

POSITIVE NEWS

2012 - REIGNITING THE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV



A STRENGTHENED VOICE FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV

Global Advocacy Agenda Unites PLHIV

The Global Advocacy Agenda (GAA) was first adopted in 1999 to articulate the issues most important to the community of people living with HIV. During 2012 GNP+ led extensive consultations to review and update the agenda for the next three years. That process enabled over 900 people living with HIV from around the world to participate, through an e-survey, an e-consultation, at the LIVING 2012 summit and a round table in Marrakech, Morocco.

The consultation followed three driving principles: to be inclusive; to base the Agenda on consensus and commonalities; and to reflect the diversity of people living with HIV.

The completed Agenda was launched on Human Rights Day 2012 and covers 16 topics under the three themes agreed at the start of the year:

- Prevention, treatment, care and support
- Human rights, and
- Community mobilisation, strengthening and activism

As GNP+ Co-Chair Anuar Luna said at the time of the launch "The GAA places human rights as a central non-negotiable demand for the community of people living with HIV, one which we must unite to achieve." You can view the full document at www.hivadvocacynow.org



Call to Action – how you can support global advocacy

When a group of passionate and committed activists met to discuss the new Global Advocacy Agenda in Marrakech in November 2012 they decided on a new approach to the wider engagement of people living with HIV. Angry that, more than 30 years into the epidemic, 4,500 of us are still dying unnecessarily every

day, they devised a Call to Action – launched on World AIDS Day with its own website – encouraging people living with HIV to put their weight behind a shared agenda for change. Visit the website now to see how you can support global advocacy: www.hivadvocacynow.org

MaxART – putting PLHIV first in treatment scale up

GNP+ and the Swaziland Network of People Living with HIV (SWANNEPHA) are playing a critical role in the Swaziland programme 'Maximising ART for Better Health and Zero New Infections' (MaxART) by gathering evidence about the experiences of PLHIV. Led by the Ministry of Health, MaxART aims to scale up access to HIV testing and treatment in Swaziland.

SWANNEPHA researched the realities of people living with HIV on the ground using the Positive Health, Dignity and Prevention framework. They

provided GNP+ with examples of how data can be used directly to inform HIV programmes. The data has guided the development of a Treatment Supporter Toolkit, an SMS Reminder Service and with the focusing of community mobilisation activities. SWANNEPHA adapted the *Human Rights Count!* tool so expert clients could monitor human rights violations. This programme is ongoing and provides high quality evidence on the rules of PLHIV networks in expanding *Treatment and Prevention*.



Growing older with HIV

People living with HIV are growing older – treatment success has improved life expectancy for many, while some evidence suggests older people are becoming more vulnerable to infection. This has many implications that need to be considered in the context of Positive Health, Dignity and Prevention, yet little research has

been done into this emerging area. GNP+ supported satellites and workshops on this issue at AIDS 2012. Collaboration has begun with the Terrence Higgins Trust (UK) and others to develop a concept note to guide future work in this area. In 2013, GNP+ will fundraise with its partners to scope out this work and move to an implementation phase.

Establishing the facts, fighting for change

GNP+ has always worked to identify how HIV affects people living with HIV, using the information gathered to argue for change – change to funding, change to services, change to social policy and the law. GNP+ encourages the use of five key tools for research and will ensure the results are available to anyone who can use them for advocacy: the *PLHIV Stigma Index*; the *Human Rights Count!*; the *Criminalisation Scan*; the *Greater and More Meaningful Involvement of People Living with HIV/AIDS (GIPA) Report Card*; and the *Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights*

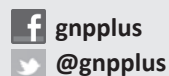
(*SRHR*) *Guidance Pack*. GNP+ works to ensure that all key populations of people living with HIV have access to these tools and can share their results with others.

This has included the continuing HIV Leadership through Accountability programme (which supports ten networks of PLHIV to use the five tools), HIV in Europe (working with six networks in Europe to implement the PLHIV Stigma Index), and the HIV Stigma Index Partnership with ICW and UNAIDS to implement the index in eighteen countries.

Social networking – new ways to engage with positive advocacy

In 2012 GNP+ increased its use of social media to promote its work and stay in touch with people living with HIV around the world. You can now follow GNP+ on Facebook and on Twitter. In addition GNP+ runs nine web platforms to share

materials specific to areas like criminalisation, conferences, the Young Leaders' Fund and the Call to Action.



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PLHIV voices strengthen international guidelines

GNP+ is increasingly recognised by global agencies as a critical player in the development of guidance at the global level and successfully contributed to the development of five sets of policy and programmatic guidance during 2012:

WHO Guidelines for Couples' Testing and Counselling: GNP+ peer reviewed in-depth interviews with people living with HIV on their experiences within discordant relationships and reviewed the draft Guidelines ensuring that the needs and realities of discordant couples were reflected in the document.

WHO Consolidated ART Guidelines (release mid-2013): GNP+ partnered with the International HIV/AIDS Alliance to lead on consultations with people living with HIV and civil society and partnered with the International Community of Women Living with HIV to gather data on the needs and experiences of HIV-positive women around 'Option B+'.

WHO Guidelines on HIV Testing and Counselling for Adolescents (release mid-2013): The Y+ Advisory Group reviewed the survey, disseminated to young people living with HIV globally; and participated in an international consultation in Harare, Zimbabwe to review the draft guidelines. As a result of its participation, GNP+ has been invited to endorse the Guidelines with the WHO, a great advocacy success.

Positive Learning – Guidance for the Education Sector on meeting the needs of young people living with HIV: GNP+ continued its engagement with UNESCO in the release and promotion of this guidance on the UNESCO guidelines, via a webinar and sessions at the International AIDS Conference.

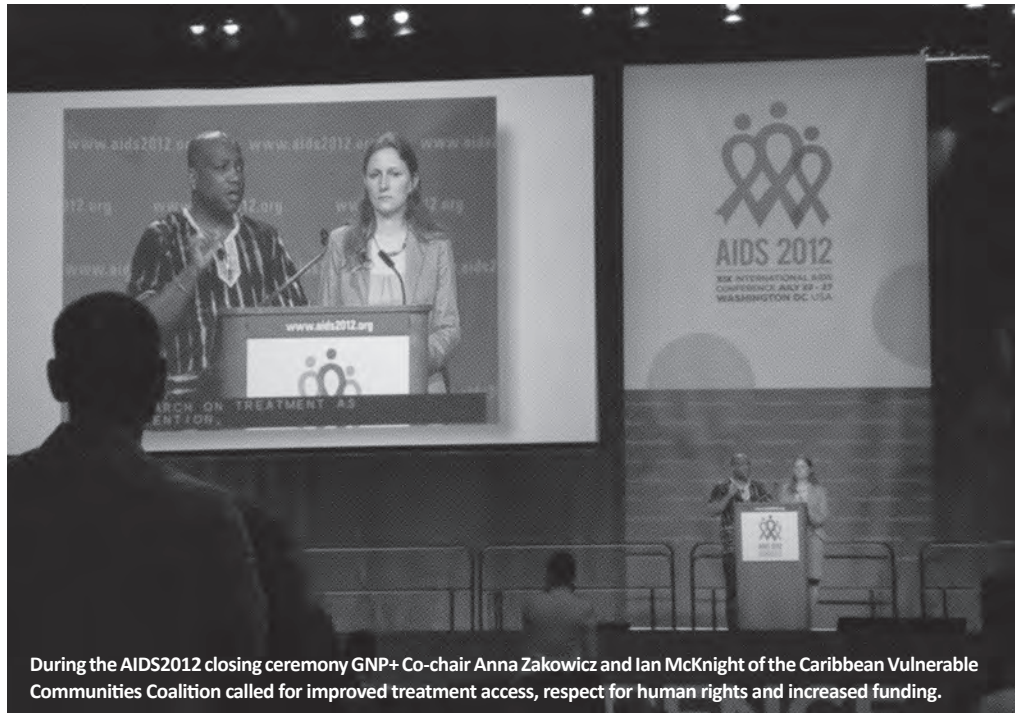
Care Worker Guidance on Ethical Dilemmas: GNP+ Co-Chairs this project with the Coalition of Children Affected by AIDS, working with the following partners: INPUD, NSWP, GNP+, MSMGF and the International HIV/AIDS Alliance. In 2012, the Working Group developed a draft of the Care Worker Guidance Toolkit and began filming its interactive component.

Living 2012 calls for access, legal protection and inclusivity

One hundred and ninety-nine people living with HIV from 85 different countries attended the Living 2012 Positive Leadership Summit on 19th and 20th July in Washington DC. The voices of sex workers and drug users living with HIV were strengthened by links to the Sex Worker Freedom Festival Kolkata and AIDS Forum Kiev.

Participants at the Summit strongly reaffirmed the demand for access to quality treatment and prevention services that are affordable and accessible to all people living with HIV including the key populations affected by HIV. They called for these services to be delivered through client centred health care and social support systems, following GNP+'s Positive Health, Dignity and Prevention framework.

People living with HIV called for protective laws to be enacted, enforced and monitored by all governments and other agencies. Human rights protections must include equality for women, men having sex with men, LGBTI populations, sex workers and people who use drugs, and protect the sexual and reproductive health rights of all people. There was consensus that stigma and discrimination, particularly laws criminalising HIV transmission, exposure or non-disclosure, are a violation of human dignity and impede



During the AIDS2012 closing ceremony GNP+ Co-chair Anna Zakowicz and Ian McKnight of the Caribbean Vulnerable Communities Coalition called for improved treatment access, respect for human rights and increased funding.

the HIV response at all levels.

Participants called upon the community of people living with HIV to be inclusive in their activism and leadership, addressing the needs of all people living with HIV,

including youth, women and members of key populations.

For more information about the LIVING 2012 Partnership and our supporters, please visit www.living2012.org



“People living with HIV are...” was developed as a new format for presenting the positive ways people living with HIV are engaged in the fight against the epidemic. Posters featuring seven different slogans were launched at the International AIDS Conference, AIDS 2012, and have been widely used by groups in different parts of the world.



Hearing younger voices

In 2012 GNP+ continued its efforts to see more young people living with HIV having influence on their own lives and services. With UNESCO, GNP+ published “Positive Learning: Meeting the needs of young people living with HIV (YPLHIV) in the Education Sector”. This was launched at AIDS 2012 and a webinar was later held to sensitise UN agencies and partners around the guidance and to explore ways it could advance the agenda for young people living with HIV.

GNP+ also launched the GIYPAs tools, to strengthen the meaningful involvement of young people living with HIV in programming and policy work and guide organisations and networks in more effectively engaging young people living with HIV. In 2013, the Y+ Advisory Group will establish ways of disseminating the tools and monitoring how they are used. Funding was secured from UNAIDS for the establishment of the Y+ Leadership Initiative, which will be launched in 2013.

International AIDS Candlelight Memorial

Started in 1983, the Candlelight Memorial takes place each year on the third Sunday in May and is led by community organisations hosting memorials in country at the community level. The aim of the Memorial is to honour lives lost to HIV and raise social consciousness about HIV. GNP+ has hosted and provided global coordination for the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial since 2011.

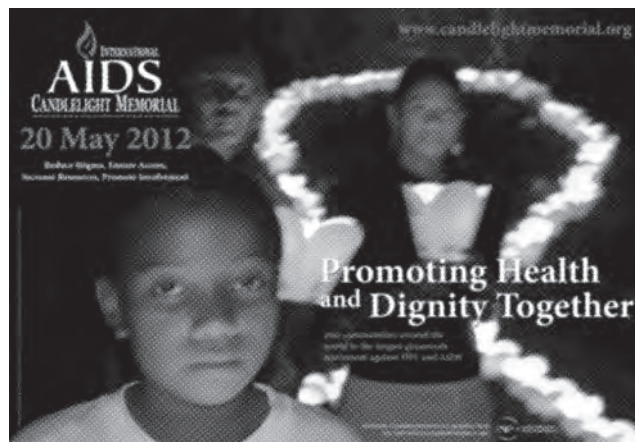
The 29th Candlelight Memorial on Sunday 20th May 2012 took place

under the theme “Promoting Health and Dignity Together”. Over 200,000 people in at least 470 registered events worldwide joined the Memorial.

Last year GNP+ created a new website for the Candlelight Memorial. If you are planning an event for the next Memorial on 19th May 2013 you can register it at this website and download a range of materials.

www.candlelightmemorial.org

 [candlelightmemorial](https://www.facebook.com/candlelightmemorial)



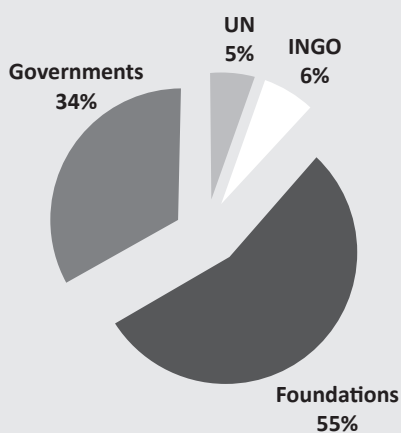
A stronger GNP+

The new GNP+ Strategic Plan underlines its responsibility to represent people living with HIV around the world, regardless of how they are organised. In 2012, GNP+ implemented a major review of its constitution and structures to better meet those responsibilities, based on the decisions taken in 2011 as a result of the adoption of the Strategic Plan 2011-2015. Traditionally, GNP+ has organised itself according to geographic regions, leading to better input from people living with HIV according to the regional nature of their epidemics. But because people living with HIV are organizing themselves around issues and identities as well as geography, the GNP+ Board decided to move forward with changes that will incorporate networks and organisations of **key populations**, including MSM, sex workers, drug users, young people and women, into its governance, structures and workplans.

Since early 2012 GNP+ has followed a roadmap for these changes that will continue in 2013 with the registering of the new constitution with the Dutch authorities and completing the transfer to the new Board structure. GNP+ has already restructured its Secretariat staffing, bringing it into line with the three Strategic Objectives described in the Strategic Plan.

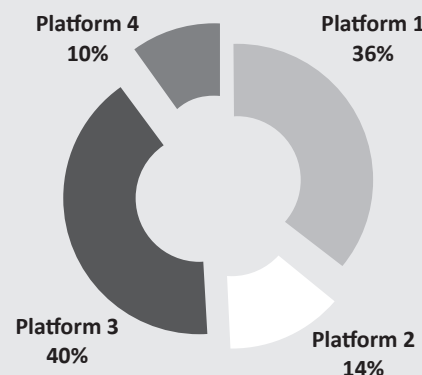
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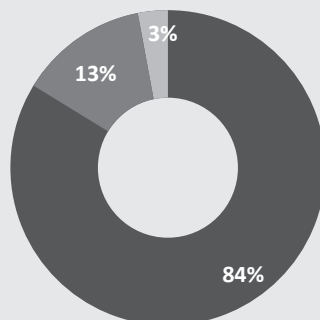
Total Income € 2.546.060

Realisation 2012



Platform 1: Global Advocacy
 Platform 2: Global Knowledge Management
 Platform 3: Global PLHIV Network Community Strengthening and Development
 Platform 4: Organisational strengthening, management and improvement

Expenditure type 2012



■ Programme Expenditure
 ■ Subrecipient Instalments
 ■ Organisational Expenditure

Total Expenditure € 2.319.218

About GNP+

GNP+ is the global network for and by people living with HIV. GNP+ advocates for improved quality of life for people living with HIV. GNP+ is a network of all people living with HIV regardless of how they choose to organise. We work through an International Secretariat, under the guidance and oversight of

an international Board of people living with HIV. Since its creation in 1986, GNP+'s core activities have centered on advocacy (including activism, campaigns and policy dialogue), information and knowledge management, and network and community strengthening.



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