



GNP+'s 2016 Annual Report:

**Our Year of
Transition &
Impact**



Dedicated in Loving Memory To

Prudence Mabele

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Founded in 1992, The Global Network of People Living with HIV, (GNP+) is a network of networks and members that engages with people living with HIV regionally and nationally. GNP+ promotes the greater and more meaningful involvement of people living with HIV in programme and policy development (the GIPA principle) and we channel the voices and needs of people living with HIV on the ground to the global level and share information from the global level to the grassroots.

GNP+ also works to identify and address the capacity building needs of networks of people living with HIV and people who are part of broader key population identities and communities, including young people. GNP+ addresses stigma, discrimination and human rights violations in tandem with advocacy for greater access to comprehensive and integrated treatment, care and support programs and services for all people living with HIV.

Our Vision is to realise a powerful, united social movement of people living with HIV that places the voices and leadership of people living with HIV at the centre of the response to the HIV pandemic.

Our Mission is to improve the quality of life of people living with HIV at the national, regional and international levels.



Dear Allies and Friends,

On behalf of the GNP+ board, it is our honour to present the 2016 Annual Report. As the GNP+ Board Leadership we have overseen some significant transitions over the last year and into the first half of 2017, that have strengthened our governance and organizational infrastructure in ways that will better help us meet the needs of the PLHIV networks and community members that we represent.

Since the beginning of the HIV epidemic, PLHIV networks have led the effort to protect the rights, health and dignity of PLHIV, and they continue to be critical in the response to the epidemic. However, with the HIV political response and funding landscape changing, GNP+ decided to consult with our allies, partners and other civil society leaders to review our leadership, programming and position as a global network. Following the comprehensive assessment, the Board met in the summer of 2016 and approved some significant changes to the governance and secretariat model of the organization. As such, GNP+ has now moved from a past governance model that based membership on appointment by regional networks of people living with HIV, to a new model based on independent membership selected through an open call process. Further, the Secretariat began a process of decentralization and restructuring, thereby reducing our staff presence at our headquarters in Amsterdam and placing more strategic staff in implementing regions globally, hosted by our regional PLHIV partner networks and other key population organizations.

In 2016, GNP+ worked diligently to reinvigorate our activist voice and expand our partnerships and programming, while continuing our core capacity building work with PLHIV and key population networks around the world. The highlight of the year, undoubtedly, was our successful 2016 Positive LIVING Leadership Summit which brought together over 270 people living with HIV from 78 countries to engage in two days of intensive discussion, sharing, learning, celebrating and strategizing prior to the 2016 International AIDS conference in Durban. The participants in the Summit forged new partnerships, strengthened old and existing relationships and are now embarking on ambitious advocacy initiatives to address stigma and discrimination and fight for universal access to treatment, care and prevention initiatives for and led by people living with HIV.

Although we remain a small organization, we endeavor to make a large impact in our collective fight to ensure the rights, health, safety and wellness of people living with HIV and empower members of our communities to strengthen their representation and voice in local, national and international policy and programmatic arenas. We thank you for your help and contributions to our success and hope you enjoy the story of our year.

Sincerely,

Javier Hourcade Bellocq (Chair)

EriKa Castellanos (Vice-Chair)

Christoforos Mallouris (Treasurer)



GNP+'s Board (from left): Jaime Luna, Chinmay Modi, Christian Hui*, Erika Castellanos, Javier Hourcade Bellocq, L'Orangelis Thomas Negrón, Chris Mallouris (as of 1 December 2016)

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The multifaceted challenges that face the short and long term viability of networks of people living with HIV are enormous. Meeting those challenges requires strong relationships with civil society and key bilateral and multilateral stakeholders, as well as a commitment to evidence-based advocacy and a passion for supporting the greater empowerment of people living with HIV. Our new board brings with them a long history of advocacy for HIV-positive communities and key populations, as well as a broad range of talents and accomplishments. We look forward to working with them to advance our ambitious agenda as we continue the fight for universal access to healthcare and human rights for all people living with HIV.

Rico Gustav,
GNP+ Interim Executive Director
(1 December 2016 - 4 May 2017)

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2016 Board - expired 30 November 2016

- Cecilia Chung (USA), Chair
- Erika Castellano, (Belize) Co-Chair
- Martin Choo (Malaysia)
- Winfield Tannis-Abbott (St Vincent And The Grenadines)
- Edo Agustian (Indonesia)
- Jaime Luna (Panama)

2017 Board - commenced 1 December 2016

- Javier Hourcade Bellocq (Argentina), Chair
- Erika Castellanos (Belize)
- Jaime Luna (Panama)
- Chinmay Modi (India)
- Flavia Kyomukama (Uganda)
- L'Orangelis Thomas Negrón (Caribbean/Puerto Rico)
- Chris Mallouris (Cyprus)
- Christian Hui (Canada)*

*Christian Hui has transitioned off the Board



Paving the Way to Stronger PLHIV Leadership

270 people living with HIV from 78 countries contributed to the success of LIVING 2016, The Positive Leadership Summit, a 2-day pre-conference that GNP+ organized in Durban, South Africa in July 2016 prior to the 21st International AIDS Conference.

At the Summit, important discussions were held around criminalisation, self-stigma, research tools driven by people living with HIV and the linkages between HIV and sexual and reproductive health and rights services. However, perhaps the most burning questions were around how to approach universal treatment in a time of reduced funding and how networks of people living with HIV can most advance the movement.

**PEOPLE
LIVING
WITH
HIV
ARE...**

Positive Leaders

To read more about LIVING 2016 visit our website www.gnpplus.net for the final report.

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Discussions and exchanges during the Summit were of the highest quality. I recall thinking that with our combined experiences we can really end the epidemic.

Prudence Mabele
National co-chair of the
LIVING Summit

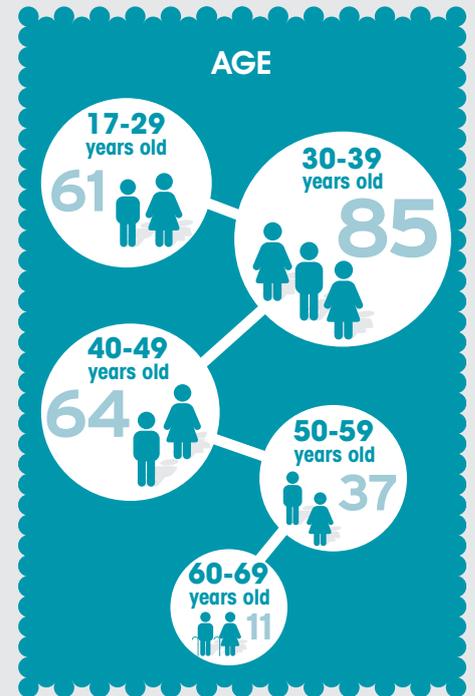
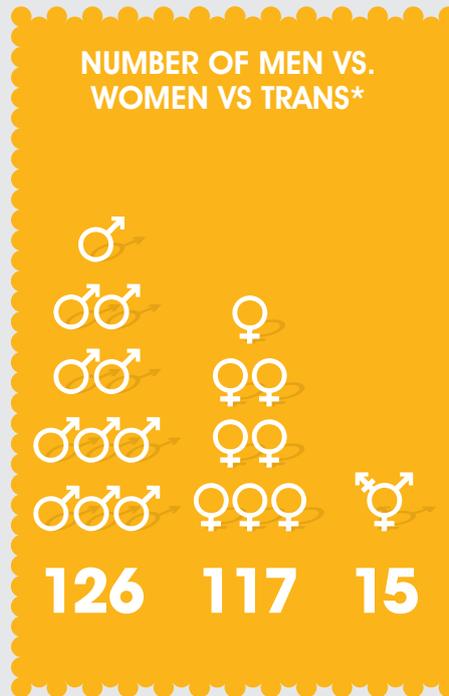
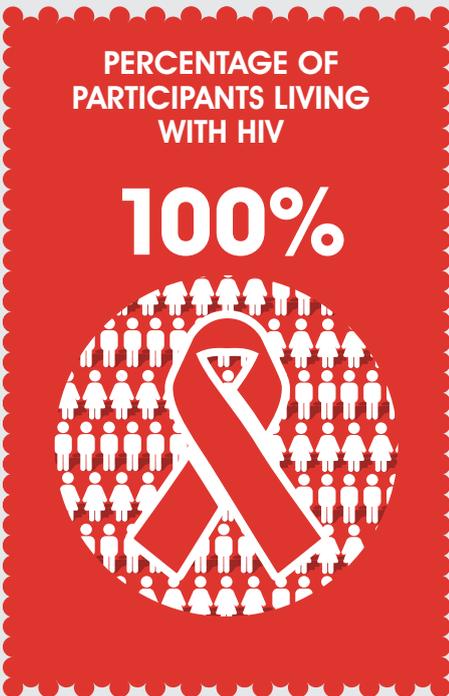
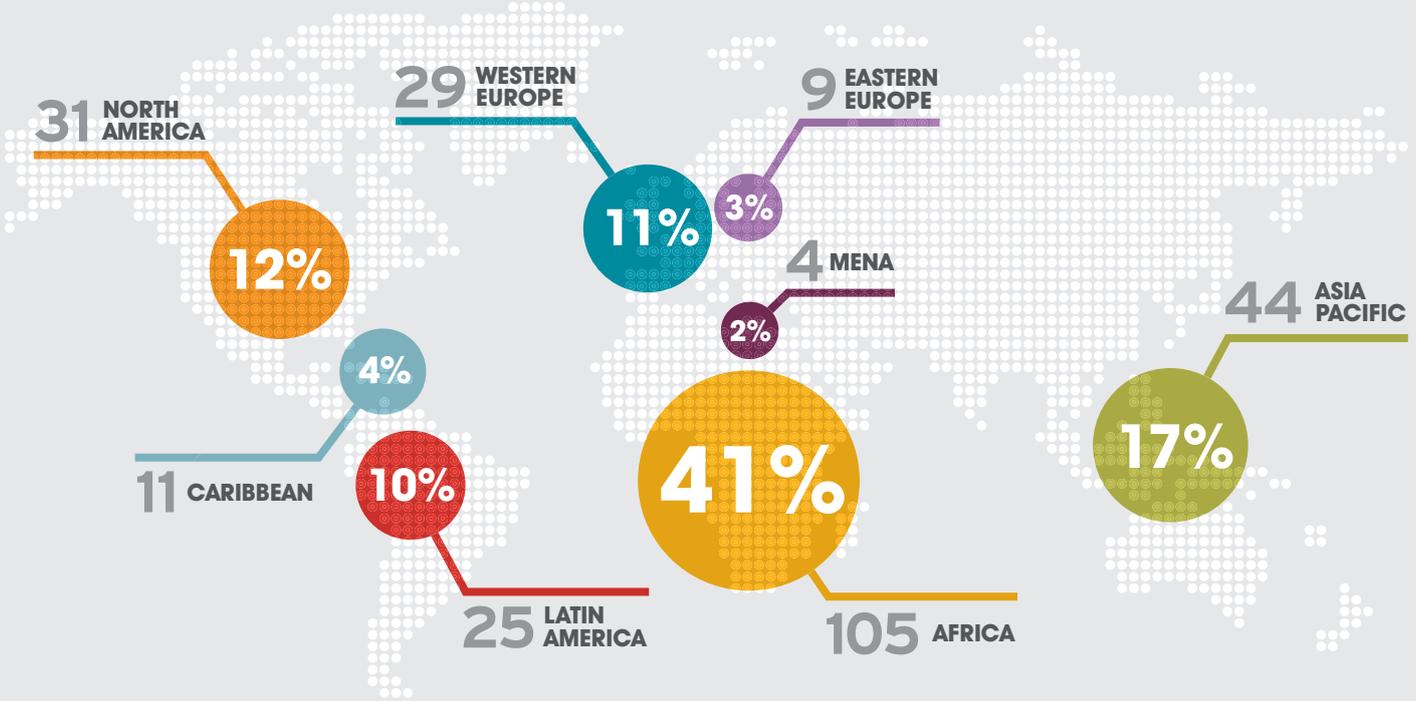
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LIVING 2016 INFOGRAPHIC

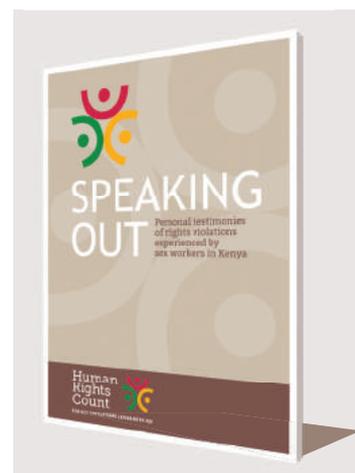


NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:
258

GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION OF PARTICIPANTS:
68 COUNTRIES



In 2016, we completed the publication and dissemination of two Human Rights Count 2 Reports, *Speaking Out: Personal Testimonies of Rights Violations Experienced by Sex Workers in Kenya* and *Speaking Out: Personal Testimonies of Rights Violations Experienced by People Who Use Drugs in Nepal*. This evidence-gathering tool developed by GNP+ and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, helps to identify and record human rights violations experienced by key populations living with HIV through a qualitative survey. GNP+ is a strong proponent of the 'learning by doing' method for community based participatory research – in other words, the process of conducting research is in itself a valuable and empowering journey. The Human Rights Count 2 tool was designed so that communities could carry out their own research, based on their own priorities. It also has advocacy goals built into it throughout. The goals are twofold: to stop human rights violations and to address systemic change.



PLHIV networks in Kenya and Vietnam rolled out GNP's 'Key Populations Engagement Tool'. This tool supports networks of people living with HIV to reflect on and strengthen levels of engagement with four key communities particularly affected and impacted by HIV. It focuses specifically on the communities of MSM, transgender people, people who use drugs and sex workers. The tool aims to provide a process through which levels of engagement and representation of these communities in national networks can be assessed, gaps identified and steps taken to strengthen engagement.

The OptTEST project (Optimising testing and linkage to care for HIV across Europe) aims to help reduce the number of undiagnosed people with HIV in the European region. GNP+ has been working with PLHIV groups and other organisations in Belarus, Estonia, Greece, Germany, Poland, Portugal, Ukraine to develop demonstration projects showcasing stigma as a barrier to access. Finally, we supported the creation and launch of a new website that documents legal and regulatory barriers to access to care for people with HIV in the WHO Europe region. <http://legalbarriers.peoplewithhiveurope.org/>

The People Living with HIV Stigma Index collects evidence on stigma and discrimination through national partnerships led by people living with HIV. GNP+ continues to maintain the website www.stigmaindex.org provides technical advice for country implementations. We are also involved with the other international partners in revising the index (questionnaire and methodology) as part of a USAID /PEPFAR funded Project SOAR initiative to revitalize the Stigma Index and make it more responsive to the needs of key populations and the changing treatment landscape.

STIGMA INDEX INFOGRAPHIC

The People Living with HIV Stigma Index provides a tool that measures and detects changing trends in relation to stigma and discrimination experienced by people living with HIV. In the initiative, the process is just as important as the product. It aims to address stigma relating to HIV while also advocating on the key barriers and issues perpetuating stigma - a key obstacle to HIV treatment, prevention, care and support. Since the project began in 2008 more than:

90+

COUNTRIES HAVE COMPLETED THE STUDY



200+

PLHIV HAVE BEEN TRAINED AS INTERVIEWERS

100,000+

PLHIV HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED



THE PLHIV STIGMA INDEX QUESTIONNAIRE HAS BEEN TRANSLATED INTO

54+

LANGUAGES



- Countries that have completed an implementation at least once include: Argentina, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belize, Bolivia, Botswana, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Democratic Republic of Congo, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Estonia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Republic of Moldova, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, Rwanda, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Sudan, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

There are several more countries where implementation teams have formed and are at the initial stages of implementation. These include: Cabo Verde, Canada, Central African Republic, Comoros, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Madagascar, Peru, Seychelles, to name some.



GNP+ GLOBAL NETWORK OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV

Emergency Teleconference: The Future of U.S. Global AIDS Funding in the Era of Trump

Date: Tuesday, November 15th 2016
 Time: New York 10:00/ Amsterdam 16:00/
 Nairobi 18:00/ Bangkok 22:00

Speakers Include: (Revised)

- Laurel Sprague, Research Fellow in HIV, Gender, and Justice, HIV Justice Network
- Coco Jarvis, Advocacy Officer, GNP+
- Matt Keenan, Senior Policy Analyst, Health GAP
- Cecilia C. Chang, member, BGT: A Global Network of Trans Women and HIV

Register Here: <http://ncl.ly/2YH086>
 You can follow the webinar online or by telephone.

Reclaiming our activist voice: With great strength and conviction, key population and PLHIV networks are recognizing that in this moment in history, we need to unite across our differences and take our collective efforts to another level as we fight political, economic and social oppression. Heeding this call, GNP+ took great strides in the second half of 2016 to reinvigorate our activist voice. As such, we have been actively engaged in strategic planning discussions, convenings, solidarity actions and activities.

GNP+ held an emergency teleconference on the future of U.S. global AIDS funding in the wake of the U.S. election results; the webinar was attended by over 200 community members and activists from around the world.

A GNP+ led statement was issued in support of U.S. activists who fight against racism, xenophobia, homophobia, transphobia and sexism within the U.S. and abroad.

Impactful Advocacy

GNP+, through the representation of Rico Gustav as a member of the Global Fund Board and Communities Delegation, published an appeal and vigorously advocated on behalf GNP+ and The Caribbean Regional Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (CRN+) in response to controversial transition plans being discussed for the CARICOM region that would have had an enormous impact on the health, well being, stability and security of communities of key populations living with or affected by HIV in the region. Our advocacy made a positive impact on the final decision by the Global Fund Board to carve out a small island economy exception to the middle-income transition out scheme.



GNP+ launched a petition ahead of the United Nations General Assembly Special Session on Drugs 2016 in New York to discuss global drug control priorities. The petition, *Commit to Human Rights for People Who Use Drugs: Prioritize HIV and HCV Co-infection Now!*, demanded more be done to ensure that the 2.3 million people currently living with HIV and HCV co-infection receive the treatment, care, services and human right protections they deserve.

GNP+ engaged in a number of advocacy activities in the lead up and during the UN High Level Meeting on HIV and AIDS in June 2016. A key populations living with HIV talking points guide and roadmap was created and distributed throughout our network, and with our Dutch partners we co-organized a well-attended side meeting on young key populations at the U.N. Additionally, during the final negotiations on the political declaration, we also participated in the drafting and editing of the civil society shadow declaration, *Civil Society and Communities Declaration to End HIV: Human Rights Must Come First*.

Capacity Building Workshops

In 2016, GNP+ conducted two Positive Health, Dignity and Prevention (PHDP) trainings with PLHIV networks in Africa. In Tanzania, we collaborated with the National Council of People Living with HIV (NACOPHA) and Stay Awake Network Activities (SANA) and in South Africa we worked with NAPWA-SA to conduct a key population dialogue and PHDP workshop with health care workers to strengthen greater awareness of stigma and discrimination related barriers faced by key populations living with HIV when accessing services. Additionally, the workshops aimed to promote greater community demand for and integration between HIV and sexual and reproductive health services for sex workers, gay men, men who have sex with men (MSM), transgender people and people who use drugs.



Additionally, over the last year, we worked in three countries - Malawi, South Africa and Zimbabwe - to popularize PHDP to support PLHIV networks to develop and deliver evidence-informed advocacy, lobbying and campaign strategies on the needs of key populations living with HIV as well as to develop manuals and toolkits that can be used by the community in the future.

Via the work of Wim Vandavelde, GNP+'s Liaison Officer of the Communities Delegation to the UNITAID Board, we have supported members of the Communities Delegation to effectively participate in UNITAID -related meetings, and in particular to represent the voices, needs and interests of their constituencies at UNITAID Board and Committee level, and to be accountable to them. This past year, two successful delegation consultations took place ahead of the UNITAID Board and Committee meetings which provided community delegates with an opportunity to perform in depth review and analysis of the Board documents in order to provide written talking points for the Communities Board members. Additionally, the delegation organised a community consultation during the International AIDS Conference in Durban which was attended by over 60 HIV community members.

Through support from the Robert Carr Civil Society Network Fund, GNP+ in 2016 has been able to continue our capacity building initiatives by organizing regional level planning meetings with national PLHIV networks, workshops on financing Hepatitis C co-infection, the development of a grant management manual and the organization of a monitoring and evaluation training for our partners.

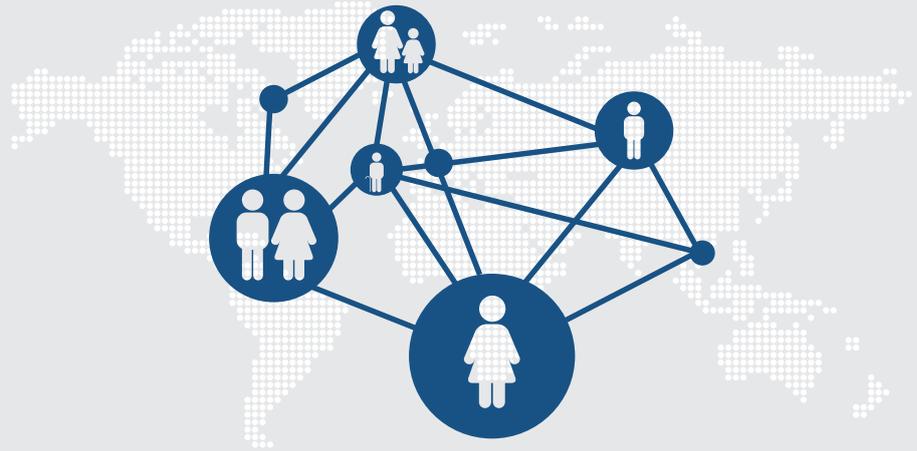


GNP+ has led in the creation and support of the PNC+ consortium, which consists of GNP+, CRN+, APN+ and ECUO. Together, the consortium covers 28 countries in four regions. The consortium focuses on advocacy to increase government budgets for HIV and ensuring efficient use of existing resources and has the following objectives:

- To document, analyse and interpret data regarding the use of available resources in the provision of HIV treatment and other health services that influence the quality of life of people living with HIV.
- To increase coordination, communication and planning between communities, key populations and other civil society groups to coordinate actions to increase the sustainable use of resources for HIV treatment and other health services that influence the quality of lives of people living with HIV.
- To initiate and maintain extensive policy dialogues with governments and donors regarding sustainable investment of various resources, country transitions and coordination plans around international funding and domestic financing.

RCNF III INFOGRAPHIC

The RCNF grant at GNP+ is managed by the Community Development Unit supports networks of people living with HIV and inadequately served populations to engage meaningfully with different actors within the GNP+'s Global Advocacy Agenda. We provide technical assistance to regional networks of people living with HIV in the Caribbean, sub-Saharan Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe/Central Asia.



ADDITIONAL STATS

14
trainings on financing Hep C



6
environmental scans



7
trainings on financing SRHR awareness

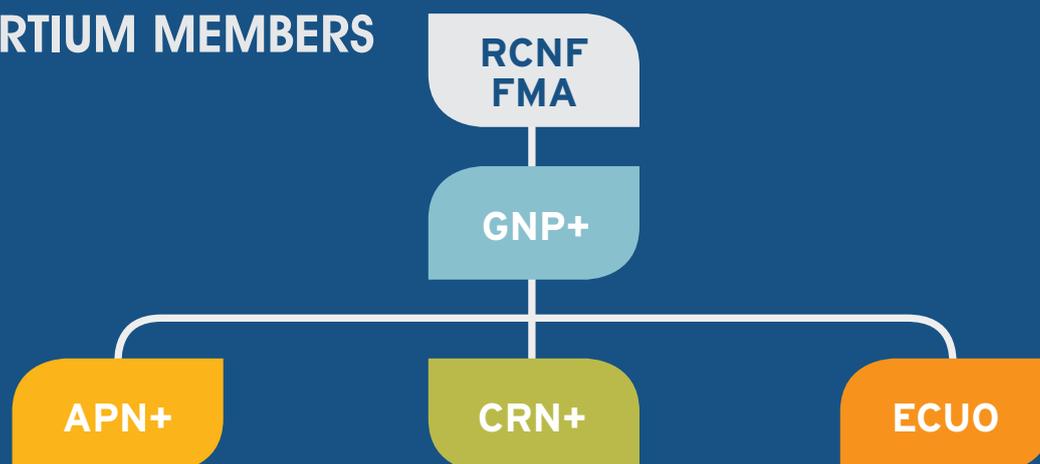


THE AIM OF OUR CONSORTIUM

To build and improve their capacities as regional networks, and to enable them to support national networks of people living with HIV, in order to effectively advocate for increased diagnosis and treatment of hepatitis c infection, improve knowledge about sexual and reproductive health, and support the rights of people living with HIV.



CONSORTIUM MEMBERS



2016 Financial Statement: Upgrading for the Future: Financial Systems and Partnerships

The GNP+ narrative and financial reports have been developed in accordance with the revised Directive 650 for fundraising institutions issued by the Dutch Council for Reporting. This directive aims at increasing clarity and transparency in the manner in which fundraising institutions report on their revenues and expenditures. 2016 is the eighth year in which GNP+ reports have been made in accordance with this directive.

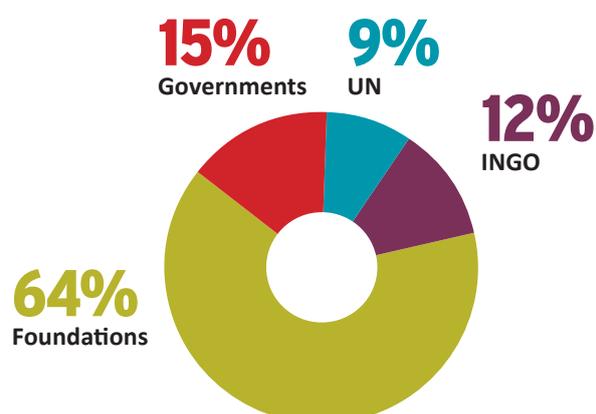
GNP+ undertakes partnerships with donors who provide support to its programmes. GNP+ values the experiences donors have gained by working with their partners and grantees. To avoid conflicts of interest associated with donors serving as partners, GNP+ insists on formalised contracts, memoranda of understanding, or letters of agreement that clearly define the relationship and the roles and responsibilities of each party.

GNP+ uses a format for budgeting and reporting in which core expenditures are allocated to specific goals, platforms and activities. Through this budget allocation system, the total core expenditures are divided by the total annual hours available for staff members. This average hourly rate is used in the estimation of the costs of programme staff and management based on the number of hours spent on a specific activity. Within the GNP+ budget, all core expenses are allocated.

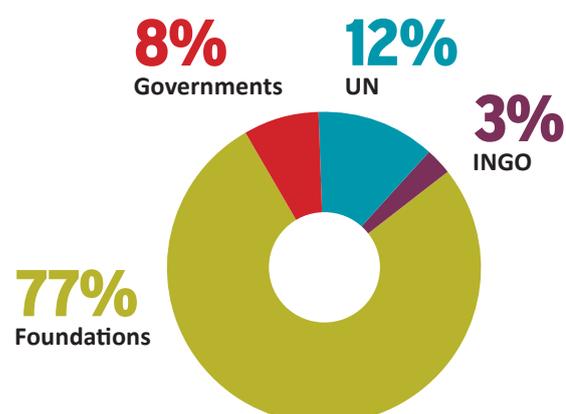
There are hours not directly related to program activities, like general management and administration, other organisational activities and resource mobilisation. Through the general budget allocation, these expenditures are allocated to specific goals, platforms and activities as well.

Sources of support and revenues

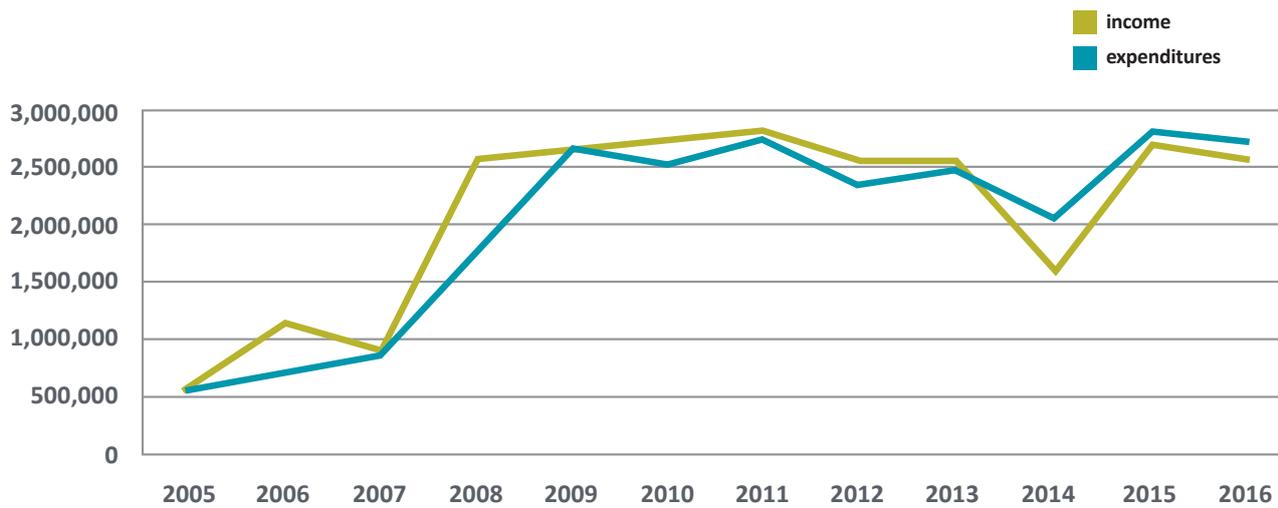
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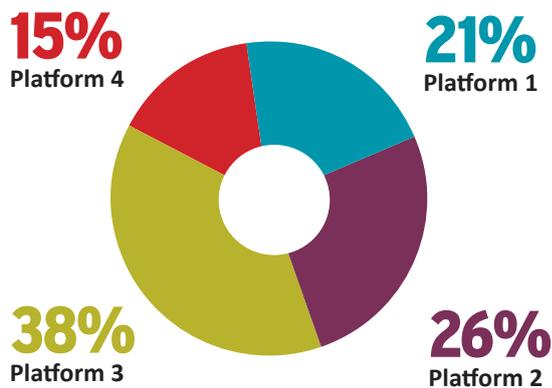


Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

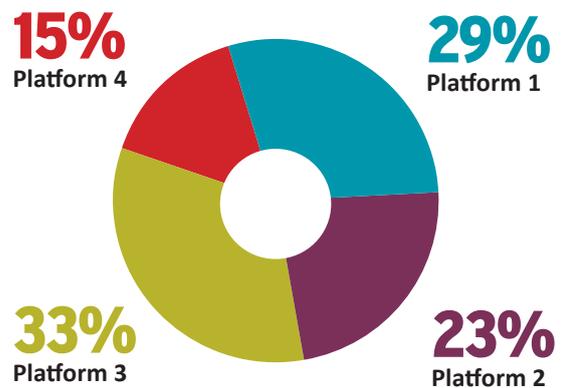


Budget versus actuals 2016

Budget 2016



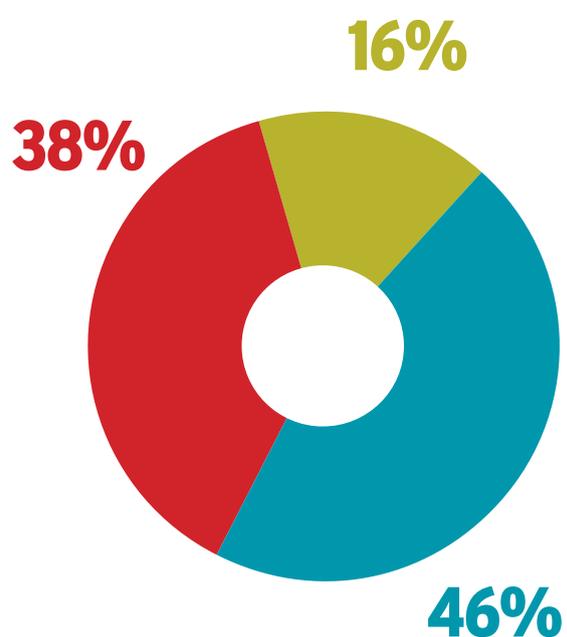
Actuals 2016



- Platform 1: Global Advocacy
- Platform 2: Global Knowledge Management
- Platform 3: Global PLHIV Network Community Strengthening and Development
- Platform 4: Organizational Strengthening, Management and Improvement

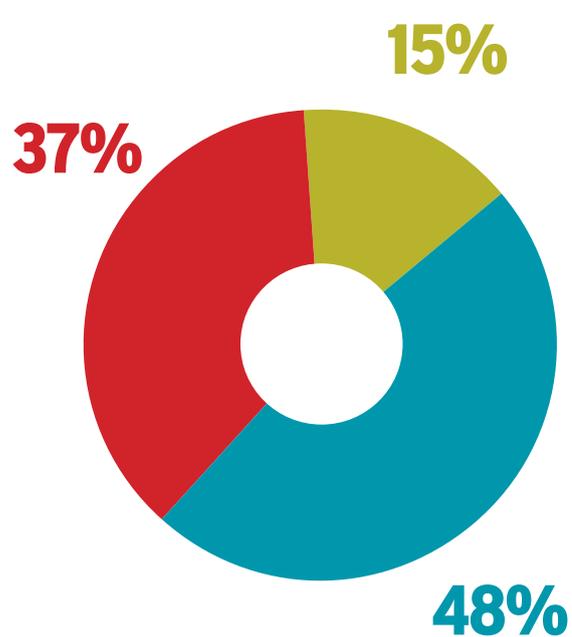
How GNP+ uses its funds

Expenditure type 2015



- Programme Expenditure
- Subrecipient Instalments
- Organizational Expenditures

Expenditure type 2016



- Programme Expenditure
- Subrecipient Instalments
- Organizational Expenditures

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