



Collaborating Consortia

Realising Rights Research Programme Consortium
www.realising-rights.org



Future Health Systems Research Programme Consortium
www.futurehealthsystems.org



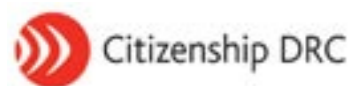
STEPS Centre
www.steps-centre.org



POVILL
www.povill.com



Pathways of women's empowerment
www.pathways-of-empowerment.org



Citizenship, Participation and Accountability Development Research Centre
www.drc-citizenship.org

Collaborating external partners and supporters

REACH (Trust) Malawi; The Joint Learning Initiative on Children and AIDS (JLICA); Social Science Research Council, New York (SSRC); Research on Poverty Alleviation, Dar es Salaam (REPOA); International HIV/AIDS Alliance ('the Alliance'); Alliance Nationale Contre le SIDA, Senegal (ANCS); Kymer HIV/AIDS NGO Alliance (KHANA); MenEngage Alliance; Overseas Development Institute, UK (ODI); UNAIDS; UNICEF; World Food Programme (WFP); Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA); NORAD/Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Department for International Development (DFID)

www.ids.ac.uk/go/hiv

Collaborating IDS projects

Centre for social protection
www.ids.ac.uk/go/research-teams/vulnerability-team/research-themes/social-protection

Sexuality and development programme
www.ids.ac.uk/go/research-teams/participation-team/projects-and-outputs/sexuality-and-development-programme

Collaborating IDS Knowledge Services

HDI (Health Resource Guide and HIV and AIDS Resource guide)
www.ids.ac.uk/go/knowledge-services/services/health-and-development-information

BRIDGE
www.bridge.ids.ac.uk

Siyanda
www.siyanda.org/

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New research and knowledge partnerships for developing work on HIV and AIDS

Who we are

The HIV and development programme is cross organisational and includes a number of IDS researchers, information and communication professionals, external partners and research consortia.

Why focus on HIV and development?

- HIV and AIDS is one of the greatest health and development challenges of our time.
- We have known about HIV, and how to prevent onward transmission, for a quarter of a century
- There are almost 40 million people living with HIV and many more families and communities affected by the disease.
- There have been diverse and creative responses to the pandemic and many lessons have been learned.
- But unproductive and over simplistic debate about poverty, gender and AIDS still dominate popular discourse.



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What drives us?

We believe in the power of evidence in challenging simplistic HIV orthodoxies that often obscure complex and dynamic personal, organisational and political interactions. HIV is mutable in its ability to exploit biological and structural weaknesses. Our research follows the path of the pandemic to highlight successful pockets of resistance and resilience.

Structure, power and gender - beyond the personal

This area of our work explores the links between inequality, exclusion, gender, sexuality, HIV and AIDS. We are cautious of unreflective lip service paid to traditional 'gender roles', or overly timid cultural relativism inherent in some anthropological approaches. We believe there is a need to politicise masculinities and support the role of men in struggles for gender-equitable social justice. We challenge over-simplified 'apolitical' attention to absolute poverty reduction over attention to inequality in relation to transmission. We see a strong need for a new political economics of sex work to unearth its gendered distributional dimensions, basing analyses and strategies on a non-moralistic but normative vision of redistributive justice, gender equity and better public health at the margins.



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Living and engaging with HIV – citizenship and influence

How does HIV disrupt, transform and/or reinvent health systems? In this area of our work we look at how AIDS actors, 'therapeutic citizens' and patient groups can help us understand how health care is changing. We also explicitly consider and explore issues of global-local linkages in AIDS related citizenship as well as policy and governance processes. We challenge overly abstract individual renditions of specific rights and broaden AIDS-related citizenship, beyond the therapeutic citizen, to

explore political alliances between (often fledgling) movements for justice and change. We draw attention to participation and legitimacy in political processes for negotiating equitable and universal access, rights and responsibilities.

The dynamics of impact mitigation – looking to the future

This area of work investigates how vulnerable development is to the impact of AIDS and whether social protection offers protection against its effects. By understanding the interactions between the virus and development over the longer term can we better define how social protection, poverty reduction, development and AIDS responses can become more synergistic and transformative? We challenge over-simplified mono-disciplinary frameworks, and timeless cross-sectional analyses. We explore the inter-generational dynamics of gender and HIV related resilience and vulnerability particularly for children and young people. We revisit the implications for targeting and for linking – or integrating – programmes and policy across sectors.

Useful resources

We have a range of resources from our work on development and HIV. Many of our working papers, briefings, presentations and news stories are available to download for free online at our website. The website also includes details of journal publications and books on this topic as well as upcoming meetings that we are involved with.

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Information services and HIV

The HIV and AIDS Resource Guide provides cross-cutting coverage of the social, economic and political aspects of HIV and AIDS in developing countries. It brings together and synthesises research, knowledge and experience from diverse sources in order to inform policy debates.

www.eldis.org/go/topics/resource-guides/hiv-and-aids