Decriminalisation – Advocacy for global Change

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Around the world, members of our communities are being monitored, harassed, charged with crimes, and sentenced to jail, because we:

- are living with HIV
- use drugs
- do sex work
- have same-sex sexual relations
- are trans, queer or gender non-conforming
- seek sexual and reproductive health services, want to become pregnant, or breastfeed/chest feed while living with HIV

This fuels Inequalities and undermines the HIV response!
Not a criminal Campaign

• The *Not A Criminal* campaign is a partnership between GNP+, HJN, ICW, Y+ Global, and many others

• Seeks to mobilise **multifaceted community action** to hold governments, legislators and policymakers accountable to their global commitments to ensure access to health and respect human rights.
Objectives of the Not a Criminal Campaign

• **Increase awareness about the urgent need to decriminalise** HIV non-disclosure, potential or perceived exposure, and unintentional transmission; drug use and possession of drugs for personal use; the profession of sex work; same-sex sexual relations; diverse gender identities and gender expressions; and seeking sexual and reproductive health services, wanting to become pregnant, and breastfeeding/chestfeeding while living with HIV.

• **Increase decriminalisation advocacy and collaboration** amongst people living with HIV, people who use drugs, sex workers, people of diverse sexualities, gender identities and gender expressions, and people living with HIV seeking sexual and reproductive health services, having children or breastfeeding/chestfeeding.

• **Lead to the repeal or reform of laws** that criminalise HIV non-disclosure, potential or perceived exposure, and unintentional transmission; drug use and possession of drugs for personal use; the profession of sex work; same-sex sexual relations; diverse gender identities and gender expressions; and seeking sexual and reproductive health services, wanting to become pregnant, and breastfeeding/chestfeeding while living with HIV.
Together, we are working towards decriminalisation — all over the world.

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Mechanisms

- Connected to UNAIDS mechanism
- Communities are mobilising the support needed to change punitive laws - Community Led
- Links Digital Health and Rights work
- Data driven - connected to HIV Policy lab, provides opportunities for reporting
- Linked to legal knowledge and capacity within HIV Justice Network (HJN)
Thank you

• Join the campaign on our website here and be part of the movement. [https://notacriminal.org/the-campaign/](https://notacriminal.org/the-campaign/)