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## New Report Shows Decrease in Philanthropy's Response to HIV, Putting Future Progress at Risk

*With grantmaking down 6%, new funding is critical to prevent rollbacks in the fight against HIV and AIDS*

**Munich, Germany, 22 July 2024** – Today, Funders Concerned About AIDS (FCAA) released the 21st edition of *Philanthropy's Response to HIV and AIDS*. The latest issue explores 2022 grantmaking data from more than 6,000 grants, 767 funders, and 2,700 grantee organizations—representing the most comprehensive study of philanthropy's response to HIV and AIDS.

This year's report reveals a 6% decline in HIV-related funding to US\$659 million globally between 2021 and 2022, the largest single-year decrease since 2017. Furthermore, the top 20 funders in 2022 represented 84% of total HIV-related giving—highlighting a concerning concentration of funding that could derail momentum with a single budget cut.

These trends are particularly alarming when viewed in a global context. HIV transmissions typically climb in communities experiencing periods of unrest or instability. This data sits against the backdrop of ongoing conflicts in the Middle East and Eastern Europe, an uptick in anti-LGBTQ+ policies, growing criminalization of key populations affected by HIV, and rising hate crimes during a global election year. With stagnant public funding for the HIV response and a decline in bilateral country-to-country support, philanthropic leaders must take immediate action to stabilize and strengthen progress.

“An AIDS-free future is within our grasp, yet we're letting it slip away. That's not because we lack the medical expertise to save lives—it's because we lack the political will, adequate funding, and moral leadership to finally end the epidemic.” FCAA Executive Director Masen Davis says. “If we don't invest now, the fight against HIV will grow more expensive, more pervasive, and more deadly over time, with the most marginalized communities paying the highest cost. Inaction is not a choice we can afford.”

The overall decline in philanthropic funding disproportionately impacts several historically underserved communities and highlights stark inequities in distribution.

- **Women and girls**, who represent 53% of the world's people living with HIV, faced a 45% decline in funding in 2022—the largest decrease in six years. In particular, girls continue to be disproportionately impacted, representing 71% of new HIV infections among adolescents aged 10-19.

- Globally, key populations and their sexual partners—including **transgender people; gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men; people who use drugs; and sex workers**—account for 55% of new HIV infections globally and upwards of 80% outside of sub-Saharan Africa. However, they only received 18% of philanthropy funding in 2022.
- **Black people in the United States** saw a 13% increase in funding—the highest level to date—but are also disproportionately impacted by HIV. Black people represent approximately 40% of new HIV diagnoses in the U.S., yet they make up only 13% of the population.

While critical funding gaps exist, the report also highlights what is possible with new and ongoing philanthropic support. **New and diverse intersectional funders are in the top 20** HIV-related grantmakers for the first time, **a 60% increase in general operating support** helped to build and mobilize community-led responses, and **funding to Ukraine increased 571%** following the full-scale Russian invasion—combating rising HIV infections and the impact of the war on key populations in the Eastern Europe and Central Asia region.

“The data makes clear that philanthropic funding is essential in the fight against HIV and AIDS,” says Jesse Milan, Jr., FCAA Board Chair and President & CEO of AIDS United. “At its best, philanthropy can help fill critical gaps in HIV prevention, treatment, and care, and support human rights and HIV advocacy. Those are all critical elements for dismantling social and structural barriers that impede our progress, and fighting stigmas and laws that criminalize and marginalize people living with and vulnerable to HIV. HIV and AIDS is a public health crisis worldwide and we are far from realizing the great vision of ending this epidemic unless more donors—public and private alike—commit to the HIV response.”

For the 39 million people living with HIV worldwide, inadequate funding is a critical issue that requires greater investment from leaders across philanthropy. HIV-related grantmaking equated to as little as US\$17 per person living with HIV in 2022—or less than US\$0.05 cents per day.

Join FCAA in mobilizing philanthropy’s effort to end the epidemic. Read [Philanthropy’s Response to HIV and AIDS](#) today.

### **About FCAA**

Funders Concerned About AIDS (FCAA) unites philanthropic leaders to pursue a shared vision of a world without AIDS. Through research, advocacy, and opportunities for collaboration, we work to help mobilize and grow funding for the ever-changing fight against HIV. Our global network of members and partners represent the majority of HIV-related grantmaking today – providing critical support for the people and places most impacted by the epidemic and more than US\$331 million of funding in 2022. To learn more, please visit [fcaaid.org](http://fcaaid.org).

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