



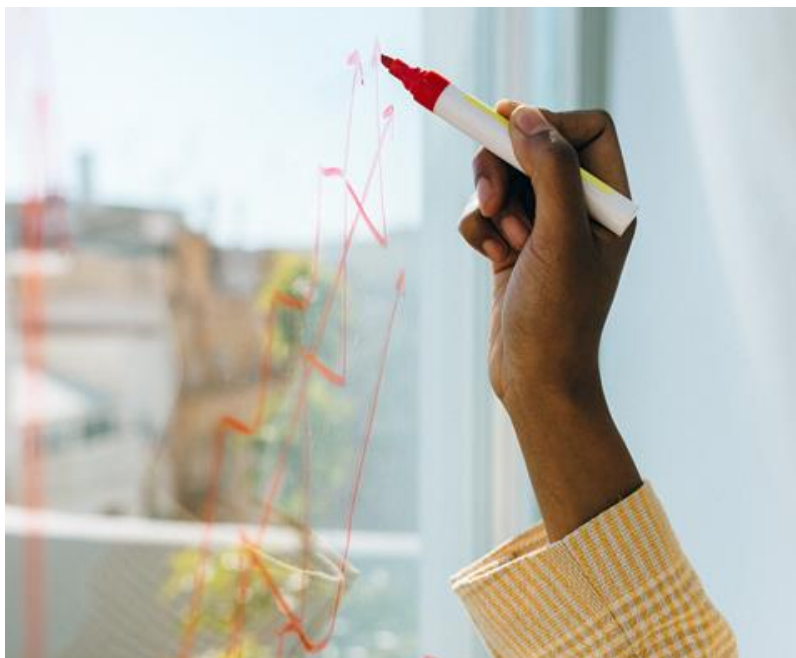
Key Population Community of Practice **NEWSLETTER**

Dear Colleague,

As the year draws to a close, we share our last 2022 newsletter with you. It has been a full year for the Key Population Community of Practice with three online meetings.

Here is a quick recap of the most recent webinar in case you missed it, would like to revisit some of the resources or presentations, or share it with your colleagues.

What does funding & sustainability of Key Population programmes within HIV responses at the country level look like?



To discuss this topic, the GPC and SSLN hosted the 6th webinar of the Key Populations Community of Practice on Monday, 5 December. Representatives from funding organisations, ministries of health, and Key Population-led organisations shared their insights.

Stakeholders and partners from 51 countries attended the virtual meeting.

An overview of Key Population programme funding

Key Populations and their sexual partners account for nearly **70% of new HIV infections**. Yet only about **3% of HIV spending** is estimated to be spent on Key population Programmes. This presents a key challenge to the HIV response:

We have the largest funding gap where we have the greatest need.

Domestic financing for Key Population responses is insufficient in many countries, but there are several good examples, which show that it is entirely feasible for middle-income countries to substantially invest more in HIV prevention with Key Populations - in the webinar, we discussed some of them.

Still, it is evident that there is a need also for **continued international investment** into Key Population responses with a long-term horizon of 2030.

Recap of the webinar agenda

In unpacking the global resource needs estimates and funding gaps, **Deepak Matur** (UNAIDS) reminded us of the 2025 global HIV Key Population targets and the resource needs estimates to achieve the targets. **Nicole Fraser-Hurt** (World Bank) outlined how the **Optima HIV model** was used to inform resource allocation and illustrated that investing in Key Population responses represents good value for money.

Naroesha Jagessar (Aidsfonds) took us through Aidsfonds' resource assessment report titled **Fast-Track or Off-Track?** to

share how insufficient funding for key populations jeopardises ending AIDS by 2030 and emphasise the need to allocate more resources for key population programming.

As representatives of funding organisations, **Matteo Cassolato** (Global Fund), **Ugonna Ijeoma** (PEPFAR) and **Erin Eckstein** (PEPFAR) shared their organisations' finance portfolios, Key Population programming allocation of resources, and commitment towards funding and sustaining Key Population programmes.

It is recommended to enhance both international and domestic funding, and instead rely on domestic funding while building social contracting mechanisms. **Dr Shobini Rojan** (NACO, India) and **Regina Maithufi** (Department of Health, South Africa) shared how their programmes leverage domestic and other resources to fund their domestic Key Population responses.

Key Population community panellists, facilitated by **Judy Chang** (INPUD) and **Ruth Morgan Thomas** (NSWP), discussed the barriers to funding for Key Populations and the consequences of a lack of adequate funding for Key Population-led advocacy; and what contribution the Key Population-led organisations have made to advocate for funding. (Scroll down for more).

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Panel perspectives

What are some of the key barriers to domestic funding for Key Populations groups?

“I find the conversation of domestic funding difficult because as Key Populations we are still criminalised within our own country. When you talk about domestic funding, you are talking about a country *taking care* of their own citizens...” – **Phelister Abdalla**, Kenya Sex Worker Association (KESWA)

“I can’t imagine any money going directly to trans-groups from government... Our governments are themselves underfunded and have very little money to do real, meaningful HIV work.” – **Barbra Wangare**, East African Trans Health & Advocacy Network (EATHAN)

How do they contribute towards advocating for funding?

“The only way we can do that is relationships: building relationships with programmes [and] government agencies. Once we can get to the point where we are approaching substance use from a harm-reduction, evidence-based perspective, then change can happen.” – **Angela McBride**, South Africa Network of People who Use Drugs (SANPUD)

“...bringing in voices that are part of the [Key and Vulnerable Population] community – *that* has to be at the forefront of how we look at extending and enhancing and expanding funding opportunity.” – **Kevin Williams**, Mpact Global Action for Gay Men’s Health & Rights

Add these to your to-do list

BROWSE The *Optima HIV Software Tool* as presented by Nicole Fraser-Hurt, World Bank

READ *Fast-Track or Off-track?* as presented by Naroesha Jagessar, AidsFonds

VIEW *Trends in PEPFAR Resources and Investment (Asia Region)*, shared by Inad Rendon, Mpact

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Here are the recordings of the previous 5 webinars ▼

1. *Launch of the Key Population Community of Practice*
 2. *The Building Blocks for Scaling Up Impactful Programs with Key Populations*
 3. *Addressing legal and structural barriers to scale-up access of key populations to services*
 4. *Scaling up effective programs with young key populations*
 5. *Navigating the WHO's 2022 Consolidated Guidelines*
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Reach out to us

For more information on the Global HIV Prevention Coalition, the Key Populations Community of Practice, or support towards implementing the WHO guidelines, kindly send an email to BenediktC@unaids.org, sladden@unfpa.org or kerrym@genesis-analytics.com.

Visit the GPC's website for more resources.

If you or someone you know would like to register for this community of practice or need to be notified of future learning opportunities, please send an email to karabos@genesis-analytics.com.

Best wishes for a safe and festive season ahead,

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