

# How UNAIDS supports civil society engagement and community responses to HIV

Evidence shows that community responses to HIV result in positive health outcomes, foster community resilience and are cost effective. UNAIDS is committed to the meaningful and inclusive participation of civil society at all levels of the AIDS response. UNAIDS advocates for and supports community-

based responses - connecting hard to reach and marginalised communities with services, ensuring the implementation of rights-based and people-centred approaches, safeguarding the sustainability of the response and fostering greater effectiveness in accountability processes.

## COMMUNITY RESPONSES TO HIV INCLUDE:



Advocacy, campaigning and participation in decision-making, monitoring and accountability processes



Direct service delivery



Community-participatory research

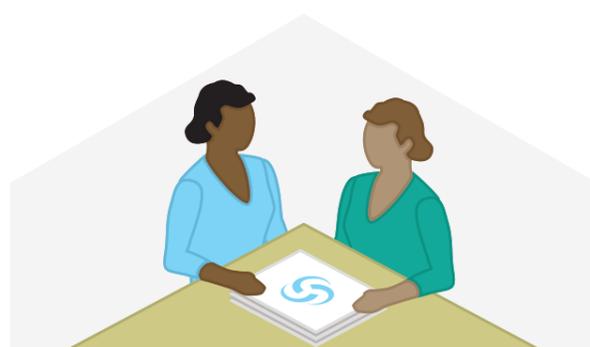


Community financing



### CONVENING ROLE

UNAIDS has brought governments, civil society organisations and donors together in the development of plans, strategies and programmes (such as Global Fund concept notes and National AIDS Plans), reviews of legal and policy environments and responses to emergency and human rights issues



### TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Integrating community responses in National AIDS Plans and Global Fund concept notes, including budget allocations, UNAIDS has supported the development, implementation and monitoring of community service delivery programmes, funding civil society organisations, advocacy organisations and community networks



The UNAIDS Secretariat helped mobilise US\$ 21 million from the US Government for civil society through the Robert Carr civil society Networks Fund, faith-based organisations and the Elton John AIDS Foundation



### FACILITATING CIVIL SOCIETY COORDINATION

UNAIDS supports civil society organisations to engage in the AIDS response in a coordinated way that respects diverse voices and actions, facilitating civil society advocacy and community-based service delivery by communicating directly with communities and providing updates on emerging developments relevant to the AIDS response



### UNAIDS AS AN ADVOCATE

UNAIDS advocates for the meaningful and inclusive engagement of communities at all levels of the global AIDS response (planning, decision-making processes, evaluation, research, delivery at local, national and global levels) as well as for the inclusion of communities' needs and priorities in national and international action plans, policies and commitments

In Nigeria and Gambia, civil society, supported by UNAIDS, secured the release of more than 20 individuals who had been detained on charges of conducting same sex relations

