A COMPACT TO END HIV/AIDS

Sexual and reproductive rights are a pivotal neglected priority in HIV/AIDS policy, programming and resource allocation. Failure to protect the human rights of girls and women, including their right to health and their right to live free of sexual coercion and violence, fuels the pandemic. Universal access to sexual and reproductive health services and education, and protection of sexual and reproductive rights, are essential to ending it.

It is widely acknowledged that rates of HIV infection are increasing in women in every region in the world, and that these rates are often higher for girls and women than for men. Women, especially young women and girls, are vulnerable because of denial and neglect of their rights, gender inequality, social, cultural and economic factors, pervasive violence, and biology.

Girls’ and women’s empowerment must be at the center of a multi-sectoral response to the global pandemic. Regarding sexual and reproductive rights and health in particular, we call on HIV/AIDS decision-makers at all levels to:

**Redefine “High Risk”:** Recognize that women, especially young women and girls, are at serious risk, and that all women have the right to have access to confidential, voluntary counseling and testing (VCT), treatment, care and support as part of comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services.

**Expand Decision-making:** Ensure that women infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, and women’s health and rights advocates, are full participants in decision-making, especially at the highest levels, so that decisions reflect the realities and needs of women.

**Exercise Leadership:** Prioritize in words and concrete actions reducing the risk and the burden of HIV/AIDS for women and girls, through protection of their sexual and reproductive rights and health, including the promotion of policies and laws against discrimination and sexual violence.

**Invest HIV-targeted Funds:** Allocate and monitor the use of significant HIV/AIDS resources for health services and education that protect and empower women and girls, including:

- Comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services accessible to all women with capacity to deliver prevention, counseling, testing, care, and treatment (or referral) services for HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs);
- Universal access to subsidized female condoms as well as male condoms, and development and dissemination of microbicides and other women-initiated prevention technologies, and vaccines;
- Comprehensive sexuality education that promotes sexual and reproductive rights, gender equality, and skills development, as well as full and accurate information, for all children and youth in and out of school.

**Strengthen HIV/AIDS Programs:** Protect all women’s health and rights through HIV/AIDS programs:

- Ensure women’s access to confidential VCT, including support for the choice not to be tested; provide protection from violence, stigma, and discrimination that may result from disclosure of status;
- Ensure equitable, sustained access to treatment for AIDS and opportunistic infections for all women and girls, appropriate to their age, health, and nutritional status, with full protection of their human rights including their sexual and reproductive rights; increase research on and development of appropriate treatment for various ages; and track access to treatment by age, sex, and continuity of care;
- Increase and utilize funds for care and support to reduce women’s disproportionate burden of care;
- Provide support for women’s economic empowerment in order to reduce their vulnerability.

The With Women Worldwide Compact is an action agenda designed to compel the policy changes needed to prevent increasing HIV infections in women and young people, and ensure their equitable access to treatment, care, and support. The Compact was developed at a global meeting convened by the International Women’s Health Coalition (IWHC) in 2005, which brought together 28 women from seven constituencies.

The compact is also available in French, Portuguese, and Spanish. For more information email withwomenworldwide@iwhc.org or visit www.withwomenworldwide.org.
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Aahung (Pakistan)
ABIA (Brazil)
ACAFEM (Cameroon)
ACOS (Germany)
ActionAid International
Action Canada for Population and Development (ACPD)
Action Health Incorporated (AH), Nigeria
ACT-UP DRASSE HELLES (Greece)
Adolescence Idee Action (AIA, Cameroon)
Adolescent Health and Information Project (AHI, Nigeria)
Advocates for Youth
African Federation for Sexual Health and Rights (AFSHR, regional network)
African Microbicides Advocacy Group (AMAG)
African Services Committee
African Women’s Development Fund
African Women’s Millennium Initiative on Poverty and Human Rights (AWMIPHR)
Africa Regional Sexuality Resource Center (ARSRC)
AHPN (UK)
Aid for AIDS
AIDS (Italy)
AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth & Families
AIDS and Rights Alliance for Southern Africa
AIDS Bereavement Project of Ontario
AIDS Cell (India)
AIDS Foundation of Chicago
AIDS Treatment Action Coalition (USA)
AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition (AVAC)
Ain O Salish Kendra (Bangladesh)
AIATANA (Russia)
Ailatoire de Voi (Close to You) Foundation (Romania)
Alliance for Microbicide Development
Alliance Rights, Nigeria
AID Tucumán (Argentina)
Amanitea (regional network)
American Institute for Health Research
amfAR, The Foundation for AIDS Research
Amnesty International (Global)
Area de Estudios de Género de FLACSO (Chile)
Aeser Foundation (Pakistan)
Asian Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW)
Asia Pacific Alliance (APA)
ASOCIACION ALAS DE CORDOBA (Argentina)
Asociacion de Feministas de Cordonas es mujeres
Asociación Argentina de Sexualidad Humana (AASH)
Asociación de Lucha Por una Mejor Calidad de Vida (ALU, Argentina)
Asociación Mujeres Meretrices de la Republic Argentina (AMMAR)
Association de Lutte contre les Violence Faites aux Femmes (ALUF, Cameroon)
Association for Women’s Rights in Development (AWID)
Association des Amis Solidaires MERIO (AASM)
Association Tunisienne des Femmes Democrates (ATFD, Tunisia)
ASTRA-Central and Eastern European Women’s Network for Sexual and Reproductive Health
ATHENA
BAOBAB for Women’s Human Rights (Nigeria)
Bar Hostess Program
Blueprint for Action on Women and HIV/AIDS
Breakthrough: Building Human Rights Culture
British Columbia Persons with AIDS Society (BCPWSA)
Business Network’s Initiative Against HIV/AIDS (USA, 2002)
Caire (Ireland)
Calabar International Institute for Research, Information and Documentation/Centering male Adolescents (CINSTRID/CMA, Nigeria)
The Campaign Against Unwanted Pregnancy (CAUP, Nigeria)
Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network
Canadian Treatment Action Council (CTAC)
CARE (international)
CARE Canada
Catedra Sociologia de la Salud, FCS, UBA (Argentina)
Catholics for a Free Choice
Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE)
Center for Reproductive Rights
Center for Research on Reproductive Health of Campinas (CEMICAMP, Brazil)
Center for Women’s Global Leadership
Centre for Development and Population Activities (CEDPA)
Centre for Environment, Preventive Health Care and Counselling (CEPHAC, Zimbabwe)
Centre for Health Education, Prevention and Research (CHEPAR, Cote d’Ivoire)
Charities Aid Foundation, Russia Representative Office (CAF, Russia)
Choice for Youth and Sexuality (Netherlands)
Citizen Action Against AIDS (IACCS, Venezuela)
CLADEM (Regional Network)
The Coalition for the Sexual and Bodily Rights in Muslim Society
Community Education Group
Community HIV/AIDS Mobilization Project (CHAMP)
Community Life Project (CLP, Nigeria)
Concern Worldwide Horn of Africa Region
CREA
Desiree Alliance
Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN)
EAWM (Australia)
Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights
Encuentro de ONG’s con Trabajo en VIH/Sida de Córdoba (Argentina)
European AIDS Treatment Group (EATG, Belgium)
European Women’s Lobby
Family Care International (FCI)
Family Planning International Development (FPfAI, New Zealand)
FAP, VIH Positivo (Argentina)
Federation for Women and Family Planning (Poland)
The Female Health Company (FHIC, USA)
The Female Health Foundation (FHF, USA)
Femmes Development Santé (FESADE)
Fenway Community Health (USA)
FHI/IMPACT Cambodia
Foundation for Integrative AIDS Research (FIAR, USA)
Foundation for Study and Investigation on Women (FEIM Argentina)
French Movement for Family Planning
Friendly Islands Human Rights and Democracy Movement, Inc.
Fundación Buenos Aires Sida (FBAS)
Fundación Crisanto (Argentina)
Fundación Descida—Prevención y Asistencia Medico—Psicosocial y Legal en VIH/Sida (Argentina)
Fundación Habitar (Argentina)
Fundación Instituto de la Mujer (Chile)
Fundación Zoro Centro (Argentina)
GAO NUSANTARA Foundation (Indonesia)
Gay Men’s Health Crisis (GMHC)
Gestos (Brazil)
Girls’ Power Initiative (Nigeria)
Global AIDS Alliance
Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS (GBC)
Global Campaign for Microbicides
Global Harmony (India)
Global Health Council
Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (GNP+)
Gram Bharati Samiti (GBS, India)
Grameen Swapna (Bangladesh)
Guttmacher Institute (USA)
Health for All (Russia)
Health Global Project (GAP, USA)
HealthPartners (Kenya)
Hesperian Foundation
Homosexual Argentinian Community (CHA)
Housing Works
Humana People to People India
Human Rights Watch (HRW)
Ibis Reproductive Health
ICASO
IDENTIDAD XQ28 (Argentina)
IGUAR
INCRESE
Instituto Centro Americano de la Salud (ICAS, Nicaragua)
Interact Worldwide
Interambos Asociacion Civil (Argentina)
International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI)
International AIDS Women’s Caucus (IAWC)
International Center for Research on Women
International Community of Women Living with AIDS (ICW)
International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA)
International Partnership for Microbes
International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)
International Women’s Health Coalition
Internest Coalitions (India)
Internest Coalitions (South Africa)
Internest Worldwide (USA)
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Ipsi
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Ipsi International (Manila)
John Mordaunt Trust (UK)
JOCIP (Japan)
KAIPPPG International
KAIPPPG Kenya
Kenya AIDS NGOs Consortium (KANCO)
KOINONIA Presenca Ecuménica e Serviço (Brazil)
LaCCASO
Latin America and Caribbean Women’s Health Network
Malaysian AIDS Council
Mangrove Support Group (China)
Margaret Sanger Center International
Marie Stopes International
Marie Stopes International Pacific
Mujer y Salud en Uruguay
Muleide (Mozambique)
Nambia Parliamentarians for Women’s Health
Nariopokhoo (Bangladesh)
National Council of Jewish Women (NCW)
The Naz Foundation (India)
Trust Network of Asia Pacific Youth (NAPY)
Network in Women Development in Europe (WIDE)
The New Woman Foundation (Egypt)
Nexo A.C. (Argentina)
The Noah’s Ark Red Cross Foundation
ONG Internares (Argentina)
Open Society Institute
Organizaciones Familiares Enfrentando al Sida (O.F.E.S., Ecuador)
OTYOI (A Sigh of Relief, Uganda)
pamojahopecare-(FBO) (Kenya)
Parivartan (India)
Parliamentarians for Women’s Health (Botswana)
Pastoral Ecumenica VIH-SIDA (Argentina)
PATH
 Pathfinder International
PILIPINA Legal Resources Center (Philippines)
Population Action International
Population Institute
Positive Women Leaders of Uganda (POWL-U)
Positive Women Network (India)
Positive Women of Hope Organization (Cambodia)
RAINBO (UK)
Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative
Red Argentina de Mujeres Viviendo con VIH-sida (Argentina)
REDLAC
REDNAC (Argentina)
Religious Institute on Sexual Morality, Justice and Healing
REPEM (Regional Network)
Rutgers Nisso Groep (Netherlands)
Rwanda Women’s Network
SANGRAM (India)
SANSAD (Regional Network)
Satawahana Development Society (SDS, India)
Sen (Kazakhstan)
Servicios Integrales para la Mujer—Sili Mujer (Nicaragua)
Sexuality and Education Council of the U.S.
SIECUS
Shen Yang Ai Zhen Zhu Zhen Center for Health and Education (China)
Shirkat Gah Women’s Resource Centre (Pakistan)
Sisters in Islam (Malaysia)
Society for Women and AIDS in Africa, Cameroon
Chapter (SIWAC)
SSeKeEn.Eal Sur (Argentina)
Stiching Marike Bevelanderhus
Student Campaign for Child Survival
The Swedish Association for Sex Education (RFSU)
Talking About Reproductive and Sexual Health Issues (TARSHI, India)
Tanzania Network of Women Living with HIV and AIDS
TAPWAK (Kenya)
Thai Women & HIV/AIDS Task Force
Title II Community AIDS National Network (TII CANN)
Treatment Action Campaign (TAC, South Africa)
Trinidad and Tobago HIV/AIDS Alliance
Tshwane University of Technology, HIV- Institutional Programme (South Africa)
Turning Point Foundation (India)
Uganda Treatment Access Movement
Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations
The United Church of Canada
United Nations Foundation
United Methodist Church, General Board of Church and Society
Usana Research and Development
Venezuelan Network of Positive People (IVG+) (Venezuela)
Vision (Pakistan)
VSO (International)
The Well Project
WISH (Women’s Initiative to Stop HIV-IL of the Non Profit Action Center
Women Fighting AIDS in Kenya
Women for Women’s Human Rights—New Ways (Turkey)
Women Organization for Rural Development Networking (WORDNET)
Women’s Edge Coalition
Women’s Environment and Development Organization (WEDO)
Women’s Health and Rights Advocacy Partnership (WHRAP)
Women’s Health Foundation (Indonesia)
Women’s Initiatives (WINs, India)
Women’s Support Group (Sri Lanka)
Woodhill Freedom Foundation
World AIDS Campaign
World Population Foundation
World Population Federation
World Student Christian Federation (WSCF)
World YWCA
YKP (Indonesia)
Young Activists Against AIDS (YAA3) Organization (Ghana)
Young Women’s Leadership Institute (Kenya)
Youth Coalition (global)