

US FUNDING CUTS

IMPACT ON FRONTLINE AIDS PARTNERS



Frontline AIDS is a global partnership of organisations working to end AIDS for everyone, everywhere. Around half of Frontline AIDS' partners (27 out of our 60 organisations) have had to discontinue lifesaving work because of the US foreign aid cuts, putting 1.6 million people at risk.

Services affected include treatment for HIV and TB, as well as specialised programs for key populations, adolescent girls and young women, orphans and vulnerable children and survivors of gender-based violence. Human rights and advocacy work appear to be particularly hard hit, alongside HIV prevention and harm reduction services.

Many Frontline AIDS partners have had to close programmes and clinics, with life and death consequences. Until January 2025, the United States provided antiretroviral treatment for over 20 million people – two-thirds of all people accessing treatment globally.

We are facing a new AIDS emergency, which will reverse decades of progress against the pandemic. UNAIDS warns that an additional 6.3 million people could die of AIDS related illnesses by 2029, leaving an extra 3.4 million children orphaned. Without US investments in prevention, an additional 8.7 million people are at risk of acquiring HIV. This is a crisis on all fronts, and to overcome it, we need a new era of leadership and collaboration in the global HIV response.



45%

of Frontline AIDS' partners directly affected by the cuts



UP TO **90%**

of their total budgets slashed

\$61 MILLION

lost for HIV prevention, treatment, advocacy and human rights across the partnership



1.6 MILLION

people at risk of service disruption



OVER **10K**

staff providing and supporting vital services laid off

CALLS TO ACTION

1

Remove human rights and gender justice barriers to ending AIDS, and keep communities safe from human rights threats and HIV service disruptions

2

Restore life-saving services now and invest in sustainable systems for health and HIV, grounded in national government leadership and steadfast support from donors and the private sector

3

Strengthen and support community and civil society-led HIV responses, and recognise the central role they must play in finding solutions to this crisis

Read the full call to action: [New AIDS emergency: A call to action from the Frontline AIDS partnership](#)



FAMILY AIDS CARING TRUST ZIMBABWE

FACT Zimbabwe is one of the longest established AIDS organisations in the country. It supported orphans and vulnerable children, including children who have lost their parents from AIDS. This work was abruptly ended by USAID in late January 2025, along with funding to four other projects providing maternal healthcare, TB screening and HIV prevention services and providing skills training to adolescent girls and young women so they could better support themselves and their families.

The organisation has lost over 90% of its funding and has had to lay off 223 of their 254 employees.

In 2023 they reached 150,000 children in the Manicaland region paying for children's school fees and providing skills training to their parents or guardians so they could generate a higher income to better support these children.

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Gertrude Shumba, Executive Director, FACT Zimbabwe

The organisation's outreach workers regularly checked on the vulnerable children living with HIV to ensure that they were taking their HIV medication and monitor their condition.

As the organisation was told to close in 24 hours, they have not been able to communicate with the children and communities they served, or to liaise with the relevant government departments.

“We just abandoned our communities when they needed us most,” Gertrude Shumba, the Executive Director of FACT Zimbabwe, said. As HIV medications and supplies for the country are provided by Global Fund and USAID, which is now closed, there are concerns that they will soon run out of supplies.

COMMUNITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS UNDER THREAT

The Trump administration has explicitly barred programmes relating to “gender ideology and diversity, equity and inclusion” from receiving US support, spelling an end to programmes focussed on the health and rights of adolescent girls and young women and key populations, such as men who have sex with men, transgender people, sex workers and people who use drugs.

Frontline AIDS' Rapid Response Fund supports marginalised communities to tackle HIV-related human rights challenges. For more information visit frontlineaids.org/rapid-response-fund



KHMER HIV/AIDS NGO ALLIANCE, CAMBODIA

KHANA is a local non-governmental organisation providing prevention, testing and treatment for HIV and Tuberculosis (TB) at the community level in Cambodia. Its teams detect around 10,000 tuberculosis cases each year in nine provinces with a high burden of the disease and provides preventive treatment to some 10,000 close contacts and medical care for some 300 rural patients. This work has now stopped after the contract was terminated by USAID.

While the Cambodian government provides medicines for TB and HIV treatment at their clinics, organisations such as KHANA provide an important role in visiting rural communities and screening them for TB and testing for HIV and is also providing support to people experiencing side effects from the medication. This outreach work is critical for reaching vulnerable, poor migrant communities that might otherwise not receive medical treatment or would not visit clinics until they were very sick.

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**Choub Sok Chamreun,
Executive Director KHANA**

“We are very concerned. We don't know how many are living with TB and will be continuing to spread TB to their peers and their community. And those who have been newly diagnosed will now not be receiving follow up support if they are having problems with their medication,” said Choub Sok Chamreun, the Executive Director of KHANA.



An outreach worker from KHANA provides sexual health information to a client in Phnom Penh, © Frontline AIDS/George Jeffries/2024