



What Does the Evidence Say? We Are Stronger Together

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What Are Communities?

People Living with HIV

Community networks and community-based organizations, including those that are run by and/or for key populations

Local, national, and international NGOS

AIDS service organizations

Faith based organizations



Discrimination against LGBT people
negatively impacts many other areas of life
including...

self-esteem safety schooling
housing family relationships
economic and social opportunities
health employment
friendships



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Caribbean Vulnerable Communities

About Us

Caribbean Vulnerable Communities Coalition (CVC) is a coalition of community leaders and non-governmental agencies that are advocates and service providers, working with and on behalf of Caribbean populations who are especially vulnerable to HIV infection or often forgotten in access to treatment and healthcare programmes. These groups include men who have sex with men, sex workers, people who use drugs, orphans and other children made vulnerable by HIV, migrant populations, persons in prison and ex-prisoners, and youth in especially difficult circumstances. < [read more](#) >



Marginalized Children & Youth

The AIDS epidemic has orphaned approximately 250,000 Caribbean children



Drug Users

Globally, HIV prevention efforts have focussed on injecting drug users, one of the highest risk populations for HIV



Sex Workers

In Guyana, Jamaica, and the Dom. Rep., HIV among female sex workers is estimated at 17%, 5%, and 2% respectively.



MSM

It is estimated that MSMs account for 10% of HIV transmission in the Caribbean and studies estimate high HIV rates ranging from 5 to 33%.



Mobile/Migrant Populations

Population movement has its risks and those who are most vulnerable include refugees...



Treatment Action Campaign (TAC)



Target Driven Responses are More Effective



By 2020

90–90–90
HIV treatment

500 000
New HIV infections
or fewer

ZERO
Discrimination

By 2030

95–95–95
HIV treatment

200 000
New HIV infections
or fewer

ZERO
Discrimination

Examples of Community Successes in Africa



64%

Increase in likelihood
of treatment access
(Nigeria)



2x

Increase in the likelihood
of using prevention services
(Nigeria)



4x

Increase in consistent condom
use in the previous 12 months
(Kenya)

Continued...



Source: Zachariah et al. 2009. Task shifting in HIV/AIDS: opportunities, challenges and proposed actions for sub-Saharan Africa. *Transactions of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene*. 2009;103:549–558.



Recommendations

1. Community action requires a holistic approach: people's lives are multifaceted
2. Donors / development partners need schemes to support community action
3. Civil society / NGOs are effective advocates with their own governments

Read the full document: *Stronger Together*
http://www.unaids.org/sites/default/files/media_asset/JC2788_stronger_together_en.pdf