

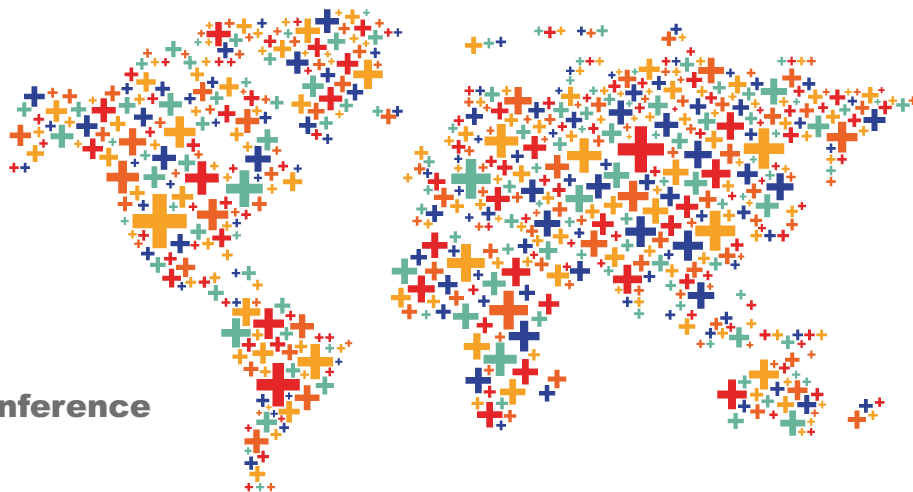


HIV, COVID-19, INEQUITIES, AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

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Life in the time of COVID-19

**We heard from 47 networks in
30 countries...**

**“No equality, No freedom,
No justice, No freedom,
No wider or
basic human rights”**

Sarmad David Legacy Fund (Pakistan, AP)

“Due to risk of ART stock out the drugs are given to most of PLHIV only for 1 month, which causes additional stress and difficulties for patients in terms of quarantine”

All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH (Ukraine, EECA)

“There is the challenge of hunger and starvation especially among PLHIV in the Nairobi slums who usually depend on low level-casual work to make earning for food. There is fear curfew and social distancing will intensify poverty and hunger among PLHIV. Hunger and starvation means PLHIV cannot adhere to treatment”

NEPHAK (Kenya, ESA)

“Patients abandon the waiting lines and give up”

REJUSIDA (Mozambique, ESA)

**“(PLHIV) are very depressed
and worried that they will die
after contracting COVID-19”**

The Jamaican Network of Seropositives (Jamaica, LAC)

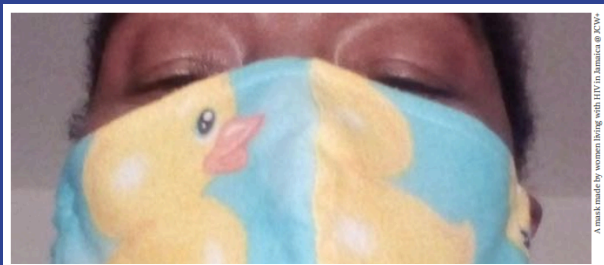
“This is a very tough situation especially for women who are self employed they can no longer go to the street to sell their vegetables, hawkers can no longer travel and they have families to feed, children to take of”

ICW Eswatini (Eswatini, ESA)

This is how networks of PLHIV are responding...

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TAKE PART IN A SURVEY!



This week GNP+, ICW, and Y+ Global are launching a survey for networks and other organisations of people living with HIV to share how we are adapting to Life in the time of COVID-19 and how we can act together in solidarity.

Visit our COVID-19 HIV webpage to find the survey, future editions of the newsletter and other resources.

This is the first edition of a newsletter that we will share every two weeks. We would like to hear from you and feature your work in future editions so please send your ideas and thoughts to covid@gnpplus.net

HOW IS OUR COMMUNITY RESPONDING?

As people living with HIV are coming to terms with a new global pandemic, individuals and networks are bringing their resilience and expertise to advocate for their communities.

- NEPHAK, Kenya has conducted a survey of people living with HIV, has stepped up its advocacy for differentiated service delivery models of HIV care and is focusing on supporting the community it represents by adapting its programmes. NEPHAK is also keeping their community safe by sharing accurate information on how to prevent COVID-19.
- DNP+, India volunteers are donning masks and having to take on police officials as they deliver HIV and HepC medications to people living with HIV who are unable to get to ART centres and hospitals.
- ICW+, Jamaica are mobilising resources to provide information and care packages directly to women living with HIV. They have adapted their quilt making skills to make masks for community members and health care workers. The first batch of masks was delivered to a local treatment site.

Source: <https://www.gnpplus.net/covid-19-and-hiv/>

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YOUNG **POSITIVE LIVING IN THE TIME OF COVID-19**



Young people delivering ARVs door to door during lockdown in Uganda @UNYPA

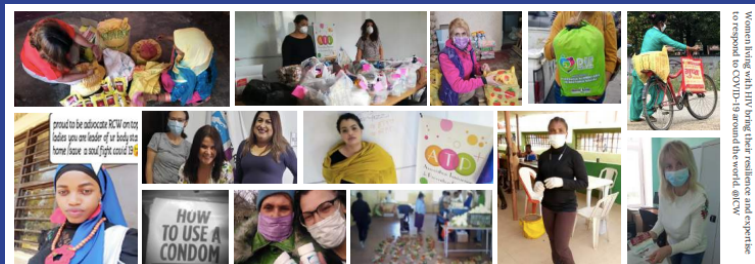
“Young people like myself have strongly continued to participate in drug delivery processes using bicycles and moving on foot.”

- Michael Senyonga, UNYPA

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Positive Women Living In The Time Of COVID-19

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HOW ARE NETWORKS OF WOMEN LIVING WITH HIV RESPONDING?

Networks of women living with HIV have been securing resources, documenting rights violations and mobilizing to support women, including those from key populations can access medicines, food, and other essential supplies.

- [Eurasian Women's Network on AIDS](#), have developed a global program to deliver ARVs to women living with HIV, who are stranded away from home in other countries.
- [ICW Eastern Africa](#) are advocating for sexual and reproductive health and rights to be considered as essential services in the context of COVID-19. They successfully lobbied the government in Uganda to exempt pregnant women from the lockdown so they can travel to health facilities.
- [ICW North America](#) members are delivering street-based survival sex work kits in Canada.
- [ICW Asia Pacific](#) is coordinating with different stakeholders to deliver ARVs to migrant workers and advocating with governments to secure access to treatment before stockouts.

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