Shining A Light on Children and Adolescents Left Behind

Championing their rights to survive and thrive
Our goal is to ensure that all children and adolescents affected by HIV and AIDS survive and thrive. We shine a light on those left behind. And we champion changes to global policies and funding so that they are prioritised and empowered to participate.

All over the world there are children and adolescents infected or impacted by HIV and AIDS who are left behind due to poverty, discrimination and stigma. Adolescent mothers and their children; the children of sex workers and other 'key populations'; and children with disabilities are just some of those often shut out of services and support.

We champion their rights and challenge the inequalities they face. We advocate for excluded children and adolescents affected by HIV to:

- be a political and donor priority;
- get the biomedical, social and economic support they need;
- shape the laws, policies and services affecting them;
- be the focus of critical research

"We young parents are working together to overcome the challenges we face. We support each other emotionally. We share our problems, and address them. We help each other to be informed about sexual and reproductive health and rights, to get tested for HIV and to stay on treatment. And we advocate for young parents and their children to be valued and prioritised by society."

Miriam Hasasha, Young Mother Ambassador

We seek global level change. We advocate for international policy change amongst major donors, UN institutions and global political bodies. So that every country has the resources and political will to enable all children and adolescents affected by HIV to survive and thrive.
The voices of children and adolescents affected by HIV, and their caregivers, are prominent in all that we do. Sex worker activist and mother, Duduzile Dlamini is on our Steering Committee; we have co-founded a consortium with Y+ Global and PATA to support young people living with HIV to advocate globally; we are consistently guided by and speak alongside people directly affected, including our Ambassadors.

The Coalition enables its Members to achieve far greater impact. Members speak with one strong voice; share and analyse cutting edge evidence to identify what is needed and what works; and pool resources behind strategic advocacy activities. These include:

- High-level conferences and events
- Policy reports and advocacy briefings
- Communications campaigns
- Synthesis and analysis of the latest evidence
- Private lobbying to key decision-makers
- A dynamic Ambassador program
- Developing a common advocacy strategy and key messages

Our unique structure enables us to do what many others cannot. We bring together different sectors around a holistic agenda - both in our Membership and through our activities. Our independence enables us to speak out, and to respond quickly to new opportunities. And our funder member model means we have a resourced and effective Secretariat, and that Members are consistently invested and engaged.
Steering Committee

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Tom Fenn, Catholic Relief Services

Corinna Csaky, The Coalition

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Get Involved

The Coalition welcomes organisations that share our values and can help us achieve our objectives.

- Shape global policy guiding donors, implementors and other key actors
- Be the first to know about cutting edge evidence
- Learn about strategic advocacy opportunities
- Network with other thought-leaders
- Pool your resources behind strategic advocacy activities
- Raise your profile and that of your organisation

There are three ways to get involved:

1. **Steering Committee Membership** is free to organisations with an expenditure of less than 1m USD per year. Otherwise, they pay an annual fee relative to their size. As a Member you will:

2. **Sponsorship** is always warmly welcome. We currently enjoy sponsorship from ELMA Philanthropies and the Robert Carr Fund. And are always keen to explore further sponsorship opportunities to support our core and activity costs. It helps us achieve more.

3. **Advocate Membership** is free to anyone. It is especially for community advocates, policy makers and all those wishing to stay informed of the latest advocacy and learning opportunities. You can sign up via our website.

"The Coalition is an absolutely critical body that advances the research, evidence and policy at a global level in keeping children affected by HIV on the agenda."

Nina Blackwell, Executive Director, Firelight Foundation

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