



Final Edition: We asked our partners from around the world to share any lessons as networks of people living with HIV have adapted and risen to respond to COVID and HIV in their communities.

Trinidad and Tobago Positive Women

Fundación Chile Positivo



ICW Mexico

Réseau National des Jeunes Vivant avec le VIH (RNJ+), Burundi


Eswatini Network of Young Positives (ENYP+)

Uganda Network of Young People Living with HIV

Jóvenes Positivos (J+ LAC)

ICW Malawi

Réseau national des associations de personnes vivant avec le VIH (RNP+), Senegal




It is communities who make a difference. As HIV networks we can bring our expertise to the COVID response on - awareness raising, social mobilisation and countering stigma. Our experience of HIV gave our staff and volunteers the strength and skills to deal with new challenges of COVID and the lockdown and use creative ways to help our communities.

National Coalition of People living with HIV in India (NCPI)

The health system was not ready for HIV response in the COVID-19 pandemic. Collaboration between community organisations and the health system should be stronger for the benefit of the HIV positive community. People with COVID are also discriminated against and more should be done to combat discrimination towards communicable diseases.



Women's Empowerment Centre, Armenia



As people with HIV, we have a long history of organising and helping each other in face of adversity. Individual and collective resilience has become part of our DNA. COVID-19 has exacerbated many issues that were already there: mental health, isolation, poverty. Now we need to prepare for the long-term consequences of this crisis.

Positively UK

During COVID-19, we learned that it is important to build trust and strong collaboration between communities, government, health services and others, to ensure that essential services and ARV treatment remains available. As a network, we have continued intensive coordination and communication by virtual technology so that communities do not feel left out.

Jaringan Indonesia Positif (JIP)



“ Women's networks are doing their level best through self-raised funding to support women suffering mental health issues or financial hardship. COVID-19 resources must be made available to women and girls, this is as fundamental as securing women's rights. Women can get resources out into the communities where they are needed the most. ”

ICW Asia-Pacific

We have learnt that during COVID-19, teenagers and youth living with HIV, require more support to address their mental health needs. Isolation hits adolescents most as they lose usual social contacts and spend a lot of time with adults who might not understand them well. Thus, online activities which are easily accessible must be available for youth at all times, particularly during quarantine.


Teenergizer, Ukraine



We need to ensure that the government does not lose focus or forget about the challenges associated with HIV while dealing with COVID-19. The government must actively involve community and include women in decision-making processes around responding to both HIV and COVID-19.

Positive Women Ukraine

Many years of experience in the fight against HIV allowed us to adapt to COVID-19 quickly - ensuring the continuity of ARV drugs and developing remote approaches to the provision of services. Close interaction with international and national partners and exchange of information on best practices allows us not to feel confused and to know that we will overcome these difficulties with minimal losses.



Partnership Network, Kyrgyzstan

“ COVID-19 amplified existing disparities especially for immigrant, sex workers and substance users. We need to be more prepared to respond and not work in silos. We must increase our deliberate programming to “lead with race and gender” and place these at the centre of our HIV and COVID-19 responses as well as the recovery efforts. ”

ICW North America

Our Survey Report is out – read it, share it and use it in your advocacy

A big thank you to all the networks and organisations of people living with HIV for completing our survey and sharing how you are adapting to **Living with HIV in the time of COVID-19**.

Together in solidarity

GNP+, ICW and Y+ Global are working together to understand the challenges of COVID-19 and advocate for people living with HIV. We just launched a report from our survey of networks and will use the findings in our advocacy. From end of March to end of July we also published 8 issues of this newsletter to share information, resources and inspiring responses from national networks. As we come to accept that COVID-19 is not about to disappear quickly, we will be looking at other ways to continue this work on an ongoing basis.

Please send your ideas and thoughts to covid@gnpplus.net You can also visit our [COVID-19 webpage](#) to find the survey report, past editions of the newsletter and other resources.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU AND WANT TO SALUTE YOU – LIKE HEALTH CARE WORKERS YOU ARE ALSO ON THE FRONTLINE.