discussions and reflections on current policies, and collectively set goals and common objectives for the next two years.
- **The GIPA Report Card** - The pilot phase was completed in India, Kenya, Lesotho, and Trinidad and Tobago, testing tool effectiveness with 47 respondent interviews. As a result, the tool was revised (January 2009) and will be disseminated widely amongst PLHIV networks.



- **Advancing the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Human Rights of People Living With HIV: A Guidance Package**- Developed with **United Nations partners, EngenderHealth, ICW, IPPF, and Young Positives**, The Guidance Package describes key areas for change with 12 policy and programmatic recommendations (will be available in April 2009).
  
- **Renewal Process** - Process initiated in 2007 and will continue through 2009 focusing on governance renewal. Strong Board commitment to critically look at effectiveness of network governance structure and the inclusion of young PLHIV in the process.
  
- **New GNP+ Management Tools** – To enhance M&E capacities a *top level tool* provides a quick overview of where work plan implementation stands; the *second level management tool* provides detailed information on work plan outcomes linked to budgets.

## Platform Areas: Key Programmes & Activities at-a Glance

### PLATFORM #1 SEXUAL & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH & RIGHTS OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV

- **Advancing the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Human Rights of People Living With HIV: A Guidance Package**- with EngenderHealth, ICW, IPPF, UNAIDS, UNFPA, WHO & Young Positives
- **LIVING 2008 Global Consultation thematic group on SRHR**
- **Rapid Assessment Tool for SRH & HIV Linkages: A Generic Guide**- with IPPF UNFPA, WHO, UNAIDS, ICW & Young Positives
- **Global Consultation on the Rights of Women, Men and Young PLHIV on SRHR**

### PLATFORM #2 HUMAN RIGHTS OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV

- **Global Criminalisation Scan\***- in partnership with the regional PLHIV networks
- **LIVING 2008 Global Consultation thematic group on criminalisation of HIV transmission**
- **Human Rights Count!\*** -in partnership with the regional PLHIV networks
- **People Living with HIV Stigma Index\*** – with IPPF, ICW & UNAIDS
- **Verdict on a Virus: Public Health, Human Rights and Criminal Law** – with IPPF, ICW

### PLATFORM #3 PREVENTION

- **Advancing Positive Prevention through PLHIV Leadership**
- **International Rectal Microbicides Advocates**- GNP+ is a steering committee member
- **LIVING 2008 Global Consultation thematic group on positive prevention**
- **Advocates Brief: HIV Positive Women and Microbicides**- with Global Campaign for Microbicides

### PLATFORM #4 EMPOWERMENT OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV

- **LIVING 2008 – The Positive Leadership Summit: Reclaiming our Advocacy Agenda** – with ICW, ICASO, IAS, IFRC, the International HIV/AIDS Alliance, IPPF, Mexican Network of HIV-Positive People, Sidaction, UNAIDS & WHO
- **HIV Leadership through Accountability Programme** – with World AIDS Campaign
- **GIPA Report Card\***- with UNAIDS & ICW
- **NGO Code of Good Practice**- with IPPF, UNAIDS, ICW & IFRC
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Donor Consortium Conference**- with Young Positives, the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs & DfID
- **AIDS 2008**- GNP+ is ongoing co-organiser
- **The 2008 HIV/AIDS Implementers' Meeting**- GNP+ is ongoing co-organiser

### PLATFORM #5 KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT & NETWORK RENEWAL

- **Renewal of GNP+'s Processes, Governance, Knowledge Management, Network Building and Maintenance**
- **Monitoring and Evaluation**
- **Communications**

\*One of the mapping tools being rolled-out in 15 countries in 2009-2013 as part of the joint GNP+ and World AIDS Campaign (WAC) *Leadership through Accountability* programme.



## **PLATFORM # 1**

# **SEXUAL & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH & RIGHTS OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV**

- 1.1 Advancing the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Human Rights of PLHIV: A Guidance Package
- 1.2 Rapid Assessment Tool for Sexual & Reproductive Health and HIV Linkages: A Generic Guide
- 1.3 Report on the Global Consultation on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights of People Living with HIV
- 1.4 Other Sexual and Reproductive Rights activities

## **1.1 Advancing the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Human Rights of People Living With HIV: A Guidance Package**

Following on the outcomes of the Global Consultation on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) of People Living with HIV in December 2007, GNP+, in partnership with EngenderHealth, the International Community of Women Living with HIV (ICW), International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), UNAIDS, UNFPA, WHO and Young Positives, coordinated the production of the Guidance Package. The Guidance Package developed by PLHIV aims to support country level action to help policymakers, programme managers, health professionals, donors, and advocates better understand the specific steps that must be taken to support the sexual and reproductive health and rights of PLHIV.

The Guidance Package describes key areas for change with 12 recommendations that will form the basis of GNP+ activities to support regional and country networks of PLHIV, as well as other stakeholders to translate these recommendations into action and inform policy changes at all levels. The recommendations encompass – in many cases cut across – changes that must be made in health services, in the policy and legal arena, and in advocacy efforts.

A key success of the Guidance Package has been the strategic engagement of the United Nations system as a formal partner in its elaboration. The United Nations partnership provides the Guidance Package with a credible authority as a foundation to further strengthen this activity upon country level roll-out. At the end of 2008 the Guidance Package was finalized and awaiting United Nations clearance (received February 2009). 15,000 copies of the Guidance Package will be printed with 5,000 per language in Spanish, English and French (expected April 2009). Copies will be distributed to all the programme partners and will also be sent to all the regional networks.

Throughout 2008, GNP+ ensured that individual PLHIV voices from all regions were continually inputted in the Guidance Package, formally through the Global Consultation for LIVING 2008, of which a thematic group was SRHR with 48 members from around the world, and informally on an ongoing basis.

GNP+ recognizes SRHR is a key advocacy issue and anticipates the use of the Guidance Package as part of the joint GNP+ and WAC *Leadership through Accountability Programme* (see section 4.1), initiated in October 2008. During 2009 the Guidance Package will be utilised in advocacy by the PLHIV networks of Kenya, Nigeria and Zambia.

## 1.2 Rapid Assessment Tool for Sexual & Reproductive Health and HIV Linkages: A Generic Guide

Working in partnership with IPPF, UNFPA, WHO, UNAIDS, ICW and Young Positives, GNP+ worked as a partner in the elaboration of this adaptable tool with the objective to assess HIV and SRH bi-directional linkages at the policy, systems and service-delivery levels. It is intended also to identify gaps, and ultimately contribute to the development of country-specific action plans to forge and strengthen these linkages. While this tool focuses primarily on the health sector it can be adapted to cover other sectors (education, social services, and labour). GNP+ will continue the partnership with its partners to further develop effectiveness of the tool.



## 1.3 Report on the Global Consultation on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) of People Living with HIV

In December 2007, GNP+, ICW and Young Positives, in partnership with EngenderHealth, International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), UNAIDS, UNFPA and the WHO, held the Global Consultation on the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights of People Living with HIV. The 65 participants - representing PLHIV networks around the world - discussed three thematic areas: advocacy; creating a supportive legal and policy environment; and creating and strengthening supportive health systems.

At the conclusion of the meeting, participants issued the Amsterdam Statement<sup>1</sup> (thus far downloaded over 600 times from the GNP+ website), a strong declaration of the rights and responsibilities of PLHIV, international, regional, and local organisations, governments, funders, and civil society regarding sexual and reproductive health and rights and public health. The Report of the Consultation was finalized and made available online in early 2008, the English version has been downloaded 450 times and the French translation has been downloaded 108 times. The Spanish version of the Report is now also available. A printed version of the report was distributed at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Donor Consortium in Amsterdam, March 2008 as well as at LIVING 2008, August 2008.

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<sup>1</sup> The Amsterdam statement as well as conference report are available at:

[http://www.gnpplus.net/component/option,com\\_docman/task,doc\\_download/gid,268/Itemid,53/](http://www.gnpplus.net/component/option,com_docman/task,doc_download/gid,268/Itemid,53/)

## 1.4 Other Sexual and Reproductive Rights activities

### GNP+ at High Level dialogue between UN and pharmaceutical companies



In December 2008, the GNP+ International Coordinator & CEO was invited a High Level dialogue between the United Nations and pharmaceutical companies in New York City in October 2008.

United Nations Secretary General Mr. Ban Ki Moon, and UN agencies WHO, UNAIDS, UNICEF and UNDP met with seventeen of the world's research based and generic pharmaceutical and diagnostic companies to review progress on strengthening individual and collective efforts to expand access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support services in low- and middle-income countries.

Dr. Kevin Moody, International Coordinator and CEO of GNP+, during the high level dialogue meeting held a speech emphasizing the need for affordable and easy to use paediatric formulations and second line treatment. Dr. Moody also called attention to the importance of new prevention technologies and reiterated the crucial role the diagnostic companies have following the Swiss statement to make available affordable and easy to use viral load tests and include PLHIV in the design of trial protocols.

**Exploring Coping Strategies and Life Choices Made by HIV-Discordant Couples in Long-Term Relationships: Insights from South Africa, Tanzania and Ukraine** Laetitia Rispel of the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg; Allanise Cloete and Carol Metcalf of Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC), Cape Town, South Africa; and GNP+ International Coordinator & CEO, Kevin Moody.

This exploratory study of 51 couples in three countries was funded by the World Health Organisation (WHO), via GNP+. The purpose of this study was to gather preliminary information about the coping strategies and choices made in the context of long-term HIV discordant relationships, in order to inform policy and programmes catering for HIV-positive persons and their negative partners. The five recommendations based on study findings are:

- Putting HIV discordance on the HIV& AIDS policy agenda
- Supportive programme development to improve couple access to, and coverage with, prevention, treatment and care services.
- Ensuring the provision of sexual and reproductive health services in a supportive and non-discriminatory environment
- Involvement of discordant couple in the HIV response



## **PLATFORM # 2**

# **HUMAN RIGHTS OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV**

- 2.1 Global Criminalization Scan
- 2.2 Human Rights Count!
- 2.3 People Living with HIV Stigma Index
- 2.4 Other Human Rights Activities

## 2.1 Global Criminalization Scan



GNP+ launched the Global Criminalisation Scan website<sup>2</sup> on World AIDS Day 2008. The website is accompanied by a technical user guide to assist networks of people living with HIV from around the world to upload information into the website using templates for data entry on laws, policies, and cases of criminalisation of PLHIV. Information from over 150 countries and territories has so far been uploaded onto the website.

The site has been well visited and there has been a very active and positive exchange with regional constituencies regarding the content of the site and ensure it is up-to-date and accurate. The Criminalisation Scan was also recognized in the HIV media upon the website launch, being mentioned on POZ.com<sup>3</sup> and on AIDSmap.com<sup>4</sup>.

This initiative was developed by GNP+ through engagement with regional partners in Asian and Pacific, Latin America, Europe and North America who participate in the Criminalisation Scan. The Criminalisation Scan direction and priorities are informed by its advisory group which comprises of experts in the field, regional networks and key partner organisations.

To initially gather data a questionnaire was distributed to the regions in French, Spanish and English, and regional PLHIV networks were pulled together data that existed along with the questionnaire and uploaded the data into the website. GNP+ recognizes the wealth of data that already exists focusing on criminalization of HIV transmission. Therefore, with support of advisory group, GNP+ engaged with experts to collate data to avoid duplication of work and waste of resources. In the Latin American region, the Grupo Génesis Panamá Positivo, in Panama has taken the lead to collect and analyse this data on behalf of REDLA+, in the Asia-Pacific region, the Asia

### Global Criminalisation Scan Objectives

1. To record regulations, laws and instances of criminal prosecution of HIV transmission;
2. To provide PLHIV in countries with a tool to investigate how criminal laws are applied to HIV transmission;
3. To provide information about criminalisation globally to assist PLHIV and AIDS activists in their advocacy in order to influence and change laws regarding HIV transmission.

<sup>2</sup> Global Criminalization Scan website: <http://www.gnpplus.net/criminalisation/>

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.poz.com/articles/gnp\\_plus\\_criminalization\\_hiv\\_1\\_15757.shtml](http://www.poz.com/articles/gnp_plus_criminalization_hiv_1_15757.shtml)

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.aidsmap.com/en/news/6B33D8A4-34F1-473F-BDB0-EAD82260B944.asp>



Pacific Network of People living with HIV (APN+) has taken the lead, in the North America region, the Global Network of People living with HIV - North America (GNP+ NA) has taken the lead to collect, review and analyse this data, and data on the countries of Europe and the Central Asia Republics was gathered by Julian Hows, Mark Kenwright, Moono Nyambe and the team at Terrence Higgins Trust (THT).

As of early 2009, the regional networks in the Caribbean and Africa will take on the task of collecting and analysing information for their regions. Moving forward into 2009 GNP+ will expand the Criminalisation Scan website with focused in-depth studies of 2 countries per region.

Edwin Bernard, author of the blog [criminalhivtransmission.blogspot.com](http://criminalhivtransmission.blogspot.com)<sup>5</sup> which focuses on prosecutions for sexual exposure to, or transmission of, HIV around the world wrote a number of in-depth stories for the Criminalisation Scan website, which were guided by subjects developed by the Scan's advisory group.



Criminalisation was one of the thematic groups for LIVING 2008, and from January through August 2008, 65 PLHIV from around the world participated in global consultations to develop priorities and set direction on criminalization issues for the International AIDS Conference in Mexico (AIDS 2008). Guidance from the consultations was continually inputted into the development of the Criminalisation Scan initiative throughout the year.

The Global Criminalisation Scan is 1 of 4 mapping tools being implementing as part of the Leadership through Accountability Programme in 15 countries over a two-year period beginning in 2009.

## 2.2 Human Rights Count!

In regards to the Human Rights Count! initiative, the focus for 2008 was on the development of the questionnaire designed to garner individual information on human rights violations of people living with HIV from around the world. The first draft of the questionnaire was developed based on stakeholder interviews, human rights experts from the Open Society Institute (OSI), the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network and also members of the regional PLHIV networks. The questionnaire can be self-administered or filled-in with assistance and is simple to use, yet valid by vigorous research standards. Software for the database



<sup>5</sup> <http://criminalhivtransmission.blogspot.com/>

which will store the data online is currently under development in parallel with the finalisation of the questionnaire.

### **Human Rights Count! Objectives**

1. To document and publicize human rights violations against PLHIV
2. To provide evidence and support advocacy efforts around decreasing human rights violations against PLHIV

Based on consultations in early 2008 with the Human Rights Count! Advisory Group, it became apparent that the original strategy of implementation for the initiative needed to be updated in initial phase plan. In 2007, the strategy was to develop a baseline survey of human rights violations globally, then use an online website tool to document and collect stories. Quickly it was realized that a baseline survey could not be implemented without the online website tool. Both the public website and the questionnaire will be launched in early 2009. An educational tool to accompany the Human Rights Count! website will be developed once a sufficient baseline of personal stories per region has been gathered on rights violations. This information will inform the development of the educational tool in the coming year.

To build organisational capacity for the Human Rights Count! Initiative, in 2008 GNP+ worked with the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva (OHCHR). OHCHR shared information on the best practices of documenting human rights violations including developing an online human rights documentation tool, and how individuals can seek redress for violations and contributed to the elaboration of the Human Rights Count methodology and tools.

During 2008, GNP+ also consulted with the Human Rights Information and Documentation Systems, International (HURIDOCs) in the development of the Human Rights Count online system in order to ensure best practices for the web-based documentation and storing of human rights violations.

Human Rights Count! is 1 of 4 mapping tools being implementing as part of the Leadership through Accountability Programme in 15 countries beginning in 2009 with Kenya, Nigeria and Zambia.

## **2.3 People Living with HIV Stigma Index**

During 2008, GPN+ coordinated the distribution of seed grants to countries implementing the PLHIV Stigma Index. Throughout 2008, 2,000 USD seed grants for country PLHIV Stigma Index initiatives have thus far been distributed to Zambia, Sri Lanka, Paraguay, Papa New Guinea, Panama, Pakistan, Ecuador, Nepal, Myanmar, Mexico, Malaysia, Argentina, Malawi, India, Haiti, Fiji, Niger, El Salvador, Congo, Colombia, Cameroon, and Burundi. The goal of the seed grants is to support country networks of PLHIV to



develop an action plan for a full country roll-out of the tool, build strategic partnerships, and develop resource mobilisation proposals.

During 2008, GNP+ engaged very strongly with the PLHIV Stigma Index partners – ICW, UNAIDS – and project lead organisation – IPPF. GNP+ is represented on the PLHIV Stigma Index Steering Committee and participated in three (3) Steering Committee meetings throughout 2008. One meeting was hosted by the GNP+ secretariat in Amsterdam while the others were hosted by UNAIDS in Geneva and by ICW in London. Over the course of 2008 the Steering Committee reviewed the status of PLHIV Stigma Index implementation, governance, and seed grants to countries, resource mobilization for country roll-out, proposals from country networks, training workshops for regions, and other partnership issues. As a result of the Steering Committee meetings the PLHIV Stigma Index now has governance standards and guidelines and a template proposal for resource mobilisation at country level. The PLHIV Stigma Index website was launched in August of 2008 and the User Guide is available in English, French and Spanish and will be translated further in 2009. Regional training workshops were conducted during 2008 in Asia (2 workshops), Africa (3 workshops), Latin America (1 workshop) with further workshops being conducted in the Middle East and North Africa region (February 2009) and Eastern Europe (March 2009).

Throughout 2008 the PLHIV Stigma Index was widely recognized at international and regional meetings and conferences including being mentioned at the 2008 HIV/AIDS Implementers' Meeting and was presented at AIDS 2008 in poster presentations (lessons learned from the Dominican Republic), panel presentation and satellite sessions (presenting the PLHIV Stigma Index).

PLHIV Stigma Index is 1 of 4 mapping tools being implementing as part of the Leadership Through Accountability Programme in 15 countries over a two-year period beginning in 2009.

## 2.4 Other Human Rights Activities

### **Verdict on a Virus: Public Health, Human Rights and Criminal Law**

GNP+ collaborated with IPPF and ICW on the advocacy tool entitled *Verdict on a Virus: Public Health, Human Rights and Criminal Law*<sup>6</sup> launched in November 2008, just prior to World AIDS Day 2008. GNP+ was a partner in the elaboration of this educational tool for those who want to know more about the criminalization of HIV transmission or exposure and the related health, human rights and legal implications.



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<sup>6</sup> Verdict on a Virus is available from IPPF's website in French and English:

<http://www.ippf.org/en/Resources/Guides-toolkits/Verdict+on+a+virus.htm>

The guide assists users to become more familiar with the latest laws, legal support and other services relating to HIV in their country or region and is available in French and English.

### **UNAIDS & UNDP Policy Brief on the Criminalisation of HIV Transmission**

Contributing towards other criminalisation response efforts, GNP+ provided comments based on November 2007 technical consultation on criminalisation of HIV transmission. As a result the joint UNAIDS and UNDP 'Policy Brief on the Criminalisation of HIV Transmission'<sup>7</sup> advice was released in August 2008, which has included GNP+ interventions.

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<sup>7</sup> [http://data.unaids.org/pub/BaseDocument/2008/20080731\\_jc1513\\_policy\\_criminalization\\_en.pdf](http://data.unaids.org/pub/BaseDocument/2008/20080731_jc1513_policy_criminalization_en.pdf)



## **PLATFORM # 3**

## **PREVENTION**

3.1 Positive Prevention

3.2 New Prevention Technologies: Microbicides

3.3 Other Prevention Activities

## 3.1 Positive Prevention

### Advancing Positive Prevention through PLHIV Leadership

In 2008, GNP+ successfully mobilized resources to further advance work in prevention with a new initiative called *Advancing Positive Prevention through PLHIV Leadership*, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The goal of the initiative will be to support organisational knowledge and capacity and ensure that there is PLHIV leadership on prevention during and beyond the AIDS 2008 Mexico conference. A Programme Officer has been recruited as of November 2008 to focus on this new programme.

The foundation for GNP+'s emerging work on positive prevention was developed out of LIVING 2008 Summit (August 2008) and the pre-Summit consultations (January to July 2008) as one of the four thematic focuses of the Summit. Over a period of 7 months, people living with HIV around the world have worked to define and own positive prevention. Regional face-to-face group consultations with people living with HIV were held by the Asia-Pacific Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (APN+), the Caribbean Regional Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (CRN+), European AIDS Treatment Group (EATG), GNP+ North America, the ICW, the Network of African People Living with HIV/AIDS (NAP+), and the Red Cross/Red Crescent Network of People Living with HIV (RCRC+). An on-line forum was also facilitated involving 70 members from Africa, the Caribbean, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East and North America. In addition, a literature review was conducted to improve understanding of how positive prevention has – and has not – been defined, to date.

At LIVING 2008 in Mexico, the sessions on positive prevention was the most controversial and at the same time most revitalising, with highly engaged debate. Conversations focused on definitions of positive prevention and deconstructing the term to build understanding among PLHIV leaders. Participants emerged from the discussion with a definition focused on the responsibility between people living with HIV and those not living with HIV' consultations: *shared responsibly*.

The LIVING 2008 Summit discussions, the pre-Summit consultations and the literature review have provided GNP+ an opportunity to build a foundation and knowledge base for moving forward, as this GNP+ activity is being scaled up and further developed as part of a new prevention platform for 2009. GNP+ will lead on research, further technical consultation and continue advocacy into 2009 and beyond.

In response to the debate at LIVING 2008, UNAIDS and GNP+ are convening in April 2009 a technical consultation on the subject of positive prevention to seek advancement in laying ground for an international consensus on positive prevention.

The proposed technical consultation forms an initial part of the process bringing together experts on the subject for a focused discussion on 'positive prevention' and the development of a strategy to gather experiences and knowledge of stakeholders, in particular PLHIV at regional, national and local levels.

## 3.2 New Prevention Technologies: Microbicides

### International Rectal Microbicides Advocates

GNP+ continues to be an active member of the International Rectal Microbicides Advocates<sup>8</sup> Steering Group and through 2008 participated in numerous meetings to help set directions with the leading global advocacy initiative on rectal Microbicides.

### Global Campaign for Microbicides

GNP+ worked in partnership with ICW and the Global Campaign for Microbicides on the second version of the *Advocates Brief: HIV Positive Women and Microbicides*<sup>9</sup>, December 2008. Microbicides have the potential to benefit HIV positive women by enhancing their sexual lives and helping reduce their risk of infection with new strains of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs). Access to effective, user-initiated HIV prevention tools is important for women who cannot always negotiate condom use with their male partner(s) or who do not wish to use condoms (for instance, those trying to conceive). The *Advocates Brief* assists to identify key issues regarding Microbicides and their potential impact on the lives of women living with HIV.

## 3.3 Other Prevention Activities

### GNP+ Reaction to World Health Organisation New Model

In late November 2008, GNP+ issued a press statement as a result of the finding based on a mathematical modelling exercise carried out by the World Health Organization (WHO) which indicate that universal HIV testing and immediate antiretroviral therapy for everyone diagnosed with HIV in a country with very high HIV prevalence could reduce new infections from 20 per thousand to 1 per thousand within ten years, and published by The Lancet on November 26, 2008.

The GNP+ press statement carried on AIDSmap.com<sup>10</sup> said that the study represented a breakthrough in thinking by WHO, but urged the agency to work closely with PLHIV networks to increase access to testing and treatment while protecting human rights.

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<sup>8</sup> <http://www.rectalmicrobicides.org>

<sup>9</sup> Brief is available here: <http://www.global-campaign.org/clientfiles/FS7-PositiveWomen2%5BE%5D08.pdf>

<sup>10</sup> View the article which quoted the GNP+ press statement: <http://www.aidsmap.com/cms1282741.asp>



## **PLATFORM # 4**

# **EMPOWERMENT OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV**

- 4.1 LIVING 2008 – The Positive Leadership Summit: Reclaiming our Advocacy Agenda
- 4.2 HIV Leadership through Accountability Programme
- 4.3 Global Fund
- 4.4 GIPA Report Card
- 4.5 NGO Code of Good practice
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- 4.7 Donor Consortium Conference
- 4.8 Representation



## 4.0 LIVING 2008: The Positive Leadership Summit



The centre piece of GNP+ work during 2008 was *LIVING 2008: The Positive Leadership Summit*, held from 31 July – 1 August 2008 in Mexico City ahead of the International AIDS Conference (IAC) as an official pre-conference of the IAC 2008. With this 12<sup>th</sup> international PLHIV conference GNP+ continued its work in empowering PLHIV and giving a voice to the PLHIV movement. LIVING 2008 was co-organised by the LIVING 2008 Partnership. To ensure a diverse mix of delegates in terms of gender, geographical location, marginalised populations, and experience working in HIV and AIDS, 146 scholarships were provided to delegates attending the two-day Summit. LIVING 2008 convened 267 PLHIV leaders from 82 countries around the world. The website, [www.living2008.org](http://www.living2008.org) was developed for LIVING 2008 delegates and was a clearinghouse of resources and conference information.

During the LIVING 2008 summit, delegates examined existing evidence on key substantive issues; established the current status of policies, programmes, and advocacy work around each issue; and identified PLHIV needs, priorities, and goals. Outcomes from the conference have been integrated throughout GNP+ work across all the Platform areas with a cross cutting focus on women and key populations.

### **The 4 advocacy themes of LIVING 2008 as identified by PLHIV**

#### **leaders:**

- Universal access to HIV treatment, care and support
- Sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) of PLHIV
- Criminalization of the transmission of HIV
- Prevention, with a focus on positive prevention

At the opening Special Session *'Reclaiming our Lives: Developing Accountability for Positive (PLHIV) Leadership and our Advocacy Priorities'*<sup>11</sup>, Regan Hofmann of POZ magazine said "we are at the center of the response. Who better than the HIV positive community itself to identify and develop recommendations to direct researchers, doctors, policy makers and world leaders to areas that demand their immediate attention". This sentiment was echoed by Dr. Peter Piot, Executive Director of UNAIDS, who said at a press conference following the opening ceremony, "people living with HIV can lead and direct effective HIV responses. Their lived experiences are vital to finding lasting and localized solutions for HIV prevention and treatment."

### **Global Consultation to Develop LIVING 2008 Thematic Issues**

From January to July 2008, a global consultation took place through electronic forums and face-to-face consultations<sup>12</sup>. In this way, opinions, evidence and best practices were collected from people living with HIV from around the world to inform the LIVING 2008 discussions as well as outcomes. The electronic forum platforms for LIVING 2008 were developed by Health and Development Networks (HDN) and used a social networking platform (wikis) to develop the key messages by and for PLHIV per thematic area using an innovative 'peer-review' mechanism.

#### **LIVING 2008 E-Consultation Participation:**

**Number of members** who participated in the online consultation by joining the four open sub-groups:

- Access to treatment, care and support: 87 members
- Criminalization and human rights: 65 members
- Positive prevention: 70 members
- Sexual and reproductive health and rights: 48 members
- Living 2008 main group: 18 members

**TOTAL registered members participating in different LIVING 2008 open groups: 288**

(Note: One member may have joined more than one of the groups)

**Number of posts** in different LIVING 2008 open groups:

- Access to treatment, care and support: 55 posts
- Criminalization and human rights: 17 posts
- Positive prevention: 12 posts
- Sexual and reproductive health and rights: 8 posts

**TOTAL posts: 102**

**Number of comments** in different LIVING 2008 open groups: **73**

**Number of votes** to postings in different LIVING 2008 open groups: **219**

<sup>11</sup> This session was web-cast and is available at the Kaiser Family Foundation website:

[http://www.kaisernetwork.org/health\\_cast/hcast\\_index.cfm?display=detail&hc=2896](http://www.kaisernetwork.org/health_cast/hcast_index.cfm?display=detail&hc=2896)

<sup>12</sup> Face-to-face consultations were conducted by the Asia-Pacific Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (APN+), the Caribbean Regional Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (CRN+), European AIDS Treatment Group (EATG), GNP+ North America, the ICW, the Network of African People Living with HIV/AIDS (NAP+), and the Red Cross/Red Crescent Network of People Living with HIV (RCRC+) Reports were distributed to LIVING 2008 delegates.

### The LIVING 2008 Partnership:

- Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (GNP+)
- International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS (ICW)
- International Council of AIDS Service Organizations (ICASO)
- International HIV/AIDS Alliance
- International AIDS Society (IAS)
- International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)
- International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)
- The Mexican Network of People Living with HIV
- Sidaction
- Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)
- World Health Organization (WHO)

The report for LIVING 2008 will be distributed in early 2009 with an extensive evaluation, the aim of which will be to determine the effectiveness of LIVING 2008, the e-consultations and the LIVING partnership. The evaluation report will in part determine the future of LIVING conferences.



### HIV+ Monaco Conference

In preparation for LIVING 2008, a gathering of 40 HIV positive leaders entitled “HIV+ Monaco” was held in Monaco from 24-26 January 2008<sup>13</sup>. HIV+ Monaco was hosted by Her Serene Highness Princess Stephanie of Monaco in her role of Founding President of Fight Aids Monaco (F.A.M.) and UNAIDS Special Representative. The motto of the meeting was “From Monaco to Mexico: Ignite the Passion”. It was the beginning of the LIVING 2008 pre-consultation process, and an important first step towards the

<sup>13</sup> For a detailed meeting report, please refer to <http://hivmonaco.living2008.org/>

development of a unified PLHIV advocacy agenda. The *l'Observateur de Monaco* covered the conference in their February edition with a full page article.

The Monaco conference's main goal was to provide a unique and innovative opportunity for the PLHIV movement to reflect on how it can improve knowledge and information exchange, as well as enhance the collaboration among PLHIV groups at country, regional and global levels. It kicked off a process that would support the achievement of the LIVING 2008 outcomes.

HIV+ Monaco participants were selected by the LIVING 2008 partnership from international, national and community level networks and organizations of PLHIV. This conference provided a unique opportunity for key leaders within the PLHIV networks internationally to discuss relevant technical issues; devise mechanisms for implementing ongoing consultations around these issues; and to undertake preparations for LIVING 2008, including finalizing conference format and content, and select facilitators and speakers.

## **4.2 Leadership through Accountability Programme**

At the end of 2008, the United Kingdom government awarded GNP+ and World AIDS Campaign (WAC) – with GNP+ as primary recipient – GBP 4 million over 5 years through the DfID Global Transparency Fund to implement a major programme – the *Leadership through Accountability Programme*.

This programme is cross-cutting throughout the GNP+ Platform areas and is a collaborative effort with the World AIDS Campaign (WAC), the national networks of PLHIV and civil society coordinating coalitions in participating countries.

Through this programme, GNP+, WAC and national PLHIV networks in fifteen countries (progressively during the five years) around the world will support national processes to achieve universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support by:

- Supporting PLHIV networks to strengthen evidence-base advocacy, policy and programming and strengthen their participation in national processes and mechanisms;
- Creating an enabling environment and platforms which can support a strengthened coordination and participation of civil society in the development of advocacy and effective responses.

Within each country, over a two-year period, the respective national PLHIV network will roll out and implement the HIV and AIDS mapping tools (listed below) aiming at strengthening the evidence in four key areas: stigma and discrimination, the application of the GIPA principle, criminalisation of HIV transmission and documenting human rights violations. The Guidance Package on sexual and reproductive health and rights for PLHIV will also be used throughout.

To maximise synergies and ensure an effective long-term partnership between GNP+ and WAC, as of 8 December 2008 the two organisations, along with the International Civil Society Support (ICSS) and Health Connections International (HCI) are sharing offices in Amsterdam.

#### Overview of GNP+ HIV/AIDS Mapping Tools

- **The People Living with HIV Stigma Index** [GNP+, International Community of Women Living with HIV (ICW), International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) ] – collects and examines HIV-related stigma experiences by PLHIV, exploring the direct and indirect impacts stigma has on individuals. The Index will be able to measure geographical, demographic as well as temporal trends.
- **The GIPA Report Card** (GNP+, ICW, UNAIDS) - identifies existing levels of the application of the GIPA principle in-country and provides insights on how the participation of PLHIV can be made more meaningful.
- **Global Criminalisation Scan** (GNP+ and Regional Networks of PLHIV) – documents existing legislation on criminalisation of HIV transmission and cases where laws have been used to criminalise PLHIV. Furthermore, the Scan will support the development of appropriate advocacy and actions to respond to current legislature.
- **Human Rights Count!** (GNP+ and Regional Networks of PLHIV) – records human rights violations experienced by women, men and excluded individuals living with HIV.
- **The SRHR of PLHIV Guidance Package** (GNP+, ICW, IPPF, UNAIDS, WHO, UNFPA, EngenderHealth, Young Positive) – The Guidance Package aims to support country level action to help policymakers, programme managers, health professionals, donors, and advocates better understand the specific steps that must be taken to support the sexual and reproductive health and rights of PLHIV.

### 4.3 Global Fund

GNP+ continues to seek to engage structurally with the Global Fund to develop a mechanism for systematic interaction between the Global Fund NGO delegation and PLHIV networks. In 2008, GNP+ began discussions with the Global Fund NGO delegation communications facility housed at the International AIDS Alliance, whom has been working with GNP+ to help explore the development of systematically engaging with networks of PLHIV to best input voices of PLHIV into Global Fund priorities.

GNP+ was invited and participated in the meeting *‘Scaling Up Through Partnerships Partner Consultation Meeting Review of the Global Fund Partnership Environment’* from 8-9 September 2008, held in Geneva Switzerland. Meeting objectives were to obtain feedback from partners on the Global Fund partnership environment in order to guide the development of a Partnership Strategy document; and to identify specific actions that the Global Fund and partner organizations can take to improve the effectiveness of the partner environment.

GNP+ looks forward to continued engagement with the Global Fund and other international mechanisms of the global AIDS architecture to scale up activities in this area throughout 2009 to holistically enable the systematic engagement of voices of PLHIV.

#### **4.4 GIPA Report Card**

The pilot phase of the GIPA Report Card was completed in India, Kenya, Lesotho, and Trinidad & Tobago . The GIPA Report Card pilot involved interviews with a total of 47 people, 39 of whom are living with HIV. The pilot was envisioned as a testing phase for the tool, to provide preliminary data, and to better understand the feasibility of measuring GIPA through using the GIPA Report Card questionnaire. The pilot phase was deliberately limited in scope and was designed to test and evaluate the GIPA Report Card tool looking for areas of improvement and to ensure effectiveness toward further phases for roll out globally.

The GIPA Report Card tool was developed by people living with HIV and pilot implementation was managed by the GNP+ with support from UNAIDS. Each of the four pilot countries in which the GIPA Report Card was launched was managed by a local independent consultant who is affiliated with a local or regional people living with HIV network.

As a direct result of the successful completion of the pilot phase (July to December 2008), the GIPA Report Card has been revised (January 2009) and will be disseminated widely to networks of people living with HIV around the world (April 2009).

The GIPA Report Card is one of 4 mapping tools being implementing as part of the 5-year *Leadership through Accountability Programme* beginning in 2009.

##### **GIPA Report Card Objectives**

The GIPA Report Card is an advocacy tool, which aims to increase and improve the programmatic, policy and funding actions taken to realize the greater involvement of people living with HIV in a country's HIV response. The objectives of the GIPA Report Card are to:

1. Provide information on current level of application of the GIPA principle, which will serve as a baseline against which future levels of engagement of PLHIV can be measured;
2. Hold governments, NGOs, United Nations agencies, donors, organizations of people living with HIV and other stakeholders accountable to their commitments relating to the GIPA principle;
3. Increase and improve the meaningful participation of people living with HIV in different sectors within the broader national response to the HIV epidemic in a country;
4. Assist in developing indicators to monitor and evaluate the level of engagement of PLHIV; and
5. Provide follow-up recommendations to enhance stakeholders' (governments, NGOs, United Nations agencies, donors, organizations of people living with HIV) identification of opportunities and entry points for applying the GIPA principle within their organization or institutions and in their policies and programmes, including cost estimates.

## 4.5 Positive Development Manual

For 2008, GNP+ engaged with partners to develop a strategy for the revision of the Positive Development manual for 2009. A review consultation in 2006 and informal discussions with regional and national networks of PLHIV in 2007-2008 regarding the Positive Development manual have thus far informed the planned revision process including addressing gaps, successes and what worked and what didn't.

Human resource issues have impacted progress on this activity for 2008, however work in this area will be further developed for 2009 over a six month period from July to December (based on mobilisation of resources). The revision will be completed in 3 Phases. Phase 1 of the revision process will involve key informant interviews with regional and country PLHIV networks, a study of current trends in policy and funding, and an analysis of recent tools for civil society organizational capacity building. Phase 2 of the revision will involve documenting and analysing PLHIV experiences, challenges, and capacity needs. Phase 3 (in 2010) will be the development of tools at complementing Positive Development based on the findings from Phase 2.

The manual is now 10 years old and was developed to assist PLHIVs at various levels from grassroots to the national level to become involved, organised and allow voices to be heard. Since 1998 much has changed in the responses to HIV at all levels and in terms of the level of involvement and coordination of PLHIV and among people living with HIV networks. The goal of this activity is to revise the Positive Development manual to reflect the current needs and situation in the HIV response.

## 4.6 NGO Code of Good Practice

In a 2008 NGO Code of Practice partners meeting with International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), the International Council of AIDS Service Organisations (ICASO), the International AIDS Alliance, Care International, the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and GNP+, the decision was made to put the Code of Good Practice for NGOs Responding to HIV/AIDS<sup>14</sup> into maintenance mode. The project end date is 2009, and currently all of the project indicators for the grant have been met.



Once in maintenance mode from 2009 on, GNP+ as a Code governance partner will manage new signatories to the Code.

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<sup>14</sup> <http://www.hivcode.org/>



The Code's vision is *'a united and accountable NGO response to HIV, dedicated to continuous improvement, informed by evidence and the needs of affected communities'*. The Code sets out the key principles, practice and evidence base required for successful responses to HIV with the aim of:

- assisting NGOs to improve the quality and cohesiveness of our work and our accountability to partners and beneficiary communities
- fostering greater collaboration between the variety of NGOs now actively engaged in responding to the AIDS pandemic
- renewing the 'voices' of NGOs responding to HIV by enabling us to commit to a shared vision of good practice in programming and advocacy

## 4.7 2<sup>nd</sup> Donor Consortium Conference

The second Donor Consortium Conference (DCC) was held in Amsterdam March 2008 was organised by GNP+ and Young Positives. The first DCC was also held in the Netherlands in March 2006 and led to support from new partners for GNP+ including the United Kingdom Department for International Development (DfID) and the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs which have supported GNP+ with core funding as a result.



The second DCC resulted in re-affirmed political commitment to PLHIV networks and provided GNP+ with an opportunity to showcase its programmes to donors while sustaining a mutual dialogue. For the first time, PLHIV networks, donor agencies, and AIDS Ambassadors Paul Bekkers of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague, Netherlands; Mark Dybul of Washington DC, USA; Lennarth Hjelmaker of Stockholm, Sweden; Sigrun Mogedal of Norad, Oslo, Norway; Murray Proctor of Canberra, Australia; and Louis-Charles Viossat of Paris (all pictured above), France engaged in discussions and reflections on current policies, and collectively set goals and common objectives for the next two years.

During the Conference, PLHIVs and donor agencies discussed the obstacles to successful partnerships between them, and how to overcome those obstacles. They also discussed success factors, developing objective success indicators, and made recommendations for the way forward. The emerging common issues from the discussions, including those with the AIDS Ambassadors were:

- The importance of evidence for the impact of PLHIV networks on the AIDS response;
- The importance of there being a unified voice of PLHIV networks—a voice that respects the diversity of people living with HIV, and their varying needs and cultural backgrounds;
- The importance of strengthened inter-network collaboration; and
- The need for monitoring and evaluating the programmes and activities done in partnership between PLHIV networks and donor agencies.



The Second Donor Consortium Conference report is available on the GNP+ website<sup>15</sup>.

#### **Second Donor Consortium Conference Goal:**

- To increase the effectiveness of PLHIV networks and donors collaborations for improved policies, programmes and advocacy in AIDS responses at all levels.

#### **Conference Objectives:**

- To identify opportunities and capitalise on synergies between PLHIV networks and donors for achieving common goals and objectives;
- To agree on a mechanism for continued dialogue between PLHIV networks and donors;
- To develop support for PLHIV networks at all levels;
- To explore ways PLHIV networks can work more collaboratively at all levels;
- To highlight the successes of PLHIV networks in the past two years; and
- To discuss challenges and potential solutions for overcoming them.



## **4.8 Representation**

GNP+ seeks to give voice to people living with HIV in every appropriate forum and to advocate on behalf of PLHIV according to the Global Advocacy Agenda. Participation and meaningful involvement of PLHIV in the global response is GIPA in action and GNP+ participates in and attended a wide range of meetings and mechanisms that affect the lives of people living with HIV. The following are selected events the GNP+ played a role in:

### **2008 HIV/AIDS Implementers' Meeting**

The 2008 HIV/AIDS Implementers' Meeting was hosted by the Government of Uganda with cosponsors the Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (GNP+); President Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR); the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; the UNAIDS; the World Bank; the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF); and WHO.

<sup>15</sup> [http://www.gnpplus.net/component/option,com\\_docman/task,cat\\_view/gid,59/Itemid,53/](http://www.gnpplus.net/component/option,com_docman/task,cat_view/gid,59/Itemid,53/)

The HIV/AIDS Implementers' Meeting gathers together programme implementers to share best practices and lessons learned in the fight against global AIDS. It is the only meeting of its kind focused specifically on implementation.

At the 2008 meeting, GNP+ actively worked with UNAIDS on the civil society preparation meeting. GNP+ is engaged in a greater capacity in the Implementers' Meeting for 2009<sup>16</sup>, and will have a larger partnership role in planning and content selection.

### **Task Team on HIV-Specific Travel Restrictions**

The Task Team was established as a technical advisory group with a limited mandate and time-line. Around 40 representatives from governments, UN bodies and civil society worked together on equal footing and in an atmosphere of mutual respect. GNP+ was actively involved in the Task Team together with several other civil society representatives. Participant's common denominator was a commitment to identifying the problems related to HIV-specific restrictions on entry, stay and residence, and to contribute to the removal of such restrictions.

The Task Team successfully accomplished its goals by delivering a variety of outcomes, most notably a report with recommendations to the Global Fund Board and the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board (PCB). The establishment and activities of the Task Team also contributed to giving the issue increased attention world-wide, which again created a momentum for change. Particularly, events such as the High Level meeting at the UN General Assembly June 2008 (UNGASS) and the AIDS 2008 conference in Mexico, August 2008, included strong messages about the need to urgently remove these restrictions.

At the last meeting of the Task Team in 2008, civil society representatives requested UNAIDS to host a consultation for civil society members of the Task Team to start developing such a strategy. In 2009, an experts meeting on how to move forward on recommendations will be held (March 2009).

### **AIDS 2008 Mexico XVII International AIDS Conference**

GNP+ continued the network's role as IAC co-organiser for 2008 along with other international institutional partners including the UNAIDS, and its co-sponsors, WHO and WFP; the International Council of AIDS Service Organizations (ICASO); the International Community of Women living with HIV (ICW); the World YWCA; and the Asian Harm Reduction Network (AHRN).

Along with coordinating and participating in multiple partners meetings and activities, GNP+ coordinated the following activities during AIDS 2008:

- Shared a seat on the IAC Coordinating Committee with ICW.

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<sup>16</sup> <http://www.hivimplementers.org/default.asp>

- GNP+ coordinated a joint Global Village networking zone with ICW, bringing both international networks together as one. Multiple activities and content oriented sessions were held at the booth, which was also a meeting place for PLHIV.
- GNP+ produced a roadmap based on the LIVING 2008 thematic areas. 28,000 copies of the roadmap were distributed to all delegates in the conference bag bringing awareness to LIVING 2008 and the thematic advocacy areas.
- GNP+ Reclaiming Our Lives! Special Session which presented results from Living 2008 to conference delegates including United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon.

### **People who use drugs living with and/or affected by HIV/AIDS 2008 Affiliated Event**

The Positive Drug User Affiliated Event, organized by the Asian Harm Reduction Network (AHRN) and the Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (GNP+), with support from the International Community of Women living with HIV/AIDS (ICW) and Young Positives, took place on Saturday, 2 August 2008 as part of the preconference activities at the XVII International AIDS Conference (IAC) in Mexico City.

Modeled on the Drug User Congress held annually at the International Harm Reduction Conference, this IAC Affiliated Event sought to bring together people who use drugs and people living with or are affected by HIV to coordinate their efforts throughout the conference and beyond.

As many drug users around the world are living with HIV, the IAC is a critical platform for positive drug user engagement and advocacy. It offers an opportunity to strengthen meaningful injecting drug user (IDU) involvement and participation in the global response to HIV and AIDS.

#### **Objectives of the Positive Drug User Affiliated Event:**

- Provide participants with guidance on conference logistics and access to methadone in Mexico;
- Identify key advocacy issues to be raised and promoted throughout the IAC;
- Review the 2004 Leadership Statement and the 2006 Declaration of Unity and revise commitments through a new joint statement; and
- Link key stakeholders through networking.

### **World AIDS Day Congress**

The World AIDS Day (WAD) Congress is an annual event around WAD by SOAIDS Netherlands and the AIDS Fonds. GNP+ participated by conducting a workshop, as well as taking part in several panels. GNP+ also had an informational booth. The Congress has both a national track and an international track, and GNP+ naturally participated in the latter. The WAD congress is one of the few moments where GNP+ is interacting with Dutch national organizations and agencies.



## **PLATFORM # 5**

# **KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT & NETWORK RENEWAL**

5.1 Renewal of GNP+'s Processes, Governance, Knowledge Management, Network Building and Maintenance

5.2 Monitoring and Evaluation

5.3 Communications

## **5.1 Renewal of GNP+'s Processes, Governance, Knowledge Management, Network Building and Maintenance**

### **Governance Renewal**

The goal of the GNP+ Renewal Process – initiated in 2007 – is to improve the way GNP+ is doing business by examining processes within GNP+ and its affiliated networks; identifying the components that work; developing new mechanisms to replace the components that do not work; and elaborating a strategy that will support the new GNP+ way of approaching its activities.

Since GNP+ is a network of networks, one of the main elements of the renewal process is to analyze the ways in which GNP+ and its Regional Networks do business together, on their own and with partners, and find ways to improve these processes. Improved knowledge management is key to the renewal process. Consequently, one of the first steps of the renewal process was to analyze how GNP+ and its Regional Networks produce, share and use information. A regional coordinator meeting held in Amsterdam, December 20-21 2008 with coordinators from APN+, RedLa+, GNP+ NA, NAP+, and CRN+ was a start to strengthened collaboration and discussion related to the renewal process. The meeting discussions focused primarily on further collaboration and fundraising.

### **Working with Young People Living with HIV**

One example of the Renewal Process the active role young women and men living with HIV have begun to play in GNP+. A reference group of young people living with HIV representing a number of youth networks and organisations have been working with GNP+ since March 2008 to broaden networking and collaboration amongst stakeholders to facilitate an enabling environment within GNP+ and the regional people living with HIV networks for youth living with HIV. GNP+ is looking forward to the continued engagement of young people living with HIV in 2009 to ensure young people living with HIV are engaged in GNP+ governance and programming at all levels.

### **Improvement Process**

The improvement process aims to enhance GNP+ internal management capacity, mechanisms and tools, for example for monitoring and evaluation (M&E) of its programmes, and human resource management. The renewal and improvement process is thus focused both on improving internal processes as well as developing new programmatic tools

Internal accounting procedures have been improved over the last years. This has enabled GNP+ to provide financial reports quarterly to the Board with details regarding work plan activities and expenditure of core costs. This in turn facilitates the timely delivery of annual financial reports. As a consequence, GNP+ has received positive reviews from external auditors for the past three years.

A team of eight people – up from six in 2007 - currently makes up the GNP+ Secretariat. One Programme Officer was recruited in October 2008. A second Programme Officer will start his/her work in April 2009. The recruitment of the Director of Programmes in April 2008 has led to more efficient and effective working procedures, along with the opportunity for GNP+ to participate in more technical partnerships beneficial to the organisation. One more Programme Officers are expected to be recruited by April 2009 to support the implementation of the programme portfolio. This will finalise the current staff expansion to a total of 10. Staff capacity has increased through the Improvement Process through deliberate analysis of work flow and structure; continuous quality improvement culture development and better documented human resource practices.

## 5.2 Monitoring and Evaluation

An important aspect of GNP+ professionalization has been the more systematic, standardised implementation of M&E in all activities. In 2008, a particular emphasis was placed on developing mechanisms to plan, manage, monitor and report on GNP+ activities, and obtaining Board approval for implementation.

### **GNP+ Improved M&E Capacity**

With support of external expertise, GNP+ has developed 2 levels of management tools. First, a *top level tool*, intended to monitor the status and progress of work plan activities. This tool a quick overview of where work plan implementation stands and where management attention and GNP+ Board intervention may be required. It also provides information as to how much staff time and therefore core costs are required for each activity.

The *second level management tool* provides detailed information on work plan outcomes and indicates where third party involvement is required in programming. It also links up with GNP+ financial planning.

## 5.3 Communications

GNP+ has made efforts to strengthen communications internally and externally. Separate websites were developed for various programmes including LIVING 2008, the Criminalisation Scan, HIV+ Monaco and more. In addition, an electronic discussion group hosted by HealthDev.net served as a valuable tool for organising LIVING 2008. The concept of using e-tools for consultations in the future on various PLHIV issues will be further developed in 2009.

The area of communications will see improvements in the near future as the GNP+ Communications Officer – now dedicating his time also to issues not related to communications – will spend 100% of his time on communications beginning in March 2009. This will help overcome current challenges, such as the maintenance of continuous communications with GNP+ constituents, developing appropriate communications platforms, and utilizing opportunities to publicize results from GNP+ programming.

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# **FINANCIAL REPORT**

## **GNP+**

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## Balance sheet as at 31 December 2008

All amounts are in EURO, unless otherwise specified

	<u>31-dec-2008</u>	<u>31-dec-2007</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Fixed assets		
Furniture	8.333	2.459
IT network and equipment	<u>20.596</u>	<u>7.147</u>
	28.929	9.606
Current assets		
Accounts receivable	79.551	10.642
Grants to receive	155.285	40.115
Cash at banks and in hand	1.046.696	707.576
Other receivables	<u>214.727</u>	<u>92.154</u>
Total current assets	1.496.258	850.486
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><b>1.525.187</b></u>	<u><b>860.092</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	57.841	0
Fund balances	0	213.335
Grants received in advance	22.176	0
Payroll liabilities	74.664	58.557
Other current liabilities	<u>49.507</u>	<u>76.892</u>
Total current liabilities	204.188	348.784
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u><b>1.321.000</b></u>	<u><b>511.308</b></u>
<b>Foundation's equity and reserves</b>		
Unrestricted reserves	308.340	233.365
Restricted reserves	1.012.660	277.943
<b>TOTAL RESERVES</b>	<u><b>1.321.000</b></u>	<u><b>511.308</b></u>

## Statement of revenue and expenditure for the year 2008

	Note	<u>2008</u>	<u>budget</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<u>Revenue from own fund raising</u>				
Restricted revenue		2.550.991	1.739.164	895.723
Unrestricted revenue		0	-	22.138
<b>Total revenue from own fund raising</b>		<b>2.550.991</b>	<b>1.739.164</b>	<b>917.861</b>
<u>Cost from own fund raising</u>				
Personnel		485.060	564.628	370.406
Contractors/consultants		376.101	227.883	196.457
Professional fees		12.405	11.700	12.700
Sub recipient instalment		213.303	0	0
Travel		418.585	548.646	256.394
Meeting		110.639	291.622	9.413
Publication		70.905	25.660	8.249
Other operating expenditure		83.805	64.125	45.167
Depreciation		5.405	2.400	3.025
Financial charges		2.414	2.500	1.911
Exchange losses (gains)		-37.321	0	35.627
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>1.741.301</b>	<b>1.739.164</b>	<b>939.350</b>
<b>Excedent/shortage</b>		<b>809.691</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-21.489</b>

## Notes to the financial report 2008

### 1 Significant accounting policies

#### Asset and liabilities

Unless stated otherwise, assets and liabilities are stated at their historical cost, expressed in Euro.

Fixed assets are depreciated on a straight line method.

#### Revenue and expenditure

Revenue with a restricted objective is recognised upon signature of the memorandum of understanding or reception of funds, or according to an agreed upon time frame.

Unrestricted revenue (donations) is recognised upon receipt of funds.

Restricted revenue not spent in the reporting year is taken to the balance sheet under "Restricted reserves"

#### Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities which are denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Euro at the exchange rates in effect at the balance sheet date. Resulting exchange differences are taken to the statement of revenue and expenditure.

Income and expenditures in foreign currencies are converted to Euros on the basis of currency exchange on the day the funds are received or paid

GNP+ has bank accounts in euro and dollars in order to keep losses to a minimum.

#### Salaries and wages

Salaries, wages and social security contributions are taken to the statement of revenue and expenditure based on the terms of employment, where they are due to employees.

#### Pensions

For the defined contribution scheme, GNP+ pays contributions to pension funds and insurance companies on a compulsory, contractual or voluntary basis. Except for the payment of contributions, GNP+ has no other obligations by virtue of this pension scheme.

Contributions are recognised as employee benefits expense when incurred.

Prepaid contributions are recognised as prepayments and accrued income if this leads to a repayment or to a reduction in future payments.

		<u>31-dec-2008</u>	<u>31-dec-2007</u>
<b>2 Fixed assets</b>			
Furniture	value 1/1	2.459	0
	depreciations	997	216
	investments	6.871	2.675
	value 31/12	<u>8.333</u>	<u>2.459</u>
IT	value 1/1	7.147	9.957
	depreciations	4.408	2.810
	investments	17.858	0
	value 31/12	<u>20.596</u>	<u>7.147</u>
Total	value 31/12	28.929	9.606
Purchase price		41.451	16.723
Accumulated depreciation		<u>-12.522</u>	<u>-7.117</u>
		28.929	9.606

	<u>31-dec-2008</u>	<u>31-dec-2007</u>
<b>3 Grants to receive</b>		
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands	28.188	
Department for International Development	2.679	
World Health Organization	17.048	
Canadian International Development Agency	48.479	
David and Lucile Packard Foundation	0	29.894
UNAIDS	54.634	10.221
Asian Harm Reduction Network	4.257	
	<u>155.285</u>	<u>40.115</u>
<b>4 Cash at banks and in hand</b>		
All cash at banks and in hand is available on demand		
<b>5 Other receivables</b>		
Sick leave insurance	12.001	5.816
Rent first quarter	9.256	8.220
Project costs	175.000	68.490
Multatuli - airfares 2009	5.117	
Multatuli / credited airfares Global Consultation	3.470	9.222
Deposits	9.640	75
Interest	178	331
Other	65	
	<u>214.727</u>	<u>92.154</u>
<b>6 Fund balances</b>		
United Nations Population Fund		6.463
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands		124.691
Ford Foundation		30.421
Futures Group International		51.760
		<u>213.335</u>
<b>7 Grants received in advance</b>		
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands	10.000	0
United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights	12.176	0
	<u>22.176</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>8 Payroll liabilities</b>		
Holiday money	15.885	12.292
Holiday accrual	17.861	13.478
Staff salary	932	15.540
Wage tax and social securities	39.986	17.247
	<u>74.664</u>	<u>58.557</u>
<b>9 Other current liabilities</b>		
Travel	1.678	3.148
Accommodation	1.013	20.828
Consultants	17.400	32.239
Audit	7.973	8.000
Financial support	-	-
Miscellaneous	21.444	12.677
	<u>49.507</u>	<u>76.892</u>

## Off balance obligations

GNP+ moved to a new location on 8 December 2008. The rental contract is signed until 14 November 2013  
The nominal value of remaining 5 years rent is € 185,119

### 10 Foundation's equity and reserves

On 24th February 1995, the Stichting Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (GNP+) was incorporated.

The movements in the restricted reserves are as follows:

	<u>31-dec-2008</u>	<u>changed 2008</u>	<u>31-dec-2007</u>
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands	0	0	0
Department for International Development	81.921	82.295	-374
Norwegian Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs	141.968	141.968	0
World Health Organization	0	-715	715
United Nations Population Fund	0	0	0
United Nations Development Programme	30.069	-3.966	34.035
Irish Aid	9.511	9.511	0
HIVOS	155.978	37.034	118.944
International Planned Parenthood Federation	13.235	-41.173	54.408
William and Flora Hewlett Foundation	24.831	24.831	0
Ford Foundation	30.421	30.421	0
GlaxoSmithKline	19.864	19.864	0
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	189.106	189.106	0
Alphawood Foundation	174.144	174.144	0
International HIV/AIDS Alliance	5.000	-16.348	21.348
IFRC	0	0	0
International AIDS Society	69.857	69.857	0
AIDS Fonds	31.755	-17.112	48.867
UNAIDS	0	0	0
Sidaction	15.000	15.000	0
SOA AIDS Nederland	20.000	20.000	0
	<hr/> 1.012.660	<hr/> 734.717	<hr/> 277.943

The movements in the unrestricted reserves are as follows:

<b>Total 01/01/2008</b>	<b>233.365</b>
<b>From restricted to unrestricted:</b>	
International AIDS Society	74.975
Total addition 2008	<hr/> 74.975
<b>Total 31/12/2008</b>	<b>308.340</b>

## 11 Revenue from own fund raising

### Restricted revenue

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands	413.442	150.309
Department for International Development	577.529	186.363
Norwegian Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs	231.230	0
World Health Organization	23.022	41.645
United Nations Population Fund	6.463	90.334
United Nations Development Programme	0	34.035
Irish Aid	30.000	0
Canadian International Development Agency	48.479	0
HIVOS	40.000	60.000
International Planned Parenthood Federation	26.870	68.355
William and Flora Hewlett Foundation	81.092	0
David and Lucile Packard Foundation	4.516	29.894
Ford Foundation	30.421	71.716
GlaxoSmithKline	31.850	0
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	264.744	0
Tibotec	34.634	0
Alphawood Foundation	201.160	0
International HIV/AIDS Alliance	35.079	23.188
Int. Fed. of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies	0	30.110
International AIDS Society	179.653	18.598
Aids Fonds	12.800	56.800
UNAIDS	82.442	24.976
Sidaction	125.000	0
SOA Aids Nederland	20.000	0
Various donors	50.567	9.400
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	2.550.991	895.723

### Unrestricted revenue

Geneva Literary AIDS Society	0	7.542
Miscellaneous	0	14.596
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	0	22.138

## 12 Revenue and expenditure allocated to various budgets

<b><u>Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands</u></b>	<b><u>2008</u></b>	<b><u>2007</u></b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>288.751</b>	<b>150.309</b>
<b>Fund balance 2007</b>	<b>124.691</b>	
Staff	312.942	36.013
Housing	30.725	1.021
Other overhead	0	37.298
Stigma index	6.912	0
Representation	5.500	0
Youth	2.607	0
GIPA report card	5.000	0
AIDS 2008, Positive Leadership Summit LIVING 2008	27.013	74.975
Other project costs	22.742	1.002
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>413.441</b>	<b>150.309</b>
<b>Excedent (shortage) brought to Restricted reserve</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

The total grant amount is € 563 750 for the period 1 January 2007 until 31 December 2008 under activity number 15769

A. Overview of advance payments received by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

- 13 June 2007 € 137 500
- 10 December 2007 € 137 500
- 15 July 2008 € 137 500
- 19 December 2008 € 123 062.50

Total amount of advance payments € 535 562.50

B. Overview of all financial reports submitted to the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs in connection to this grant

- Narrative and Financial report 2007

<b><u>Department for International Development (DFID)</u></b>	<b><u>2008</u></b>	<b><u>2007</u></b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>577.529</b>	<b>186.363</b>
Staff	42.069	107.550
Housing	11.076	25.071
Other overhead	15.399	11.786
Travel	31.876	12.848
Publication	0	3.142
Governance and Transparency Fund	256.903	0
Donor Consortium Conference	37.664	0
Other project costs	100.247	82.276
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>495.234</b>	<b>242.673</b>
<b>Excedent (shortage) brought to Restricted reserve</b>	<b>82.295</b>	<b>-56.310</b>

The first grant with DfID is the Accountable Grant number 4571: support to Global Network of People Living with HIV for the period of 10 August 2006 to 9 August 2009. The total grant amount for this period is £ 375 000.

In March 2008 a PLHIV Network Donor Consultation Process for Universal Access was held for which DfID contributed an additional £ 50 134.

The second grant with DfID is a Grant Agreement from the Governance and Transparency fund for the purpose of undertaking the HIV Leadership through Accountability Project in partnership with the World Aids Campaign, GTF reference 361.

The total grant amount for this agreement is £ 4 099 669 for a period of 5 years.

<b><u>Norwegian Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs</u></b>	<b><u>2008</u></b>	<b><u>2007</u></b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>231.230</b>	<b>0</b>
Staff	10.128	187.015
Housing	5.370	7.500
Other overhead	17.142	4.500
Positive Leadership Summit LIVING 2008	42.218	0
Publication	0	0
Other project costs	14.404	13.371
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>89.262</b>	<b>212.386</b>
<b>Excedent (shortage) brought to Restricted reserve</b>	<b>141.968</b>	<b>-212.386</b>

In 2007 the Norwegian Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs provided NOK 700 000 for core contribution to GNP+.  
In 2008 the Norwegian Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs provided NOK 1 300 000 for core contribution to GNP+.

<b><u>World Health Organization (WHO)</u></b>	<b><u>2008</u></b>	<b><u>2007</u></b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>23.022</b>	<b>41.645</b>
Staff	0	5.879
Housing	0	0
Other overhead	0	4.368
Sexual and reproductive health issues	7.013	16.106
Global consultation	2.535	4.731
Positive Leadership Summit LIVING 2008	14.189	0
Other project costs	0	9.846
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>23.737</b>	<b>40.930</b>
<b>Excedent (shortage) brought to restricted reserve</b>	<b>-715</b>	<b>715</b>

In 2008 GNP+ had 2 agreements for performance of work with WHO:

HQ 08883626 provided \$ 20 000 for international travel for participants to LIVING 2008.  
HQ 07499224 provided \$9 300 for specific tasks on the IMAI operations Manual for Community/ PLHIV and improved MSM-related clinical content of acute care guidelines.

<b><u>United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)</u></b>	<b><u>2008</u></b>	<b><u>2007</u></b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32.200</b>
<b>Fund balance 2007</b>	<b>6.463</b>	<b>58.134</b>
Staff	0	18.175
Housing	0	0
Other overhead	0	2.471
Meeting Amsterdam 15/16 march 2007	0	37.488
Global consultation	0	32.200
Positive Leadership Summit LIVING 2008	6.463	0
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>6.463</b>	<b>90.334</b>
<b>Excedent (shortage) brought to Restricted reserve</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

In 2007 UNFPA provided \$ 56 000 through a Letter of Understanding for project number HIV5R218 for the Global Consultation and Guidance Package on Reproductive Health and Rights of People Living with HIV.  
In 2008 the remainder of the grant, \$ 10 000, was used for the pre consultation for LIVING 2008 on sexual and reproductive health needs of people living with HIV/AIDS



<b><u>United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)</u></b>	<b><u>2008</u></b>	<b><u>2007</u></b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34.035</b>
Staff	0	0
Housing	0	0
Other overhead	0	0
Human Rights Count!	3.966	0
Publication	0	0
Other project costs	0	0
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>3.966</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Excedent (shortage) brought to Restricted reserve</b>	<b>-3.966</b>	<b>34.035</b>

The Micro Capital Grant Agreement for the Human Rights Count! entered into force on the 17 December 2007 and shall be extended until 1 October 2009. The grant amount is \$50 200 for the entire period.

<b><u>Irish Aid</u></b>	<b><u>2008</u></b>	<b><u>2007</u></b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>30.000</b>	<b>0</b>
Staff	0	0
Housing	0	0
Other overhead	0	0
Travel	0	0
Publication	0	0
Positive Leadership Summit LIVING 2008	20.489	0
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>20.489</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Excedent (shortage) brought to Restricted reserve</b>	<b>9.511</b>	<b>0</b>

A financial contribution was provided for The Positive Leadership Summit LIVING 2008

<b><u>Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)</u></b>	<b><u>2008</u></b>	<b><u>2007</u></b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>48.479</b>	<b>0</b>
Staff	0	0
Housing	0	0
Other overhead	0	0
Travel	0	0
Publication	0	0
Positive Leadership Summit LIVING 2008	48.479	0
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>48.479</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Excedent (shortage) brought to Restricted reserve</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

CIDA provided a Contribution Agreement for the Positive Leadership Summit LIVING 2008. A maximum amount of CAN \$ 95 000, or 33% of the actual total expenses of the project. The contribution is provided to finance travel, visas and registration costs for participants from developing countries or countries in transition.

<b>HIVOS</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>40.000</b>	<b>60.000</b>
Staff	0	1.000
Housing	0	0
Other overhead	0	0
Human Rights Count!	2.966	0
Publication	0	0
Other project costs	0	0
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>2.966</b>	<b>1.000</b>
<b>Excedent (shortage) brought to Restricted reserve</b>	<b>37.034</b>	<b>59.000</b>

A funding agreement in the total amount of € 240 000 is provided for the Human Rights Count! and the Positive Development for the period 1 January 2006 up to 31 December 2009

<b>International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>26.870</b>	<b>68.355</b>
Staff	0	0
Housing	0	0
Other overhead	0	0
Stigma index	13.635	0
Positive Leadership Summit LIVING 2008	11.912	0
Sexual and reproductive health issues	42.496	13.947
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>68.043</b>	<b>13.947</b>
<b>Excedent (shortage) brought to Restricted reserve</b>	<b>-41.173</b>	<b>54.408</b>

A restricted funding agreement was entered into for the period November 2007 until 31 August 2009 for the total amount of \$ 100 000. This agreement is provided for the project sexual and reproductive health of young women and girls living with HIV/AIDS.

\$ 20 000 of this agreement is earmarked for supporting the development of capacity building for young women and girls living with HIV/AIDS at the Positive Leadership Summit LIVING 2008.

Two other grant agreements were entered into in March 2008 until 31 December 2008. These grants relate to the Stigma Index; \$31 800 for administering seed grants and \$ 10 000 for communication and dissemination of materials relating to the Stigma Index.

<b>William and Flora Hewlett Foundation</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>81.092</b>	<b>0</b>
Staff	0	0
Housing	0	0
Other overhead	0	0
Travel	0	0
Publication	0	0
Positive Leadership Summit LIVING 2008	56.261	0
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>56.261</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Excedent (shortage) brought to Restricted reserve</b>	<b>24.831</b>	<b>0</b>

The foundation has provided a grant of \$125 000 for the Positive Leadership Summit LIVING 2008 for a period of 18 months. \$35 000 is earmarked for post LIVING 2008 advocacy activities.

**David and Lucile Packard Foundation**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>4.516</b>	<b>29.894</b>
Staff	0	0
Housing	0	0
Other overhead	0	0
Travel	0	0
Publication	0	0
Global consultation	4.516	29.894
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>4.516</b>	<b>29.894</b>
<b>Excedent (shortage) brought to Restricted reserve</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

A grant agreement was signed in October 2007 for the Global Consultation on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights for the PLHIV.

**Ford Foundation**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>71.716</b>
<b>Fund balance 2007</b>	<b>30.421</b>	
Staff	0	0
Housing	0	0
Other overhead	0	0
Travel	0	0
Publication	0	0
Global consultation	0	71.716
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>71.716</b>
<b>Excedent (shortage) brought to Restricted reserve</b>	<b>30.421</b>	<b>0</b>

A Grant of \$150 000 was provided to support efforts to advance the sexual and reproductive rights of people living with HIV/AIDS for the period of one year starting in October 2007. The grant period has been extended until 28 February 2009.

**GlaxoSmithKline**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>31.850</b>	<b>0</b>
Staff	0	0
Housing	0	0
Other overhead	0	0
Travel	0	0
Publication	0	0
Positive Leadership Summit LIVING 2008	11.986	0
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>11.986</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Excedent (shortage) brought to Restricted reserve</b>	<b>19.864</b>	<b>0</b>

A contribution of \$ 50 000 was provided for the Positive Leadership Summit LIVING 2008 for the period 3 April until 31 October 2008. \$ 20 000 is earmarked for the development of the LIVING 2008 report which is to be finalized in the first quarter 2009.

**The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>264.744</b>	<b>0</b>
Staff	0	0
Housing	0	0
Other overhead	0	0
Travel	0	0
Publication	0	0
Positive Leadership Summit LIVING 2008	75.638	0
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>75.638</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Excedent (shortage) brought to Restricted reserve</b>	<b>189.106</b>	<b>0</b>

Starting 1 June 2008 until 1 June 2010 the Foundation awarded a grant to facilitate leadership of the positive prevention agenda among people living with HIV. The total grant amount is \$ 997 929. A portion of the grant was used for building leadership at the LIVING 2008 Summit, as stipulated in the contract.

**Tibotec**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>34.634</b>	<b>0</b>
Staff	0	0
Housing	0	0
Other overhead	0	0
Travel	0	0
Publication	0	0
Positive Leadership Summit LIVING 2008	34.634	0
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>34.634</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Excedent (shortage) brought to Restricted reserve</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

A contribution of \$50 000 was provided for the Positive Leadership Summit LIVING 2008.

**Alphawood Foundation**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>201.160</b>	<b>0</b>
Staff	0	0
Housing	0	0
Other overhead	0	0
GIPA report card	10.000	0
Positive Leadership Summit LIVING 2008	10.000	0
Other project costs	7.016	0
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>27.016</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Excedent (shortage) brought to Restricted reserve</b>	<b>174.144</b>	<b>0</b>

\$ 300 000 was provided for GNP+ work through a grant agreement

<b><u>International HIV/AIDS Alliance</u></b>	<b><u>2008</u></b>	<b><u>2007</u></b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>35.079</b>	<b>23.188</b>
Staff	27.079	1.840
Housing	0	0
Other overhead	0	0
Positive Leadership Summit LIVING 2008	16.348	0
Representation	8.000	0
Other project costs	0	0
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>51.427</b>	<b>1.840</b>
<b>Excedent (shortage) brought to Restricted reserve</b>	<b>-16.348</b>	<b>21.348</b>

GNP+ and the International HIV/AIDS alliance have entered into a collaborative agreement in August 2007 for the period of 2 years. A grant agreement was entered into for the period of the collaborative agreement Contributing an annual amount of \$75 000 for the staff time of the activities under the cooperation.

<b><u>Int. Fed. of Red Cross and Red Crescent Soc. (IFRC)</u></b>	<b><u>2008</u></b>	<b><u>2007</u></b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14.755</b>
<b>Fund balance 2006</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15.355</b>
Staff	0	0
Housing	0	0
Other overhead	0	3.060
Travel	0	0
Publication	0	0
NGO-code	0	11.695
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14.755</b>
<b>Excedent (shortage) brought to Restricted reserve</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15.355</b>

<b><u>International AIDS Society</u></b>	<b><u>2008</u></b>	<b><u>2007</u></b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>127.893</b>	<b>18.598</b>
<b>Fund balance 2007</b>	<b>51.760</b>	
Staff	0	0
Housing	0	0
Other overhead	0	0
Travel	0	0
Positive Leadership Summit LIVING 2008	32.124	0
Int. AIDS-conference	2.697	18.598
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>34.821</b>	<b>18.598</b>
<b>Excedent (shortage) brought to Restricted reserve</b>	<b>69.857</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Excedent (shortage) brought to Unrestricted reserve</b>	<b>74.975</b>	<b>0</b>

In 2007, \$100 000 was allocated through the International Community Outreach for AIDS 2008.

In 2008, 2 additional letters of agreements were entered into; \$100 000 by the Conference Coordinating Committee for LIVING 2008; \$ 180 000 from the Ford Foundation contribution to LIVING 2008 via IAS.

From the 2008 letter of agreement ( \$280 000) an amount of \$103 081 was paid directly from IAS for LIVING 2008 expenses. This amount was provided by IAS and GNP+ bears no reporting responsibility. The remaining balance of \$ 176 918 was transferred to GNP+ by IAS.

The balance of the restricted reserve is intended for post LIVING 2008 Summit follow up.

<b><u>AIDS Fonds</u></b>	<b><u>2008</u></b>	<b><u>2007</u></b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>12.800</b>	<b>56.800</b>
Staff	0	1.000
Housing	0	0
Other overhead	0	0
Human rights count	0	0
Criminalization scan	29.912	1.933
Global consultation	0	5.000
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>29.912</b>	<b>7.933</b>
<b>Excedent (shortage) brought to Restricted reserve</b>	<b>-17.112</b>	<b>48.867</b>

In 2008 GNP+ had 2 agreements with the AIDS fonds:  
A financial contribution for the Human Rights Count! to a maximum of € 31 926 for the period 2007-2009  
and a financial contribution for the Global Criminalization Scan to a maximum of € 44 944 for the period 2007-2009.

In 2007 a grant of € 10 000 was provided for the Global Consultation on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights of people living with HIV/AIDS and the guidance package. The finalization of the Guidance Package is taking place in the first quarter of 2009.

<b><u>UNAIDS</u></b>	<b><u>2008</u></b>	<b><u>2007</u></b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>82.442</b>	<b>24.976</b>
Staff	70.766	0
Housing	0	0
Other overhead	0	0
GIPA Report Card	11.676	0
Publication	0	0
Global consultation	0	10.221
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>82.442</b>	<b>10.221</b>
<b>Excedent (shortage) brought to restricted reserve</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14.755</b>

There are 2 agreements for performance of work in 2008:  
HQ/08/084542 provided partial financial support towards activities related to Positive Leadership Summit LIVING 2008 Coordination. The programme funding agreement started on 31 July 2007 and was extended until 31 December 2008 for the total amount of \$99 747.

HQ/08/081359 provides funds for the GIPA Report Card for the period 12 February 2008 until 31 March 2009.

<b><u>Sidaction</u></b>	<b><u>2008</u></b>	<b><u>2007</u></b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>125.000</b>	<b>0</b>
Staff	0	0
Housing	0	0
Other overhead	0	0
Travel	0	0
Publication	0	0
Positive Leadership Summit LIVING 2008	110.000	0
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>110.000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Excedent (shortage) brought to Restricted reserve</b>	<b>15.000</b>	<b>0</b>

€ 125 000 was contributed for the Positive Leadership Summit LIVING 2008 for the period of April 2008 until April 2009 for people living with HIV coming from mainly French speaking developing countries, French translation and administrative costs.

**SOA AIDS Nederland**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>20.000</b>	<b>0</b>
Staff	0	0
Housing	0	0
Other overhead	0	0
Travel	0	0
Publication	0	0
Other project costs	0	0
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Excedent (shortage) brought to Restricted reserve</b>	<b>20.000</b>	<b>0</b>

In 2007 a grant was awarded for € 25 000 for the Global Consultation on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights of people living with HIV/AIDs and the guidance package. The development of the Guidance Package has been delayed and the layout, translation, printing and dissemination are taking place in the first Quarter of 2009.

**Various donors**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>50.567</b>	<b>0</b>
Staff	0	0
Housing	0	0
Other overhead	0	0
Representation	8.178	0
Positive Leadership Summit LIVING 2008	33.926	0
Other project costs	8.463	0
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>50.567</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Excedent (shortage) brought to Restricted reserve</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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Amsterdam, 28 April 2009

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

### Report on the financial statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements 2008 of Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS, Amsterdam, as set out on pages 1 to 16 which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2008, the profit and loss account for the year then ended and the notes.

#### *Management's responsibility*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements and for the preparation of the management board report, both in accordance with the Guideline for annual reporting 640 'Not for profit organisations' of the Dutch Accounting Standards Board. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

#### *Auditor's responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Dutch law. This law requires that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### *Opinion*

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS as at 31 December 2008, and of its result for the year then ended in accordance with the Guideline for annual reporting 640 'Not for profit organisations' of the Dutch Accounting Standards Board.

### Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

Pursuant to the legal requirement under 2:393 sub 5 part e of the Netherlands Civil Code, we report, to the extent of our competence, that the management board report is consistent with the financial statements as required by 2:391 sub 4 of the Netherlands Civil Code.

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Kees Leijts  
Registeraccountant



### 13 Budget 2009

Revenue from own fund raising

**Total revenue from own fund raising** **3.258.508**

Cost from own fund raising

Personnel	785.013
Contractors/consultants	9.900
Professional fees	11.700
Travel	10.106
Meeting	36.000
Program expenditures	2.332.139
Other operating expenditure	68.650
Depreciation	2.400
Financial charges	2.600

**Total expenditure** **3.258.508**

**Excedent (shortage)** **0**

#### Other information

##### 1 proposed Appropriation of Results

The articles of association provide that the result for the year is subject to disposition to be decided upon by the Executive Committee.

##### 2 Post Balance Sheet Events

No matters or circumstances of importance have arisen since the end of the financial year that have significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the foundation, the results of those operations or state of affairs of the foundation in subsequent financial periods.