

Increasing access to treatment can mean reducing the number of new infections but the sustainability of HIV services is in question due to diminishing resources. GNP+ will intensify its advocacy role over the next five years. We will collaborate with partners on research and advocacy to promote the sustainability of HIV treatment, care and support and fortify networking and community strengthening through social media. We will also engage more effectively in debates on global health. Finally, GNP+ will strengthen its 'image' by clearly communicating our added value and developing effective partnerships to achieve our goals.

Key populations, such as women, youth, men who have sex with men, people who use drugs, sex workers and HIV-discordant couples, require more of a focus in order to increase their role in HIV prevention strategies. There is a need for better support and coordination to align efforts of these different networks and populations. Through Positive Health, Dignity and Prevention, a framework developed by GNP+ and UNAIDS, GNP+ will work to strengthen the involvement of these key populations living with HIV in the HIV response.

The UNAIDS' strategy of zero new infections, zero AIDS-related deaths and zero discrimination, as well as new strategies like utilizing treatment as prevention, require an urgent scale-up of resources, services, treatment and rights-focused advocacy. The involvement of people living with HIV implementing and monitoring policies and programmes will be instrumental in meeting these goals.

The Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+) has created a new five-year Strategic Plan based on the realities that people living with HIV face today. The Strategic Plan builds on past achievements and outlines our mission, vision, goal and purpose for the next five years. The Strategic Plan prioritizes our three pillars of work: global advocacy, global knowledge management, and global community building.



Context for PLHIV

People living with HIV today face a range of challenges and opportunities, which include:

Challenges

- Ongoing stigma and discrimination
- Lack of access to basic services for treatment, prevention, care and support
- Cuts by donor governments in their support for HIV programmes
- Lack of response by recipient governments to meet their commitments to people living with HIV and those at risk in their countries

Opportunities

- Increased numbers of people living with HIV under treatment
- Commitment from the UN High Level Meeting for universal access by 2015²
- Evidence that treatment has also a secondary preventive effect and is, in fact, an investment, not simply an expense³

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GNP+ is the global network for and by people living with HIV. Its **MISSION** is to improve the quality of life of people living with HIV. The **VISION** is a powerful and united worldwide social movement of people living with HIV, with their leadership and voices at the centre of the HIV response.

The **GOAL**, as stated in the Strategic Plan, is equitable access to health and social services for people living with HIV by focusing on social justice, rights and involvement. This will be achieved through GNP+'s **PURPOSE** which is to promote the greater and more meaningful involvement of people living with HIV in programme and policy development (the GIPA principle).

GNP+ is the only global network working for all people living with HIV. GNP+ supports people living with HIV through their organisations and networks by undertaking its daily work through an International Secretariat, under the guidance and oversight of an International Board of people living with HIV. Since its creation in 1986, GNP+'s core activities have centred on advocacy (including activism, campaigns and policy dialogue), information and knowledge management, and network and community strengthening.

The organisation's guiding principles are: the greater involvement of people living with HIV (GIPA); being guided by all the needs of all people living with HIV; being constituency driven; transparency and accountability; working towards a Global Advocacy Agenda that is based on evidence; human rights and equity; gender equality; inclusion and diversity; and cost effectiveness and sustainability.

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STRATEGIC PLAN 2011-2015 AT A GLANCE

What Will GNP+ Achieve by the end of 2015?

GLOBAL ADVOCACY

GNP+ will strengthen our role as the global voice for people living with HIV through the revised Global Advocacy Agenda⁴ and maintain a focus on the principle of Greater Involvement of People living with HIV (GIPA). GNP+ will also support local and global advocacy campaigns addressing human rights, treatment, global health, financing and the Millennium Development Goals.

GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

GNP+ will increase the availability and use of evidence to support advocacy efforts by continuing to develop and expand effective tools to gather information on human rights, stigma, and sexual and reproductive health and rights. A new communications strategy will bring increased transparency to GNP+, including consulting more effectively with individuals and partners, while engaging networks in research and openly sharing the results.

GLOBAL COMMUNITY BUILDING

GNP+ will revise our systems and structures to become a membership-driven organisation for all people living with HIV. GNP+ will implement a capacity-building strategy to support regional, population and issue-based networks, address their needs, and amplify their voices through social media. GNP+ will also strengthen the roles, work and diversity of our international Board and Secretariat.

Positive Health, Dignity and Prevention

Positive Health, Dignity and Prevention was developed through consultation with people living with HIV on 'positive prevention', resulting in a framework⁵ that describes the leadership of people living with HIV in the global HIV response. The values of Positive Health, Dignity and Prevention set the stage for people living with HIV to become recognised as part of the solution instead of part of the problem:

- A supportive and protective legal and policy environment that aims for a world free of HIV-related stigma and discrimination.
- A focus on improving and maintaining the health and well-being of people living with HIV, which, in turn, contributes to the health and well-being of their partners, families and communities.
- The promotion of holistic health and wellness, including universal, equitable access to voluntary HIV counselling, confidential testing, care and support and timely access to voluntary treatment and monitoring.
- Addressing a range of factors that undermine health and dignity, including: poverty and food insecurity; lack of mental and psychosocial support; lack of educational opportunity; social exclusion; gender inequality; and stigma and discrimination based on HIV-positive status, behaviours such as injecting drug use, sex work and/or sex between men, and identities such as being lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex.
- Responding to the needs of key populations, including the particular and specific needs of young people and women, and through respectful programmes tailored to specific contexts and the diversity among people living with HIV

What people living with HIV Need

By 2015, people living with HIV need:

- Universal access to treatment, prevention, care and support services
- Elimination of laws and policies that foster inequality or discrimination against people living with HIV
- Adoption of laws and policies that protect the rights of people living with HIV and ensure their access to treatment, prevention, care and support services.

To get there, GNP+ will:

- Upscale its advocacy for greater investment in the HIV response, including access to treatment, prevention, care and support services
- Continue to create, analyse and disseminate data to broaden the evidence base for people living with HIV and their networks
- Support people living with HIV to network and organize in order to strengthen the movement of people living with HIV to ensure their continued involvement in the HIV response.

How We Will Do It

GNP+'s Strategic Plan for 2011-2015 – grounded in three core pillars and based on an extensive review of the organisation's work – will ensure success while increasing accountability to people living with HIV. The GNP+ Board and Secretariat will develop detailed workplans to implement this Plan, and will routinely assess the progress made. This will ensure that the GIPA principle results in increased service access and quality of life for people living with HIV and their families by the end of 2015.

⁴ <http://www.gnpplus.net/en/about-gnp/global-advocacy-agenda>

⁵ <http://www.gnpplus.net/en/resources/positive-health-dignity-and-prevention/item/109-positive-health-dignity-and-prevention-a-policy-framework>