



2020

# IMPACT REPORT

PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV AT THE CENTRE

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# GNP+ 2020 Impact Report

## DEDICATION

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In honour of the global communities of people living with HIV in all our diversity, the strength and resilience we have displayed over the years.

In memory of all those we have lost in the fight against inequitable systems, inadequate access, violence and human rights violations.

In solidarity with networks of people living with HIV who have found innovative solutions and helped deliver health services to their communities in the face of adversity, especially during the challenging times of COVID-19.

## OUR VISION AND MISSION

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Our vision is a world where all people living with HIV are free from stigma and discrimination, have our rights recognised, our dignity respected and have universal access to treatment and care.

Our mission is to improve the quality of life for people living with HIV, in all our diversity.

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

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What a year 2020 has been! None of us could have known the challenges we would face. COVID-19 has impacted on us all and brought so much suffering, but our communities have stayed strong.

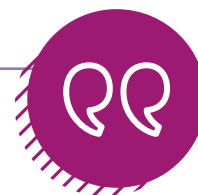
From networks of sex workers to youth organisations, marginalised communities have found innovative ways of adapting their work to protect the rights of people living with HIV and ensuring that we can continue to access essential health services.

GNP+ is proud to champion the critical role that communities have played in the COVID-19 response and to highlight the lessons that we must all learn if marginalised communities are to be guaranteed access to health in the future.

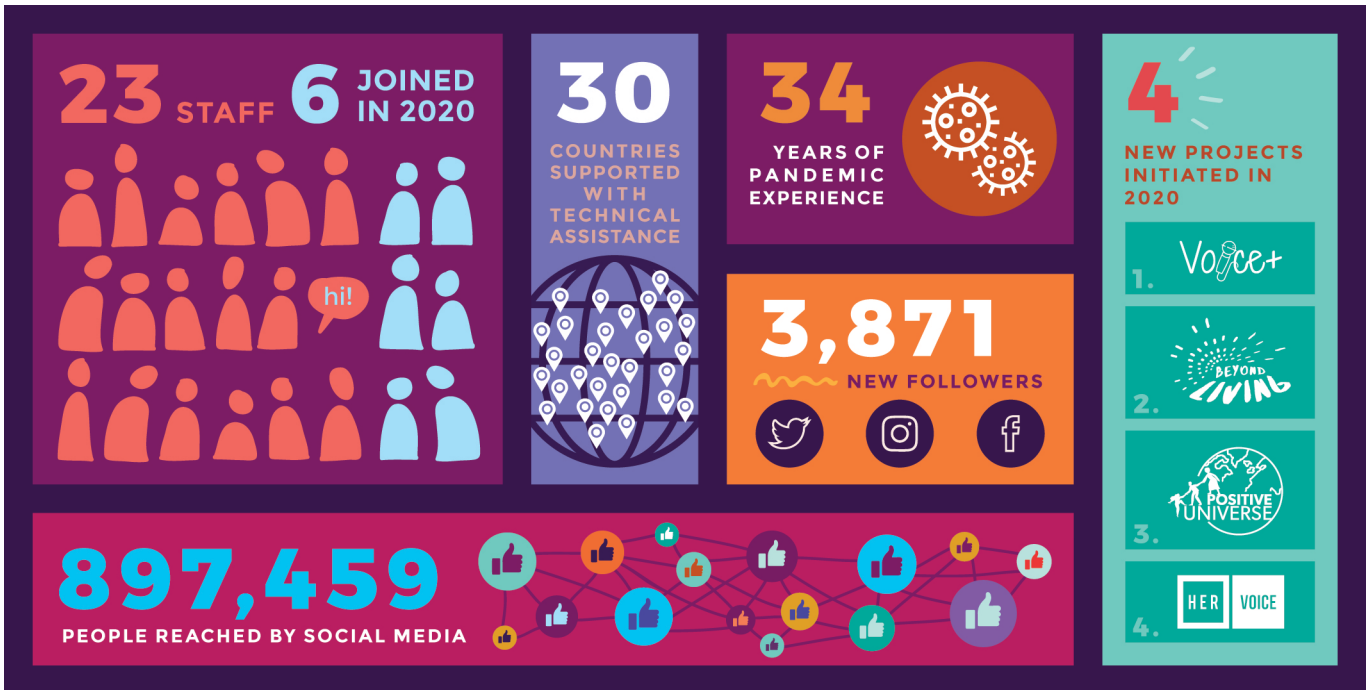
The HIV movement has decades of experience dealing with a global health epidemic. We have learnt many lessons over those years, developed skills and expertise that has enabled us at GNP+ to adapt our ways of working and continue with renewed determination to improve the quality of life of people living with HIV, in all our diversity.

All of the incredible things we have achieved as GNP+ in 2020 have been possible through the support and solidarity of our partners. And while the pandemic impacted us too, it has not stopped us. If anything, it has reignited our determination to fight injustice, as we continue to be inspired by the work of our communities.

*Jacquelyne Alesi*  
**Chair, GNP+ Board**

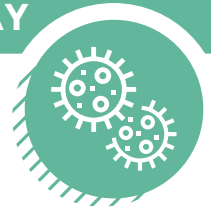


# GNP+ in numbers



## COVID-19: COMMUNITY RESPONSES LEAD THE WAY

As the COVID-19 pandemic emerged, GNP+ joined with ICW and Y+ Global to a **newsletter** highlighting the many ways communities of people living with HIV have found to work together and support one another during these difficult times.



### VOICE+



Voice+ is a new two-way digital platform designed to address the specific concerns of people living with HIV during the COVID-19 pandemic. Using a smartphone app and a WhatsApp chat box, Voice+ allows networks and organisations of people living with HIV across the world to communicate instantly, providing a vital source of information on the challenges PLHIV face in accessing health services and protecting their human rights.

### COVID-19 SURVEY

A **survey** by GNP+, ICW and Y+ Global found that networks of people living with HIV are using innovative ways to ensure their peers and their communities continue to have access to the critical services that they need. These achievements are showcased in our report “Living with HIV in the Time of COVID-19”.



# 2020 Achievements



## 1. GREATER INVOLVEMENT OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV



### HIV 2020

We co-led this groundbreaking virtual conference with INPUD, MPACT and NSWP, creating an online platform that highlighted the leading role key populations and communities play in the global HIV response and enabled peer exchange about new research and its implications for policy and practice.



### Beyond LIVING

In 2020 we launched Beyond LIVING in collaboration with ICW and Y+ Global to develop a shared strategy for our global advocacy, especially on Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and now, COVID-19.

Guided by a diverse Life Force, Beyond LIVING is a consultation and advocacy process that aims to:

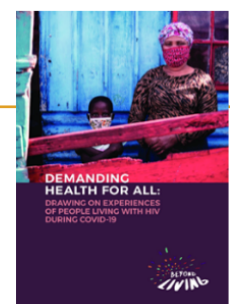


- hear and share what's happening in peoples' lives across regions;
- hold dialogues to agree common priorities; share and propose solutions to the most pressing challenges;
- mobilise and collaborate to influence key advocacy processes;
- support activism at national, regional and global levels; and
- promote greater youth leadership and diversity

On World Mental Health Day, Beyond LIVING produced an awareness raising video highlighting the impact of mental health on people living with HIV around the world.

### DEMANDING HEALTH FOR ALL

We ended 2020 with a powerful report on universal health coverage that will guide our work next year, setting out key recommendations to deliver #healthforall for marginalized and key populations.



## YOUNG, WILD AND FREE: FOSTERING YOUTH LEADERSHIP

In collaboration with Mainline and Aidsfonds, GNP+ launched our **Young, Wild & Free** programme bringing together networks of young people living with HIV to share best practices of engagement, support and resilience within young key populations.



## HER VOICE FUND

GNP+ continued to host our sister organisation Y+ (the Global Network of Young People Living with HIV), who successfully bid to become the implementing organisation of the HER Voice Fund 2.0, supporting the meaningful engagement and leadership of adolescent girls and young women within Global Fund and other national processes.



## GLOBAL AIDS STRATEGY 2021-2026: 'END AIDS. END INEQUALITIES'

GNP+ played a strong role in the development of this new community-oriented strategy throughout the year, leading a joint consultation on health services with ICW and Y+.

## GLOBAL FUND STRATEGY 2022-2025

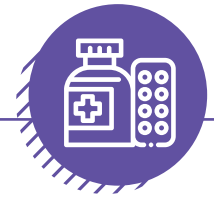
Working with both the Communities Delegation and the Women 4 Global Fund, we held a webinar and a workshop to provide technical support for communities wanting to input their views, while continuing to closely monitor and engage in these processes more broadly.

## AIDS CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL

When this time-honoured tradition stood to be cancelled due to COVID-19, GNP+ stepped up to organise the first virtual International AIDS Candlelight Memorial reaching 5700 people globally.



## 2. TREATMENT ACCESS



### STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK ON PEDIATRIC CARE



GNP+ continues to advocate for better testing, treatment and care for children living with HIV, supporting the role of communities in creating demand and addressing stigma around accessing point of care services. In 2020, GNP+ developed a **strategic framework** to guide this work as well as a **resource pack** including a whole set of materials to support treatment literacy among parents and caregivers, peer supporters and community health workers. In the run up to the Vatican meeting on diagnosis and treatment of pediatric HIV and TB in children living with HIV, GNP+ organised a virtual activists strategy meeting together with Aidsfonds, MSF Access Campaign and Health Gap.

**NO TIME TO WAIT!**  
Supporting early infant diagnosis  
**JOB AID FOR PEER SUPPORTERS**

**NO TIME TO WAIT!**  
Protect your baby's life - take them for an HIV test  
As parents and caregivers we want to care for our children as best we can - this includes protecting them against HIV. Here's what you need to know:

**NO TIME TO WAIT!**  
The importance of early infant diagnosis of HIV  
**GUIDANCE FOR POLICY MAKERS**

This guidance outlines the importance of early infant diagnosis (EID) in the HIV response. It explains how new technology make it possible to produced test results more quickly now and as a result more infants can be diagnosed in the first weeks of life.

**NO TIME TO WAIT!**  
The importance of early infant diagnosis of HIV  
**A FACT SHEET FOR ADVOCATES**

This fact sheet is designed to show you the information you need to promote early infant diagnosis (EID) within your community and to encourage people to take test results for HIV testing. It also explains how new point of care (POC) technology enables test results to be produced more quickly. It is important that we make people aware of EID services, increase uptake of testing and advocate to policy makers and programme implementers to make POC EID more widely available.

### HCV-HIV ADVOCACY WORKSHOP, NAIROBI, KENYA

**HIV**  
**HCV**  
**17**  
ACTIVISTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS EMPOWERED TO ADVOCATE AROUND HCV

We co-hosted our second advocacy workshop on HCV and HIV with an exciting new partner, Médecins du Monde (MdM), bringing together people who inject drugs, and their peers, activists and other allies to develop strategies to increase access to Hepatitis C prevention, diagnostics and new oral treatments.

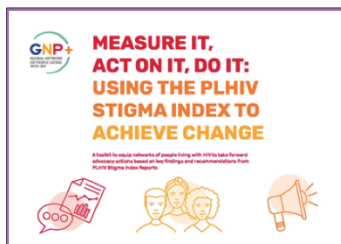
### 3. STIGMA



- FULL LIST OF REPORTS:
- RWANDA
  - UKRAINE
  - BELIZE
  - NEW ZEALAND
  - SIERRA LEONE
  - CANADA
  - JAMAICA

#### PLHIV STIGMA INDEX 2.0

Although 2020 proved to be a challenging year for implementing the PLHIV Stigma Index 2.0, seven countries produced final reports with evidence-based recommendations for policy and practice.



To support advocacy actions around these recommendations, GNP+ developed 'Measure It, Act on It, Do it: Using the PLHIV Stigma Index to Achieve Change', packed with practical tools and resources.

#### ZIMBABWE STIGMA VIDEO

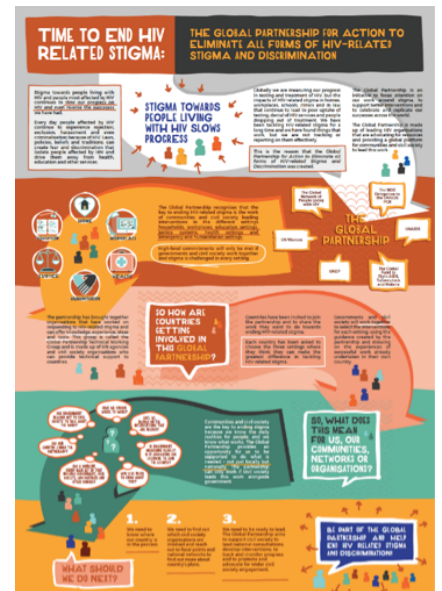


On World Human Rights Day, GNP+ released a video celebrating community-led responses to HIV-related stigma and discrimination, featuring innovative work by ZNNP+ in Zimbabwe to address this barrier in religious settings.

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



- 18 NEW MEMBER COUNTRIES
- 16 NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS
- 4 REGIONAL FOCAL POINTS



This year GNP+ built a framework to support country engagement with the Global Partnership, providing country and regional level focal points with resources to champion the Global Partnership, identify priorities and plan joint advocacy actions.



#### HIV JUSTICE WORLDWIDE

GNP+ continues to be an active member of HIV Justice Worldwide, partnering with the Eurasian Women's Network on AIDS (EWNA) to deliver strategic litigation and advocacy in eight countries in the Eastern Europe and Central Asia region, with particularly success in preventing the unjust detention of two people in Uzbekistan.

## 4. UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE (UHC)

### POSITIVE UNIVERSE

GNP+ launched Positive Universe in June 2020 to equip networks of people living with HIV in West Africa, Indonesia and Ukraine with tools and resources needed to engage in national and regional policy dialogues on UHC.



### UHC DAY



To mark UHC Day on 12th December, GNP+ produced a **toolkit** in English and French with 10 things advocates could do to get involved and make a difference, tying in with the theme for UHC Day 2020 - #ProtectEveryone.



### LOVE ALLIANCE

Work has begun on this exciting new initiative to be launched in 2021 - a brand new partnership to improve the health and rights of sex workers, people who use drugs, LGBTIQ+ people and people living with HIV in Africa.

## APPRECIATION

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