

TIME TO END HIV RELATED STIGMA:

THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR ACTION TO ELIMINATE ALL FORMS OF HIV-RELATED STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION

Stigma towards people living with HIV and people most affected by HIV continues to slow our progress on HIV and even reverse the successes we have had.

Every day people affected by HIV continue to experience rejection, exclusion, harassment and even criminalisation because of HIV. Laws, policies, beliefs and traditions, can create fear and discrimination that isolate people affected by HIV and drive them away from health, education and other services.

STIGMA TOWARDS PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV SLOWS PROGRESS

Globally we are measuring our progress in testing and treatment of HIV, but the impacts of HIV-related stigma in homes, workplaces, schools, clinics and in law that continue to lead to poor uptake of testing, denial of HIV services and people dropping out of treatment. We have been tackling HIV-related stigma for a long time and we have found things that work, but we are not tracking or reporting on them effectively.

The Global Partnership is an initiative to focus attention on our work around stigma, to support better interventions and to celebrate and replicate our successes across the world.

The Global Partnership is made up of leading HIV organisations that are advocating for resources and providing a global platform for communities and civil society to lead this work.

This is the reason that the *Global Partnership for Action to Eliminate all forms of HIV-related Stigma and Discrimination* was created.



The Global Partnership recognises that the key to ending HIV-related stigma is the work of communities and civil society leading interventions in the different settings: households, workplaces, education settings, justice systems, health settings and emergency and humanitarian settings.

High-level commitments will only be met if governments and civil society work together and stigma is challenged in every setting.

The partnership has brought together organisations that have worked on responding to HIV-related stigma and can offer knowledge, experience, ideas and tools. This group is called the Global Partnership Technical Working Group and is made up of UN agencies and civil society organisations who can provide technical support to countries.

SO HOW ARE COUNTRIES GETTING INVOLVED IN THIS GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP?

Countries have been invited to join the partnership and to share the work they want to do towards ending HIV-related stigma.

Each country has been asked to choose the three settings where they think they can make the greatest difference in tackling HIV-related stigma.

Governments and civil society will work together to select the interventions for each setting, using the guidance created by the partnership and drawing on the experiences of successful work already undertaken in their own country.

THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP

The Global Network of People Living with HIV

The NGO Delegation to the UNAIDS PCB

UN Women

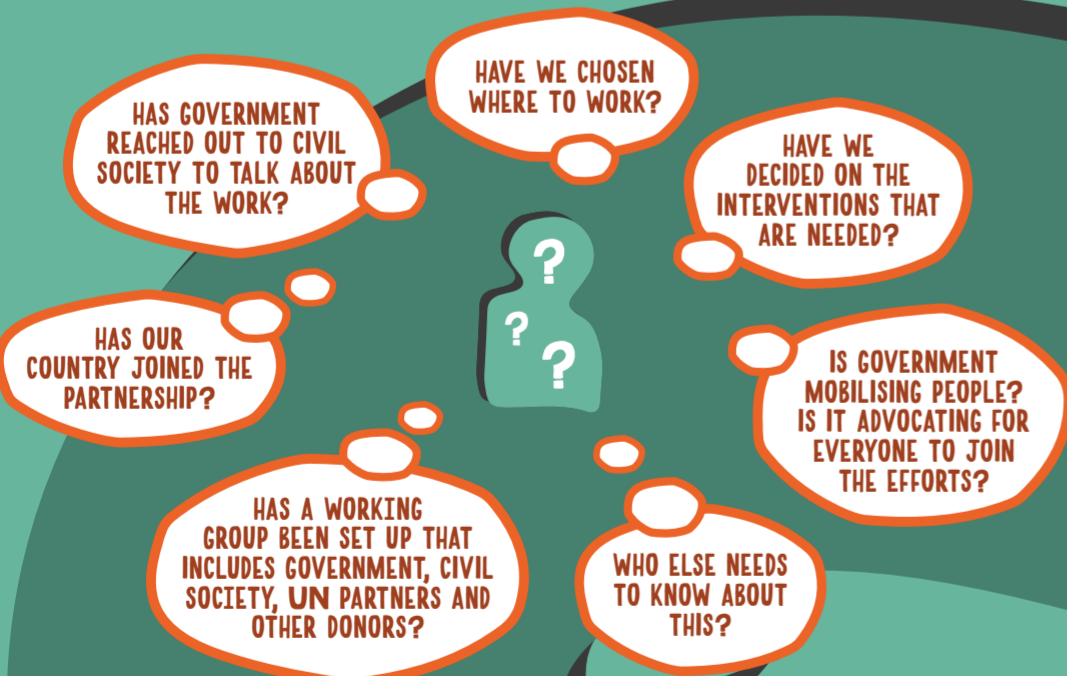
UNAIDS

UNDP

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

SO, WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US, OUR COMMUNITIES, NETWORKS OR ORGANISATIONS?

Communities and civil society are the key to ending stigma because we know the daily realities for people, and we know what works. The Global Partnership provides an opportunity for us to be supported to do what is needed - not just locally but nationally. The partnership can only work if civil society leads this work alongside government.



WHAT SHOULD WE DO NEXT?

1.

We need to know where our country is in the process.

2.

We need to find out which civil society organisations are involved and reach out to focal points and national networks to find out more about country's plans.

3.

We need to be ready to lead. The Global Partnership aims to support civil society to lead national consultations, develop interventions, to track and monitor progress and to promote and advocate for wider civil society engagement.

BE PART OF THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP AND HELP END HIV RELATED STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION!