



## GRANT CYCLE REPORT 2022-2024: ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

OUTCOME 4: RESOURCE ACCOUNTABILITY

# 04: ADVOCACY AND STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT

38% OF ALL O4 ACTIVITIES IN 2024



In 2024, 20 RCF-funded networks implemented 34 activities to influence funding priorities and secure financial commitments for ISP-led HIV responses globally. These strategic initiatives targeted high-level decision-makers, funding institutions, and policy forums to address systematic underfunding of community-led programming.

Networks leveraged direct access to senior leadership across major funding institutions. Mpaact Global conducted sustained four-year engagement with Gilead Pharmaceuticals, resulting in a \$4 million allocation for Latin America and the Caribbean. Global Action for Trans Equality (GATE) organized a US donor engagement tour across East and West Coasts while co-organizing a Donor Pre-Conference at the Global Trans Conference, convening 33 funding entities to address urgent funding needs for trans communities.


Strategic positioning in governance roles enabled networks to shape funding narratives. International Network of People who Use Drugs (INPUD) served as UN Strategic Coordination Group chair, leveraging this platform to secure a dedicated harm reduction thematic segment at the June 2025 UNAIDS PCB. International Community of Women Living with HIV Eastern Africa (ICWEA) participated in the High Level Panel for UNAIDS, emphasizing the critical importance of maintaining and strengthening the agency's resource mobilization capacity. A partner Latin America women network established direct communication channels with key decision-makers across Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, and Paraguay. While no concrete policy changes were achieved in 2024, these dialogue channels create opportunities to follow up on commitments and maintain pressure for policy implementation.

Multi-stakeholder convenings created platforms for direct funder engagement. Coalition PLUS organized an [international colloquium](#) focused on South-South responses to rising homophobia and transphobia, securing participation from Global Fund CRG representatives to influence the eighth replenishment cycle. The Coalition for Children Affected by AIDS (CCABA) organized large-scale advocacy workshops attended by approximately 175 advocates from Southern and Eastern Africa, creating collective advocacy agendas for community-level action while engaging with The Global Fund, UNAIDS, and PEPFAR through their Global Working Group on Financing.

Evidence-based advocacy strengthened funding arguments. The Coalition for Children Affected by AIDS (CCABA) developed the first-ever analysis of funding flows for children and adolescents affected by HIV across 21 countries accounting for 80% of disease burden<sup>11</sup>, revealing equity gaps and creating informed advocacy messaging used at key events including the 55th UNAIDS PCB and World AIDS Day. International Community of Women living with HIV Southern Africa (ICWSA) engaged in regional sustainability planning processes with South Africa, Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi, and Uganda to develop shared understanding of political, programmatic, and financial elements of sustained HIV responses. While donors define sustainability differently, ICWSA worked to identify drivers for joint responsibility and accountability in sustainability processes, ensuring community perspectives shape sustainability frameworks across multiple countries.

Networks engaged directly with government decision-makers on funding policy. Women in Response to HIV/AIDS and Drug Addiction (WRADA) collaborated with Kenya's National Syndemic Diseases Control Council to lobby the Parliamentary Health Committee for increased domestic financing, presenting a formal memorandum seeking amendments to the Harm Reduction Bill to include dedicated funding mechanisms. A South Africa based partner network convened policy dialogue meetings in Uganda that secured commitments from policymakers and legislators to review the HIV Prevention Control Act and push for allocation of funds toward the AIDS Trust Fund to reduce donor dependence.

<sup>11</sup> CCABA financial analysis and advocacy resources: <https://childrenandhiv.org/our-priorities/improved-financing>; <https://childrenandhiv.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/CCABA-Financial-Report-V4-Final.pdf>; <https://childrenandhiv.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/241030-CCABA-Advocacy-Briefing-Final-11-Nov.pdf>



Emergency advocacy responded to urgent funding threats. African Sex Workers Alliance (ASWA) conducted strategic donor roundtables highlighting funding gaps within the sex worker movement. The Global Network of Young people living with HIV (Y+ Global) [engaged with The Global Fund's Community, Rights, and Gender platform](#) to advocate for youth-focused financing while co-hosting Munich Youth Force at AIDS 2024, connecting youth activists directly with funders.

These advocacy approaches show how RCF-funded networks operate at multiple levels to influence funding decisions. Their initiatives combine technical expertise with strategic relationship building to secure concrete financial commitments in increasingly competitive funding environments.