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My name is Alexa Dominich and I am chair of Transvoice. Transvoice is a community-based organization of trans women in Indonesia. The transgender women community is the most left behind in the implementation of HIV programs. Lack of opportunities and safe spaces for representatives of transgender women in strategic spaces at the national or international level greatly affects the accommodation of issues and needs of the trans women community. Talking about human rights issues and also gender equality, most donor agencies, UN agencies and HIV program implementers are very insensitive and don't care about the issues and needs of the trans women community, for example in terms of administration, they still have problems using names according to identity cards, while many once a trans female individual who is not comfortable using the birth name listed on the identity card. Many trans women use the name of their choice to match with their gender identity, while we know that the procedure for changing the name on the identity card is not easy.

In addition, in the implementation of the HIV program, the needs of the trans women community are still united with the MSM group, while the issues and needs between the trans women community and MSM are very different. And there are still many trans women community-based organizations that cannot become HIV program implementers due to issues of ability and experience in managing funds and some of the requirements set by donor agencies. For this reason, it is very important to provide a safe space, opportunity and accommodate the issues and needs of the trans women community so that they are not left behind.