FIVE ASKS FOR AIDS 2026

WHAT COMMUNITIES AND CIVIL SOCIETY ARE BRINGING TO RIO

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AIDS 2026 opens four years from the 2030 deadline, at the most financially uncertain moment the HIV response has faced, with bilateral funding for HIV declining worldwide. The Global Fund's Eighth Replenishment secured $12.64 billion of its $18 billion ask. It's real momentum, but with quite a distance left to cover. Changes in global health financing are testing whether HIV, TB and malaria programmes can continue reaching the communities that rely on them most. Just weeks before this conference, the world adopted a new Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS, backed by broad international support. The task now is to turn that commitment into funded, resourced, and tracked action. Here is what communities and civil society are asking every partner to help deliver.

1 FINISH THE REPLENISHMENT — PROTECT WHAT WORKS

The HIV response needs $21.9 billion a year by 2030. The Global Fund's Eighth Replenishment raised $12.64 billion of its $18 billion target, a strong signal of confidence in a partnership that has already cut combined AIDS, TB and malaria deaths by 63%. We ask every donor, including the founding and largest supporters of this partnership, to help close the remaining gap and protect the gains already made.

WE'LL KNOW IT WORKED WHEN: *Country allocations and transition plans are shared transparently with civil society, and the remaining gap is closed collaboratively, not through service cuts.*

2 FUND COMMUNITIES DIRECTLY — THEY DELIVER RESULTS

Community-led organizations deliver a significant share of testing, prevention and retention-in-care results, especially for people who are often missed by formal systems. The new Political Declaration's "30-80-60" targets, together with its commitment to funded community-led monitoring, acknowledge this role. We ask for that recognition to become direct, multi-year, flexible financing that reaches organizations without vanishing into layers of sub-granting. In most countries, the money still has to pass through a government intermediary before it reaches communities. Every Global Health Initiative should fund communities directly.

WE'LL KNOW IT WORKED WHEN: *Countries report annually and publicly on the share of HIV budgets reaching community-led organizations directly, measured against 30-80-60.*

3 GUARANTEE OUR SEAT AND OUR VOICE IN THE ROOM

Munich 2024 showed that when conference organizers commit to inclusion, visa and scholarship access for delegates from the Global South can be improved. This progress must now become the standard, not the exception. CSOs call for guaranteed, funded visa facilitation and scholarships for Global South delegates at every IAS conference and replenishment meeting, as well as formal civil society seats in all planning processes, not symbolic participation.

WE'LL KNOW IT WORKED WHEN: *Scholarship and travel budgets grow year over year to match rising demand — not just the visa approval rate for however many scholarships get funded.*

4 REMOVE THE BARRIERS THAT BLOCK CARE

The evidence is consistent across regions: where punitive laws, stigma and violence fall, more people test, enrol in prevention, start treatment and adhere. The 2026 Political Declaration's "10-10-10" targets reflect this evidence. We ask governments to fund and implement 10-10-10 as a public-health investment (the fastest way to reach the people every response still misses). That funding must protect prevention budgets specifically, including the rollout of new tools like lenacapavir, which will reach no one if the money isn't there. We also ask governments to protect the civic space of the organizations doing this work.

WE'LL KNOW IT WORKED WHEN: *Country progress against the 10-10-10 targets is tracked and reported publicly, the same way 95-95-95 is tracked.*

5 TURN COMMITMENT INTO TRACKED ACTION

Political declarations matter for what happens after them. AIDS 2026 is the first major global gathering since the 2026 Political Declaration passed with strong support: the moment to show the world what funded, resourced implementation looks like. We also call for the Kigali Declaration at IAS2025 in Rwanda to be acted upon, and leadership of HIV programmes and research to be brought closer to communities that need them the most.

WE'LL KNOW IT WORKED WHEN: *A public, community-owned scorecard tracks every target in the Declaration, with a progress report at every IAS conference through 2030 — starting here, in Rio.*