

Making an Impact Today, **Recalibrating for Tomorrow**

2018 Annual Report



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GLOBAL ACTION
FOR GAY MEN'S HEALTH & RIGHTS



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A Message from our Executive Director

Dear Friends and Supporters:

2018 moved like quicksilver.

This year, MPact officially launched its new name and brand, shedding some of the public health language that was weighing down our work with communities. Our goal has always been to stay ahead of the curve, and to operate as a leader in the field. We strive to set an example of how to adapt to a constantly shifting landscape while staying steadfast to our core beliefs.

Over the last year we witnessed monumental social change worldwide.

Transgender people will no longer be considered ‘mentally ill’ thanks to hard fought advocacy with the World Health Organization, which will go a long way in global efforts to push back stigma. The European Court of Justice extended residency rights to European Union same-sex spouses. The African Commission emphasized the need to protect all human rights defenders, including those working for the protection of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people, and to ensure freedom of assembly for LGBT groups. Mozambique and South Korea made it easier for LGBT groups to legally register as NGOs. The United Nations’ first independent expert on violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, Vitit Muntarbhorn, presented a report to the UN General Assembly in September that called for decriminalization of same-sex relations and legal recognition of gender identity. We then saw sweeping legal and political change in India and Zimbabwe, with new, hard-fought liberties won.

We have a lot to celebrate and to study. But there is still much hard work that lies ahead.

2018 ushered in serious crack-downs on LGBTI people in Indonesia, Chechnya, Uganda, Tanzania, and Turkey. Countries such as Brazil are turning politically towards authoritarian, conservative populism. In the United States, the human rights of Black and Brown people, Muslims, and immigrants in the United States of America continue to erode under the Trump

administration. Moreover, the US presidential administration's assault on cis and trans women and their sexual and reproductive health and rights is undoing years of progress. Attacks on women's rights has a corrosive effect on all of our civil liberties because they strike at the basic human rights pillars of self-determination and bodily autonomy.

The unfinished business of HIV reflects the social and cultural context of the times, as gay and bisexual men face continued discrimination at HIV service sites worldwide. Budget cuts at national and international levels will make it even more difficult to ensure universal health coverage, including for people living with HIV. When we couple this with a failure to mount carefully curated, comprehensive sexual health programs that are targeted to those at greatest risk for HIV infection, we are then simply chasing our tails. This is especially true in places where the response to HIV remains chronically underfunded and the tools that we have at our disposal remain locked in the hands of medical professionals and draconian governments.

The global response to HIV and the industry that drives it must undergo a fundamental shift in mindset and approach. We need to push ourselves as advocates to reimagine and reclaim the global HIV response. We must support communities so that they, not governments, are in charge of charting their own trajectories. Community-led, peer-based sexual health programs must be well-funded on the local and global levels. Activists must be given the resources to remedy inequity and change harmful laws, policies and practices. We must advocate for health as a universal right and reject profit-driven schemes that subordinate the poor.

As you read MPact's 2018 Annual Report, I hope you see our reimagined vision for the global HIV response highlighted in every activity and advocacy action. Our work thrives from the talent and countless contributions made by our Board of Directors, International Steering Committee, country partners, staff, funders, and individual donors. This Annual Report is MPact's way of expressing our heartfelt thanks to all who make our work possible.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Ayala", with a stylized flourish at the end.

George Ayala, PsyD
Executive Director

MSMGF is now MPact

MPact was originally founded in 2006 as The Global Forum on MSM & HIV (MSMGF) by an international group of activists who were concerned about the disproportionate HIV burden being shouldered by men who have sex with men. In 2018 we changed our name to reflect our desire for greater impact within the broader sexual health and human rights agendas for all men who have sex with men.

Our vision is for a world where the health and rights of all men who have sex with men are actively recognized, realized and respected. At its core, MPact is and will remain an advocacy organization. Even as we expand beyond HIV, all our work is in the service of our mission to ensure equitable access to services for gay men and other men who have sex with men, while promoting their health and rights worldwide.



MPact Health
Mobilize communities
Create Access
Sensitize healthcare professionals
Build Capacity



MPact Rights
Advocate for funding
Build advocates' skills
Raise awareness
Ensure inclusion

MPact Funding
Increase Investment in evidence-informed, rights-based services
Fund community-based, LGBTI-led organizations
Support comprehensive sexual health & prevention



MPact Global Change
Fight stigma & discrimination
Prevent violence
Hold PEPFAR, the Global Fund & UNAIDS accountable

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Note: In this report, we highlight activities completed both before and after we changed our name in July 2018. For consistency, all references to our organization are made as "MPact" regardless of whether they were initially attributed to MSMGF or MPact.



Who We Are

MPact is an expanding network of advocates, service providers, community-based organizations, and researchers. We are directly linked to more than 120 community-based organizations in 62 countries and thousands of individuals online who are fighting for the sexual health and human rights of gay and bisexual men around the world.

MPact's advocacy is based on our belief in the power of community and the power of connection. Together with our global network of experts and activists, we work to support community-led interventions that are sustainable and impactful.



VISION

MPact envisions a world where the health and human rights of all men who have sex with men are actively recognized, realized, and respected.



MISSION

To advocate for equitable access to sexual health programs, including HIV services, for gay men and bisexual men, while promoting their health and human rights worldwide.



VALUES

In all of our work, MPact foregrounds the values of human rights, self-determination, and working in coalition. We employ approaches that are community-led, strengths-based, sex positive, critically reflexive, evidence informed, and results oriented. By integrating these values into our policy, programs, research, and communications strategies, we strive to combine the full range of contributions generated by our constituents with methods that achieve smart, effective, and cost-efficient outcomes.

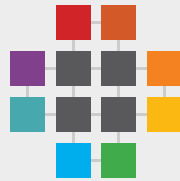
2018 in Numbers

Program Outputs ▶



LGBT people reached with sexual health services

11721



Healthcare professionals trained

727



Advocates trained

321



In-country trainings

69



New publications

8

Media Outputs ▶



Page visits on
msmgf.org &
mpactglobal.org

59204

of Visitors

30302



Twitter mentions

946

New Twitter followers

723

Total

8139



New Instagram
followers

343

Total

789



New
Facebook Likes

261

Total

8145



Videos posted
to YouTube

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Blog posts on
msmgf.org &
mpactglobal.org

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Announcements
sent to subscribers

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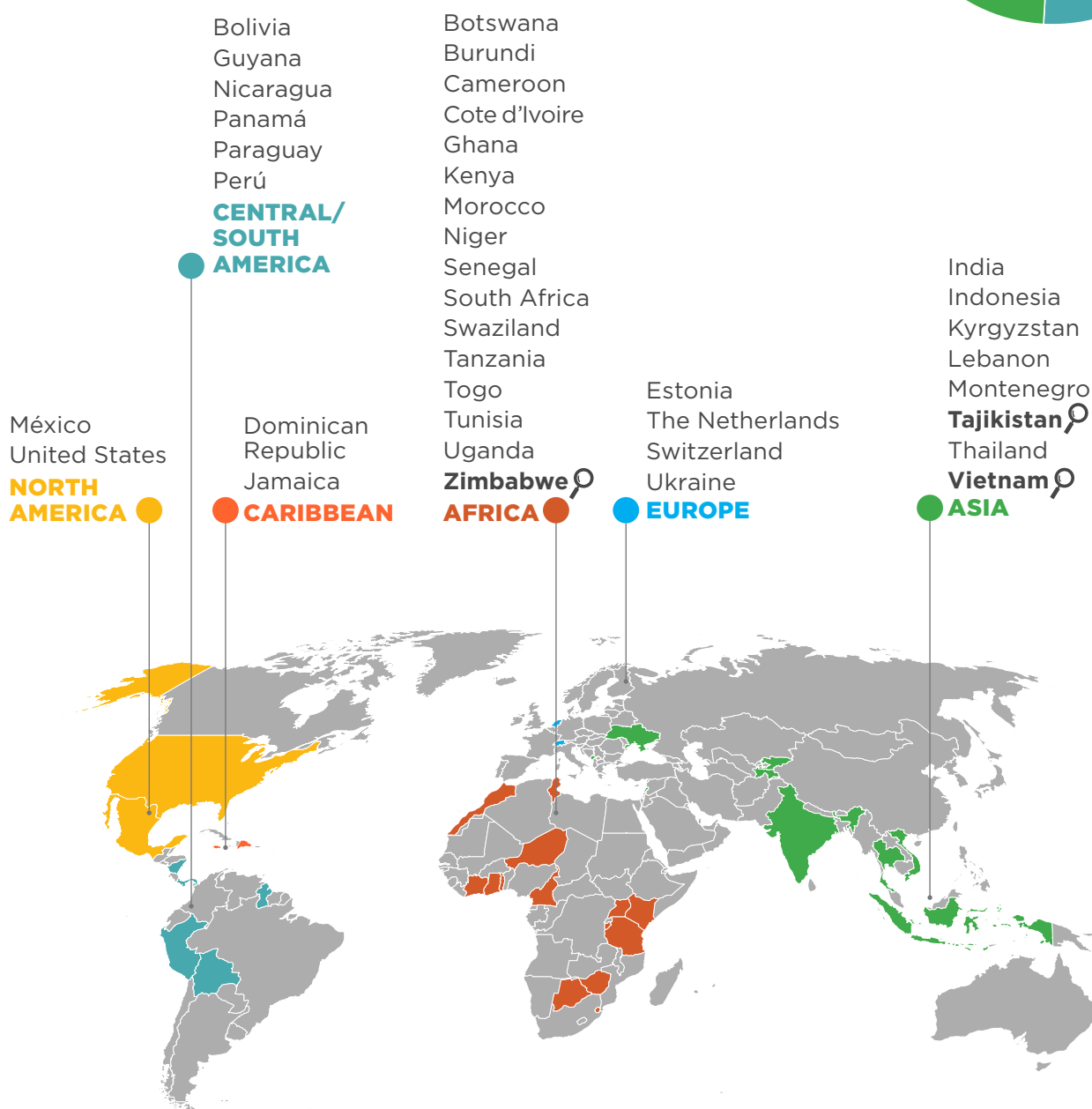
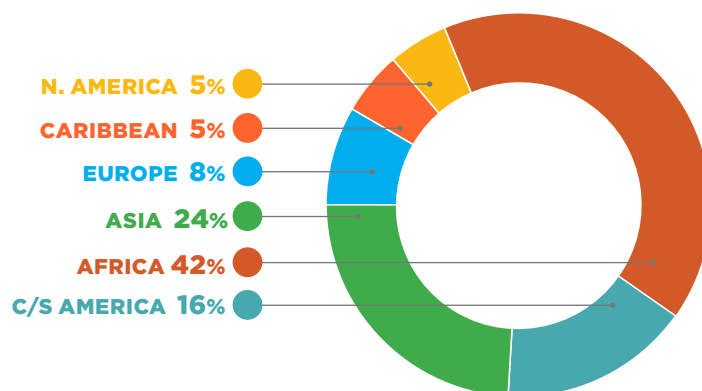



Mentions in press

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MPact Around the World



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Global Advocacy:

Global Fund, PEPFAR, United Nations

In 2018 MPact continued our leadership in advocating for the meaningful engagement of, and responsiveness to, key populations across the global health architecture. We worked alongside activists, advocates, and implementers from around the world, all fighting for a more human rights-based approach to health and development.

What we did with the **Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria**

- George Ayala was [appointed to the Global Fund Board](#)'s Developed Country NGOs Delegation, beginning in 2019.
- Produced a [joint statement](#) to the Global Fund Strategy Committee **demanding continued funding for key populations-led networks and communities in middle-income countries.**
- Through the [Community Leadership and Action Collaborative](#), provided support to community organizations, through short-term technical assistance and long-term capacity building.

What we did with the **U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)**

- Continued our role as one of the only key population-led global networks watchdogging PEPFAR investments, together with global civil society allies.
- Strategized and equipped communities to engage in the PEPFAR Regional Planning Meetings in Johannesburg as well as national quarterly reviews.
- Participated directly in the Regional Planning Meetings, offering analysis and technical support to LGBT activists from Botswana, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Kenya, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, the West Africa region, and Vietnam, as well as raise the profile and visibility of key population issues at the global level.

KEY GLOBAL FUND OUTCOME

On 9 May, a [new policy](#) was approved by the Board to enable the provision of support to non-eligible countries in crisis. The new policy eliminates some arbitrary exclusions; enables support for countries with high disease burden; gives the Secretariat more flexibility to assess eligibility in countries that fail to report data on key populations; maintains the "NGO Rule" for Russia, Romania and Bulgaria; and acknowledges the need to continue to support key populations who are disproportionately affected by the diseases.

KEY PEPFAR OUTCOMES

Key wins in the [Tanzania Country Operational Plan](#) development meeting included such commitments as:

- A comprehensive size estimate and integrated bio-behavioral surveillance (IBBS) for key populations with involvement of CSOs;
- Sensitization of healthcare professionals and law enforcement;
- Developing a strategy for supporting transgender organizations;
- Not reducing MSM targets;
- Involvement of CSOs in PrEP roll-out and self-testing implementation.



Senior Policy Advisor Stephen Leonelli providing inputs at the UN's Human Rights Council consultation on human rights and HIV in Geneva, Switzerland.

What we did with the **United Nations**

- Provided inputs to the formation of [Resolution A/HRC/RES/38/8](#), “Human rights in the context of HIV,” which mandated the Office of High Commissioner of Human Rights to convene a 1.5 day consultation in the first quarter of 2019 to discuss regional and sub-regional strategies to address human rights barriers in the HIV response.
- Called upon UNAIDS and UN Members States to keep their commitments to better resource communities and civil society and to work toward “meaningful involvement of people living with HIV and key populations”, at UNAIDS PCB and other fora.
- Continued to lead the [Free Space Process](#)’ (FSP) engagement in the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development.
- Prepared, with a coalition of LGBTI rights organizations, a joint submission to the [Special Rapporteur on the Right to Privacy](#) on considerations for protecting the privacy of sexual gender minorities in the digital era.
- Prepared a submission to the Office of the High Commission for Human Rights regarding the impact of drug policies on the human rights of LGBTI people.

KEY **UN OUTCOMES**

- The [2018 Ministerial Declaration](#) (the outcome document of the HLPF) affirmed that the needs of people living with HIV are reflected in the 2030 Agenda.
- Establishment of the [Global Partnership for Action to Eliminate All Forms of HIV-related Stigma and Discrimination](#) following the 42nd UNAIDS PCB.
- Resolution A/HRC/RES/38/8 “[Human Rights in the Context of HIV](#)” adopted in July.

Out With It: MPact's Pre-Meeting at AIDS 2018

MPact has organized a pre-meeting at the International AIDS Conferences since 2008. The organization of our event at AIDS 2018 was led by our Youth Reference Group (which has now become a majority part of our International Steering Committee).

Out With It showcased and workshopped community-led innovative solutions for the sexual health and rights of young gay and bisexual men. From among 28 online video submissions, 12 “solution teams” from around the world were invited to participate. Each team was assigned an MPact staff focal point and a list of potential external coaches with expertise specific to their interventions who helped them to develop their idea before they presented their solution in Amsterdam.

See the **“Community Solutions”** video.

Out With It took place on Sunday July 22, 2018 at Royal Tropical Institute (the KIT) in Amsterdam. Nearly 300 advocates, service providers, public health professionals, researchers, and funders attended the pre-meeting. Fifty percent of attendees were



young gay and bisexual men, with nearly 70% from the Global South. An additional 1,600 advocates tuned in from around the world via our **Facebook Live** streaming of **Out With It's** plenary sessions.

After live voting at the event's closing plenary, Team Zimbabwe and Team Vietnam were selected by to move their solutions on to a pilot testing phase, for which they each received a \$10,000 starting grant and a twelve month commitment of technical support from MPact.



Out With It emcees Mark Vermeulen and Rhon Reynolds, along with MPact Board Member Julian Kerbogossian present \$10,000 prize to winning teams from Zimbabwe and Vietnam.



Winner:
Focusing on the needs of trans and intersex men who have sex with men: Trans and Intersex Rising Zimbabwe (TIRZ)

In spite of efforts to raise the visibility of the trans* and intersex community, trans and intersex men have had very few spaces in which to seek professional and tailored help related to their unique health issues in Zimbabwe. This has meant that the health and identity of trans and intersex men is often shrouded in silence. It is crucial that trans and intersex men (i) receive and generate information that is relevant to them; (ii) create and are provided with safe spaces to engage with each other and understand their identities and needs; and (iii) have access to healthcare professionals who can meet their unique needs. TIRZ seeks to establish the framework for those needs to be met.



Winner:
Leveraging app-based technology to reach gay and bisexual men: Lighthouse, Vietnam

With no HIV or sexual health-related applications dedicated to the gay community in Vietnam, Lighthouse's intervention focused on developing an app for gay men and bisexual men named Hunt. Hunt is a smartphone application where LGBTQ people can freely explore local community networks, gain sexual health knowledge, take self-assessments and use service maps to access friendly sexual health services. Hunt also allows users to record their health history, set medical reminders, and receive inspirational messages. With Hunt, the goal is to generate demand, increase access to services, and empower gay and bisexual men to take control of their own well-being.

“Out With It: HIV and Other Sexual Health Considerations for Young Men Who Have Sex with Men.”

This new [technical brief](#), developed in collaboration with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the World Health Organization (WHO), gives recommendations for making services, spaces, and funding for sexual health accessible to young gay and bisexual men. It is an updated, abbreviated adaptation of the technical brief titled “HIV and Young Men Who Have Sex with Men,” which was published in 2015 by WHO. The brief puts forward evidence-based information on the state of HIV and lays out solutions for community organizers leading sexual health programs and interventions at local and country levels. The brief was released in conjunction with the MPact AIDS 2018 premeeting.

Technical Brief

Out With It
HIV and Other Sexual Health Considerations for Young Men Who Have Sex with Men



By facilitating a space where young gay men can express themselves, we are creating a platform to share our thoughts, needs, desires and advocacy priorities, for now and for the future.

- Sergio Lopez of SOMOSGay in his [closing keynote address](#) at the Out With It Pre-Meeting





The Out With It Networking Zone

MPact organized a networking zone in the AIDS 2018 Global Village. In addition to hosting daily sessions, the zone served as a meeting, networking, and safe space for advocates to regroup, rest, and prepare themselves to have maximum impact in sessions and events throughout the conference.



Making our voices heard throughout AIDS 2018

MPact had a major presence at the **AIDS 2018** conference in Amsterdam. Some of our key activities and impacts were:

- Oral presentation of [When Situations Go From Bad to Worse](#), a guide for international responses to acute violence against key populations.
- Satellite Session: [Re-Defining the Global Health Response to Gay and Bisexual Men](#).
- MPact's staff represented civil society at the [Robert Carr Civil Society Networks Fund](#)'s Satellite Session: From Invisibility to Indivisibility.
- With UNAIDS, MPact organized a workshop for HIV advocates on [utilizing the Voluntary National Reviews](#) of Sustainable Development.
- With APCOM, SOMOSGAY, and the Eurasian Coalition on Male Health, MPact organized the workshop: Sustaining the MSM and Trans Community Response in the Age of HIV Financing in Transition.
- MPact supported the participation of activists from all nine Bridging the Gaps countries: Botswana, Indonesia, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Ukraine, Vietnam, and Zimbabwe.
- All members of MPact's Steering Committee were able to participate in the conference.
- MPact drew attention the undelivered promise of PEPFAR's \$100M Key Population Investment Fund, organizing a protest during remarks by U.S. Global AIDS Ambassador Deborah Birx during a side event.
- MPact partnered with other activists to call for relocation of the AIDS 2020 conference, through a press conference and activist meetings.





From AIDS 2020 to HIV 2020

Following the International AIDS Society's announcement that AIDS 2020 would be held in San Francisco and Oakland, MPact worked with activists from the U.S. and all over the world to oppose the decision and call for an alternative location for the conference. The IAS' decision went against the recommendation of community advocates worldwide, including MPact and the main networks of people living with HIV in the U.S. The human rights conditions for immigrants, especially people from Muslim, African, Caribbean and Latin American countries, people of color, people who use drugs, queer people, sex workers, and transgender people, have worsened since the election of President Donald Trump. Legal travel restrictions imposed by the U.S. will make it very difficult for many members of key populations affected by HIV from entering the country.

HIV2020: Community Reclaiming the Global Response

The IAS has unfortunately been unwilling to move the conference. Despite the pride MPact and other Bay Area organizations might have felt hosting scientists and advocates from around the world in our cities, the political realities of the U.S. are too inhospitable to support the conference. Thus, we have joined with the International Network of People Who Use Drugs, the Global Network of Sex Work Projects, and other networks to organize an alternative conference titled [HIV 2020](#), to be held concurrently to AIDS 2020, but in Mexico City, July 5-7, 2020.

HIV2020 will be a community-led event, designed to provide a safe alternative for individuals who cannot or will not enter the U.S. in 2020, or who cannot afford to attend AIDS2020. It will also offer new opportunities to reaffirm the leading role communities play in the global HIV response.

#AnalAboutMyHealth

MPact launched the **Anal About My Health** campaign in July, ahead of AIDS 2018. The campaign provocatively asks gay and bisexual men (and anyone with a butt) to think responsibly and pleurably about their anal health. In addition to its launched as a new resource on MPact's website, every AIDS 2018 attendee received an "Anal About My Health" sticker in their conference bag which led them to the informational poster in the Global Village.



MEDIA: #AnalAboutMyHealth campaign was nominated for the best HIV Prevention Media Campaign Award for the year by Poz Magazine. The campaign placed second after the public voting.



PARTNERS: #AnalAboutMyHealth inspired MPact's partners who thought the content direct, relevant and applicable to their communities. As a result, it was adapted and translated into Russian by ECOM (EECA), into Arabic and French by M-Coalition (MENA) and into Spanish and Portuguese by GayLatino (Latin America).



VIDEOS: Given its resonance with global constituents, MPact decided to develop the campaign into a series of informational videos, each speaking to a different issue around sexual health. The first five videos were shot in 2018. Developed in collaboration with the Saint James Infirmary and Trish TV, the videos feature drag queens speaking about their personal experience with Sexually Transmitted Infections and providing health information. The videos will be launched in 2019.

ANAL ABOUT MY HEALTH TIP #3: PREP

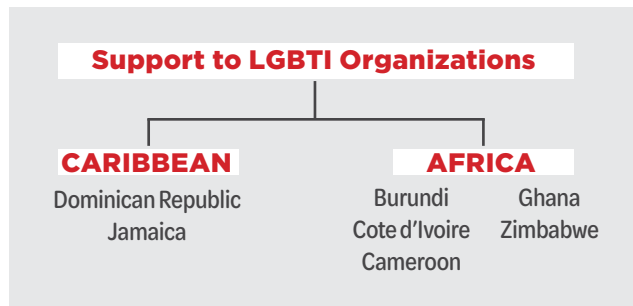


Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) is a pill taken daily by HIV-negative people to prevent infection. Unfortunately, it doesn't prevent other STIs, so you'll still need to consider other forms of protection.

Learn more at www.mpactglobal.org/analaboutmyhealth

ACT: Advocacy and Other Community Tactics to Challenge Barriers to HIV Services Among Gay Men in Africa and the Caribbean

With support from the Elton John AIDS Foundation, in May MPact launched ACT: Advocacy and Other Community Tactics to Challenge Barriers to HIV Services Among Gay Men in Africa and the Caribbean. The ACT program leverages the wisdom and expertise of seasoned activists in Africa and the Caribbean to develop and implement strategic initiatives to address barriers to HIV services at the country level.



Key program areas:

- Removing policy and legal barriers to HIV-related services.
- Reducing stigma and discrimination in healthcare settings.
- Promoting safety and security measures to protect LGBT communities from violence.

We engaged an evaluator from the project's start, with time and resource contributions from the Michigan State University, in order to ensure rigorous monitoring and documentation of best practices, lessons learned, and case studies throughout implementation. The purposes of this evaluation are to understand the nature of MPact's contribution to key advocacy results, to understand what difference MPact has made to the lives of the advocates in partner organizations and documenting its contribution to advocacy capacity in those partner organizations, as well as to identify the core principles of practice for effective technical support and human rights advocacy that we can logically and empirically link to achievements we observe at each the portfolio and partnership.

Responding to the crisis in TANZANIA ▼

On 29 October, the Regional Commissioner in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Paul Makonda announced plans to form a task force to identify and arrest gay men in the country and asked members of the public to report any suspected gay men. Shortly thereafter, 10 men accused of homosexuality were arrested in Zanzibar. MPact responded promptly by reaching out to PEPFAR, the U.S. State Department, UNAIDS, and other international organizations. MPact also created an online statement of solidarity, collecting over 150 organizational signatures. The statement contributed to the international pressure mounted on the Government of Tanzania. Ultimately the Ministry of Foreign Affairs made a statement that distanced the government from Makonda's statements, and the 10 men in Zanzibar were released. MPact assisted CHESA and BIO Zanzibar to submit an application for emergency funding to PITCH.

Turning it around...

- There have not been further public remarks from Regional Commissioner Paul Makonda or other government representatives, following the public outcry.
- At the request of PEPFAR, the Ministry of Health released a circular prohibiting medical practitioners from conducting anal examinations for people accused of homosexuality, "without a court order."

TEACH:

Trans Education + Action = Capacity for Health

TEACH is a ViiV Healthcare-sponsored initiative designed by the IRGT (a Global Network of Trans Women and HIV) and MPact to strengthen the capacity of trans-led organizations to more competitively apply for grant funding and build local organizational capacity to effectively respond to the HIV epidemic. TEACH assists regionally-focused, professional groups of trans individuals who serve as Technical Advisors. As a result of TEACH:

- 14 trans community leaders from 14 countries were trained on organizational development
- 42 individuals representing 34 organizations from 26 countries participated in TEACH Learning Labs
- 14 organizations from 11 countries received technical assistance
- 13 organizations received funding for organizational development activities

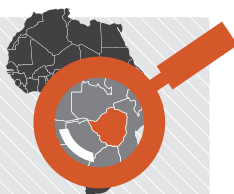
Reflecting with Bridging the Gaps partners

In 2018, MPact convened leaders and advocates from eight community-based organizations from Africa, South East Asia and Central Asia to reflect back and continue to build on the last few years of [Bridging the Gaps](#)-funded sexual health and human rights programs in these regions. The three-day meeting held in Siem Reap, Cambodia was a timely opportunity for our partners to conduct a retrospective review of their work at its mid-point and brainstorm ways to maximize impact. MPact will further deepen its presence in Botswana, Indonesia, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Vietnam, and Zimbabwe in the next two years as part of the Dutch Foreign Ministry-funded project in partnership with these eight organizations. By creating opportunities for peer exchange, feedback and learning, our partners were able to hone their strategies for addressing sexual health, human rights, organizational development and movement building in their respective contexts. MPact launched a [blog](#), a short [video](#) and a [podcast](#) as part of this effort.



MPact Senior Technical Advisor Omar Baños leads a reflection meeting for BTG partners in Siem Reap, Cambodia

SPOTLIGHT ON ZIMBABWE



Our partner, Gays and Lesbians of Zimbabwe (GALZ) has seen an increased level of engagement by the national-level Ministry of Health in the development of various health policies that are aimed at ensuring the quality and nature of health services for key populations in Zimbabwe. This has resulted in critical outputs that include a manual for training healthcare providers developed by the Ministry, and, based on initial content provided by MPact, a PrEP implementation plan, and a minimum service package of interventions for key populations.

In 2018, MPact supported Sexual Rights Center (SRC) to host a national-level Proud to Serve campaign featuring health professionals who are willing to express their commitment and pride in serving LGBTI populations publicly and among a broad range of HIV, SRHR and key population stakeholders.

With the aim of promoting the provision of quality services, the Sexual Rights Center in Zimbabwe has developed a mystery client checklist for assessing levels of stigma and discrimination faced by LGBT people in health care settings. This is a checklist to help identify gaps in trainings previously conducted with support from MPact and to continually improve the quality of services at targeted sites in Zimbabwe.

SPOTLIGHT ON TAJIKISTAN



A newly formed initiative group supported by MPact continues to support gay and bisexual men living in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, where stigma and homophobia can make it challenging for some community members to access services and feel social support. Recognizing this need, the group has created a **monthly peer support group** for gay and bisexual men living with HIV. Participants discuss approaches to starting HIV treatment and strategies for navigating discrimination toward gay and bisexual men living with HIV. The group has also been **distributing condoms, lubricants and HIV prevention resources** in Dushanbe. The team conducts **weekly outreach in key urban cruising areas** and provides harm reduction supplies and guidance around STI and HIV prevention.

SPOTLIGHT ON VIETNAM



In 2018 MPact was able to work extensively with gay and trans activists in Vietnam to strengthen the visibility and engagement of gay and bisexual men in the region, among themselves and public health officials.

In 2018, Lighthouse requested MPact's support to assist the Vietnamese Authority of AIDS Control (VAAC) in the development of guidelines

for the implementation of HIV interventions with gay and bisexual men and transgender people. MPact joined Lighthouse and other NGOs in a meeting with VAAC's Deputy Director to successfully advocate for separate guidelines to properly include information, resources, and tools that will honor the unique and separate needs of each population.

This past year, MPact also supported Glink in its effort to improve its organizational development and become a technical service provider in the south of Vietnam. As a first step, Glink developed a document covering the organization's history, lessons learned, successes, and methodologies applied over the past 20 years.

MPact in the News

June 26 – July 13

Gay Men's Advocacy Organization Moving Beyond just HIV, as Global Focus Turns to Larger Issues of Sexual Health and Human Rights



HEALTH, HIV

Global Forum Changes Its Name to MPact, But Its Fight for Gay Men's Health Continues

Written by Alex Garner on June 28, 2018

63 guys like it

[Hornet Stories](#)

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July 23 – July 27

Bay Area, US and Global Human Rights Advocates Demand 2020 International AIDS Conference Be Removed from US

The BAY AREA REPORTER

Activists want next AIDS confab out of Bay Area

by Liz Highleyman
Wednesday Jul 25, 2018

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What happened to PEPFAR's \$100M Key Population Investment Fund?



What happened to PEPFAR's \$100M Key Population Investment Fund?

By Sophie Edwards // 08 August 2018

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December 10 - 14

HIV Activists Announce Alternative 2020 Conference in Mexico City



Alternative to AIDS 2020 Conference to Be Held in Mexico City

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Key Publications

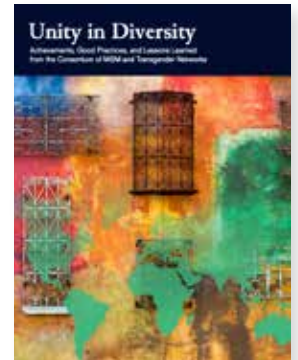


Getting on Track in Agenda 2030

Building off the Global Advocacy Platform's analysis of LGBTI health topics in SDG 3, MPact published a new paper that offers an analysis of the ways the Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) can and should include HIV in the 2030 Agenda development framework. The paper calls on Member States, UN agencies, and civil society to strengthen coordination and collaboration for VNR reporting in the future.

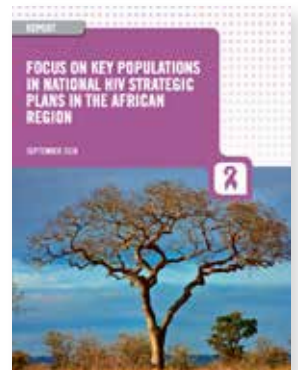
Unity in Diversity

This case study is about the [Consortium of MSM and Transgender Networks](#) (the Consortium), a groundbreaking collaboration of global and regional networks by and for men who have sex with men and transgender people. It describes the Consortium's achievements, good practices and lessons learned, with a focus on its most recent work. The case study is framed around eight key achievements from the Consortium's action on HIV, sexual health and human rights.



Focus on Key Populations in National HIV Strategic Plans in the African Region

A **new report** released by the WHO Regional Office for Africa calls on countries in the region to increase HIV program coverage for key populations. MPact worked with the report's authors and the WHO to review and contribute to the report. The report can be used by African civil society, development partners, and communities to watchdog national responses to HIV for gay men and other men who have sex with men, people who use drugs, people in prisons and other closed settings, sex workers, and transgender people.



The Homophobia and Transphobia Experienced by LGBT Sex Workers

There is a dearth of research that identifies the sexual orientation or gender identities of sex workers. Without such data, it is difficult to quantify and subsequently provide interventions or services for those most at risk of intersectional stigma and discrimination. This paper, developed in partnership with NSWP, aims to raise awareness of the specific needs and challenges faced by LGBT sex workers.

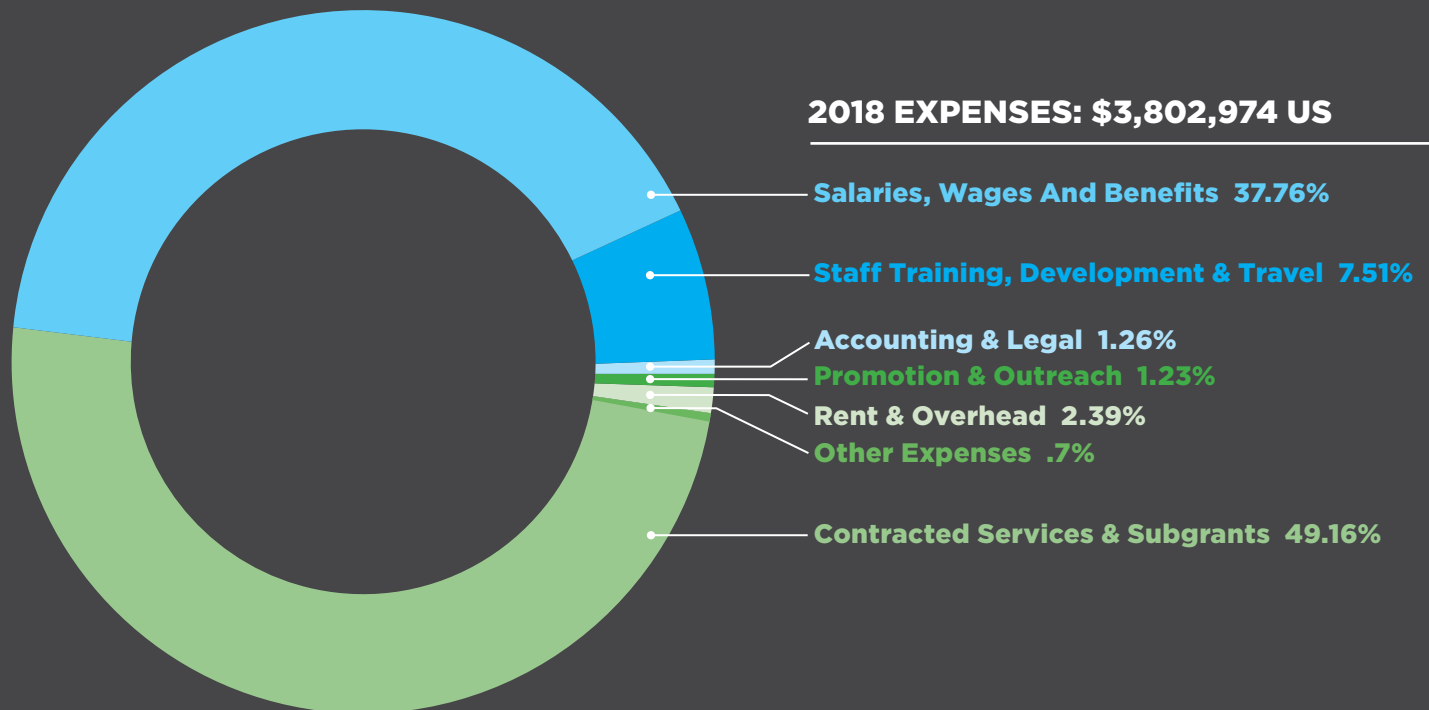
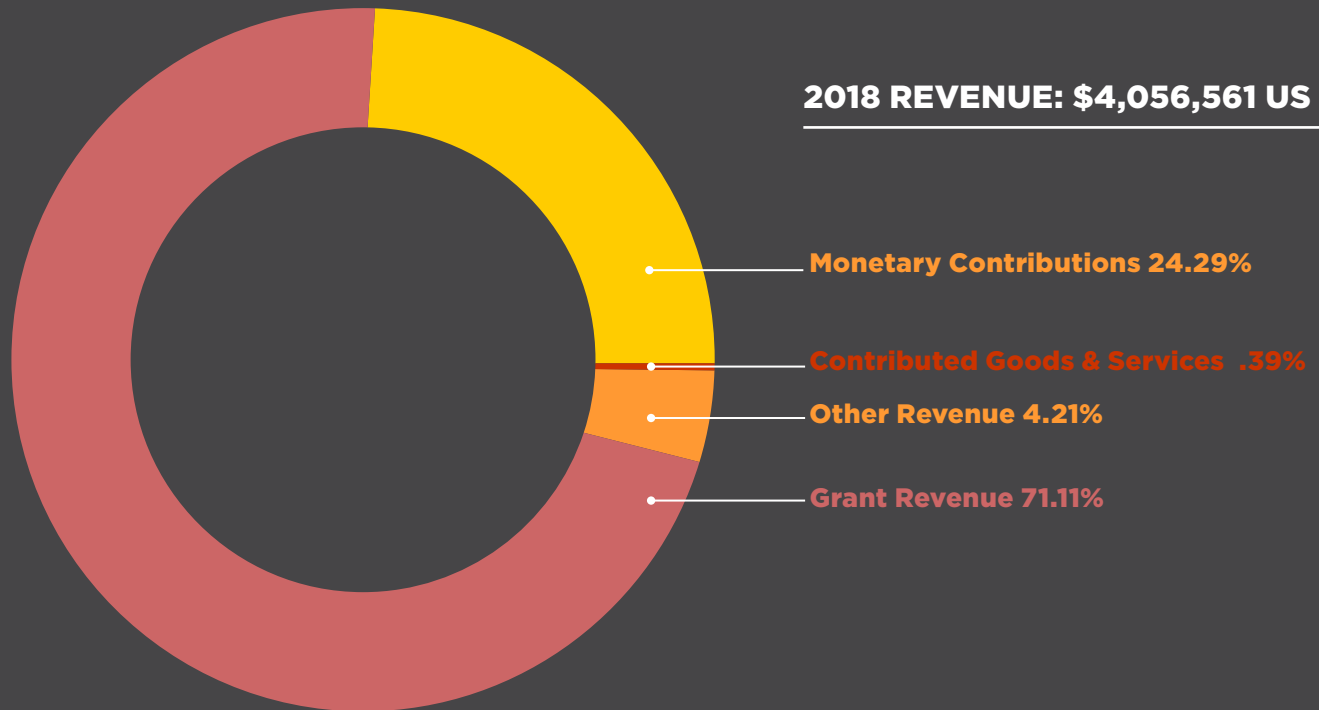


The Impact of Stigma and Discrimination on Key Populations and Their Families

This policy brief is a joint effort by three global key population-led networks (MPact, INPUD, and NSWP) to bring attention to the lived experiences of key populations and their families and highlight the ways that stigma and discrimination inform these experiences. It is based on desk research and interviews and consultations with community-based organizations and community members across the globe.



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