



# 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  
housing schooling  
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...



H.I.V.  
POSITIVE



# Treatment Action Campaign (TAC)



# Target Driven Responses are More Effective



## TARGETS

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](http://www.unaids.org/sites/default/files/media_asset/JC2788_stronger_together_en.pdf)