



Together for health and human rights

Who is the Love Alliance?

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The Love Alliance is about us; the LGBTIQ+, sex workers, people who use drugs and people living with HIV across Africa. We are discriminated against or criminalized, yet envision a world where all people are able and empowered to make well-informed, autonomous choices about their bodies. In addition, everybody, including us, can enjoy the highest level of SRHR fulfilment and lowest vulnerability to STIs, including HIV, so a world without AIDS can be realized by 2030.

To get there, we have joined forces in a five-year partnership (2021-2025) with a global outreach, while having a focus in ten African countries. Funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Love Alliance brings together eight national thought leaders (GALZ, SANPUD and Sisonke), regional grant makers (AFE, ISDAO and UHAI) and global HIV experts (GNP+ and Aidsfonds). Join us in our movement as we advocate for equity and inclusion in access to justice and people-centered SRHR & HIV services; together for health and human rights!

What is the Love Alliance?

The Love Alliance is a five-year programme (2021-2025) that brings together diverse but like-minded allies across governments, funders, civil society and

community groups to prioritize and invest in challenging the structural barriers of underfunding, criminalisation and exclusion.

Across Africa, communities will be strengthened to come together and build movements to advocate for change, by identifying common issues and tackling them together. Community organisations will receive funding and support to fight for their rights and promote access to SRHR.

What are the goals of the Love Alliance?

The Love Alliance seeks to address structural barriers to SRHR, including gender inequality, decriminalisation, financing for key populations, increased access to health (SRHR/HIV) and justice. We do so by influencing policies, raising awareness and empowering communities in ten African countries. With a specific focus on people who use drugs, sex workers, LGBTIQ+ people and people living with HIV we aim to achieve that these communities are healthy and empowered through:

- Capable, inclusive, influential, and mutually supportive movements of these communities in unrestricted civic space.
- An end to sexual, gender-based violence, stigma and discrimination against these communities.
- Equal access to inclusive, people-centered, accountable, integrated HIV and comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services.

What do we believe?

We believe that through positive and structural change, supported by the strength of collaborative partnerships, the end of AIDS and Universal Health Coverage (UHC) is possible. The Love Alliance is about the power of people coming together as communities. With the right support, community interventions can help to remove systemic barriers to accessing comprehensive, affordable and non-discriminatory health care.

Why is this important?

People who use drugs, sex workers, LGBTIQ+ people and their sexual partners, account for 62% of new HIV infections worldwide. Currently, only 2% of global HIV financing goes to key populations programming, and even less directly to these communities and their organisations. Dominant political and social discourses dehumanise us, leading to stigmatisation, discrimination, criminalisation and other forms of violence and reduced access to SRHR/HIV services.

How do we work?

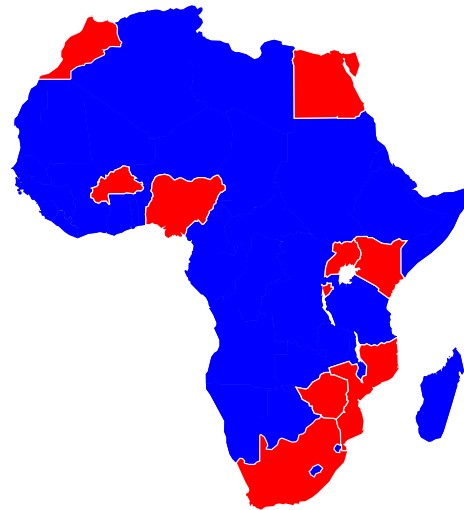
We work and advocate in solidarity across countries, across generations and across our communities. We use experience from our lived realities, evidence from our impact, and partners from different sectors. We choose to focus on the things that bring us together, rather than set us apart. The Love Alliance is our chance to prioritise and invest in challenging the structural barriers of gender inequality, underfunding, criminalisation and we will demand inclusion in access to health.

What drives us?

Experience from our lived realities and evidence from our impact and partners from different sectors has shown that together, we can effectively push against gender inequality, other forms of inequity, injustices and criminalisation to demand equity and inclusion in access to health and justice, including comprehensive SRHR and HIV services.

Where are we active?

While having a global outreach, the Love Alliance is active in ten African countries:



- South Africa
- Zimbabwe
- Mozambique
- Kenya
- Uganda
- Burundi
- Nigeria
- Burkina Faso
- Egypt
- Morocco

Where can I get updates?

You can visit the website aidsfonds.org/love-alliance or follow the online channels of our partners:



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