



COALITION PLUS LAUNCHES #STILLSTANDING, A RESPONSE TO THE COLLAPSE OF HIV FUNDING

Pantin, 27 November 2025 — The freeze of international funding is weakening the global response to HIV. Clinic closures, service interruptions, and threatened access to treatment are putting recent progress at risk, just as prevention tools have the potential to avert tens of thousands of new infections.

In response, Coalition PLUS, the international network of community-based HIV organizations, is launching #StillStanding, a mobilization and fundraising campaign to maintain essential care, accelerate access to highly effective new prevention tools (PrEP), and defend the rights of the populations most exposed to the epidemic. The goal: preventing a historic setback.

An unprecedented crisis, an immediate response

Today, 40.8 million people are living with HIV worldwide, and among them, 9.2 million still have no access to treatment.

In 2025, the sudden withdrawal of a large portion of U.S. funding, combined with cuts to development aid from several donor countries, directly threatens access to essential services from Burundi to Ukraine to Colombia. According to the OECD, external health assistance fell by 30 to 40% in 2025 compared to 2023.

The consequences are immediate: layoffs of frontline health workers, service disruptions, and delays in treatment initiation. Without reinforced action, UNAIDS projects 6.6 million new infections and 4.2 million additional deaths by 2029.

Faced with this crisis, Coalition PLUS is launching #StillStanding — a cry of resistance, an act of solidarity, and a commitment to the most vulnerable communities.

The campaign sets an ambitious but necessary objective:

- Ensuring continuity of care: testing, antiretroviral treatment, psychosocial support, and targeted prevention;
- Accelerating prevention: information, rollout, and community uptake of PrEP, including long-acting formulations;
- Strengthening local autonomy: support for partner organizations to adapt, recover, and remain independent.



"In the eye of the storm, we remain unbroken. #StillStanding is a concrete response to preserve vital services and secure community access to PrEP and treatment," says Mehdi Karkouri, President of Coalition PLUS.

A response grounded in collaboration

With 15 member organizations across 15 countries and 110 partners in 51 countries, Coalition PLUS champions a decentralized and collaborative approach. Solutions are rooted in local realities and driven by grassroots actors who know the needs of key populations (LGBTQI+ people, sex workers, and people who inject drugs).

The response to the epidemic must be grounded in science, justice, and solidarity. HIV can be eliminated if we choose courage and collective action. The organizations of the Coalition PLUS network call for the immediate mobilization of decision-makers, technical and financial partners, and the public to prevent an avoidable resurgence of the epidemic and safeguard the progress that has been achieved.

About Coalition PLUS

Founded in 2008, Coalition PLUS is an international network of community-based organizations fighting HIV/AIDS and viral hepatitis, committed to defending the health and rights of key populations most affected by the epidemic.

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