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# 1.Introduction

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This report aims to disseminate the results and impact of the work carried out by Fundo PositHiVo throughout its fourth year of operation. Therefore, it will be possible to follow the main activities promoted in 2018.

In 2018, we expanded our partnerships, thereby ensuring support for HIV/AIDS prevention projects. These projects and their actions are carried out by Civil Society Organizations (CSO) that have resources mobilized by Fundo PositHiVo. Thousands of young people, people living with HIV/AIDS, people living in favelas, women victims of violence, deaf people, the elderly, black population, homeless people, immigrants, LGBTI population, pregnant women and several other persons in situation of vulnerability have received information and knowledge about prevention, diagnosis and treatment of HIV/AIDS through the actions of CSOs.

In the first semester, we held in Brasilia the "First National Meeting of Projects Supported by the Fundo PositHiVo ", an event that strengthened the networking among supported CSOs, so that together they can achieve greater political incidence and the social control of public health policies. In this meeting, communication strategies were consolidated, with the aim of democratizing access to information on HIV/AIDS prevention among diverse territories and populations. In other words, we have fulfilled our institutional mission: launching public announcements aimed at HIV/AIDS prevention, capacity building, and the strengthening of Civil Society Organizations, as well as their network activities.

It is essential to emphasize that the results of the actions carried out are undoubtedly the result of the sum of the efforts of the executive coordination and of valuable external collaborators. It was only possible to get here and obtain successful results due to the trust of all our supporters, who strongly believe in the Institution's proposal and always support us.



# 2. Resource Mobilization - Partnerships



In 2018, we established a partnership with Banco Itaú and the Ministry of Health -Department of STI/HIV/AIDS and Viral Hepatitis. With Itaú, one of the largest private banks in Brazil, the established partnership consisted of the availability of our database of projects, previously analyzed by the external selection committee, to select four community-based organizations working in the field of HIV/AIDS and LGBT population to be supported by Itaú in the state of São Paulo. Such a partnership made it clear that, associating a project with the Fundo PositHiVo, qualifies actions in the HIV/AIDS field. It will be the responsibility of the Fund to manage the whole follow-up process of projects supported by the bank.

With the Ministry of Health, we established a partnership to carry out the aforementioned "First National Meeting of Supported Projects". The meeting took place in April, in the city of Brasília, and brought together almost 50 CSO representatives who had projects supported in the years 2016 and 2017.

Our funders have increased or maintained the budget average of the amounts in support of Fundo PositHiVo. At the end of 2018, new companies, like the pharmaceutical company GSK, also became part of the supporters.

# 3. Communication Tools



The Institutional image of Fundo PositHiVo has been increasingly consolidated with the Brazilian and international society. In 2018, through communication actions, we intensified our relationship with individual donors, and we continue to invest in strategic campaigns to raise awareness in society in the HIV/AIDS cause to make donations through our website <a href="https://tundoposithivo.colabore.org/Inicial/people/new">https://tundoposithivo.colabore.org/Inicial/people/new</a> and the donation button on our facebook page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/fundoposithivo/">https://www.facebook.com/fundoposithivo/</a>.



Within this objective, we broadened our communication with the society through actions of press and public relations that guaranteed the presence of the Fund in reports of: television media; print and online newspapers; magazine and radio programs. We were also present at events such as São Paulo Fashion Week (# SPFWN45 #POW), the biggest fashion event in Brazil. Among the parades, a video presenting the work of the Fund was shown to the public. The Fundo PositHiVo's presence was due to a fortunate coincidence, precisely in the edition in which the SPFW paid homage to the stylist "Conrado Segreto". The exhibition "Pow! Explosão Criativa". Part of the event, brought a series of pieces and iconic images of the São Paulo stylist. Segreto established himself as one of the leading and most innovative Brazilian designers between the mid-1980s and early 1990s, until he died early due to AIDS complications in 1992.

Throughout 2018, we were also active on social networks: Facebook fanpage and Instagram and Twitter profiles. Our Facebook page is followed by more than 36,000 users. Another good news was the launch of our first institutional video, which took place on a very special date: December 1st, World AIDS Day, which celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2018.

# To follow up on some achievements of Fundo PositHiVo's communication in 2018, access the links below:

#### **TELEVISION**



Harley Henriques interview live for "Bom Dia DF" - TV Globo DF <u>https://globoplay.globo.com/v/</u> <u>6668079/programa/</u>

Report on HIV and interview with Harley Henriques recorded for reporting in "DF2" - TV Globo DF http://tvbrasil.ebc.com.br/reporter -df/2018/04/cresce-o-numero-dehomens-com-aids-no-brasil







HIV reporting and interview with Harley Henriques and activists for reporting in "Repórter DF" - TV Brasil

https://globoplay.globo.com/v/66 70908/programa/

#### WEBSITES

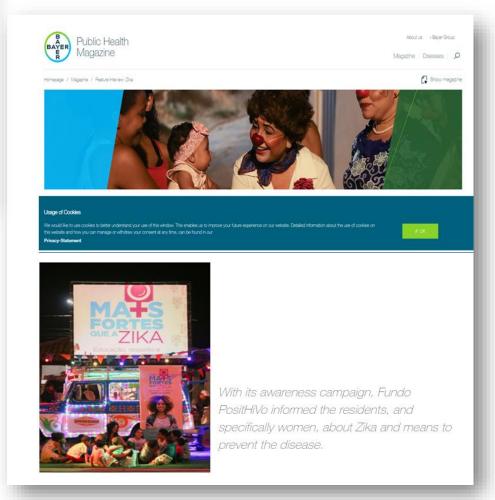


# Microcefalia já era endêmica antes do zika

Bebês com a deficiência em Pernambuco seguem desassistidos



https://www1.folha.uol.com.br/colunas/claudiacollucci/2018/03/microcefali a-ja-era-endemica-antes-do-zika.shtml



Access the interview link link in Bayer Global magazine: <u>https://www.publichealth.bayer.com/magazine/feature\_int</u> <u>erview\_zika</u>

# 4.2018 Public Selection Announcement and Supported Projects

Fundo PositHiVo, during its four years of operation, has intensified its support for the work of Civil Society Organizations, especially those whose goal is to expand and strengthen HIV/AIDS/Viral Hepatitis prevention actions among populations in contexts of greater social vulnerability.

Aiming at this objective, in March 2018, our fourth notice was launched with the theme "Prevention and Advocacy Actions Related to the HIV/AIDS Epidemic and Viral Hepatitis". Submissions for interested CSOs have been open for 30 days.

The purpose of this announcement was to support projects to be carried out by CSOs committed to strengthening and/or expanding community-based actions on HIV/AIDS and Viral Hepatitis Prevention and strengthening the advocacy actions related to the STI/HIV/AIDS epidemic and Viral Hepatitis.





The proposals presented had as target audience the key populations and priority for the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Brazil, respecting the theoretical concept created by the Ministry of Health, which we show below.

Key Populations: The HIV epidemic in Brazil is concentrated in some segments of the population that are often inserted in contexts that increase their vulnerability and present a prevalence higher than the national average, which is 0.4% (BRAZIL, 2016):

- Gays and other MSN;
- Trans people;
- People who use alcohol and other drugs;
- Persons deprived of their liberty;
- Sex workers.

Priority Populations: Other segments of the population in Brazil are also inserted in contexts that increase their vulnerabilities, becoming priority populations for the response to HIV:

- Young population;
- Black population;
- Indigenous population;
- Homeless population.

Concentration of prevention efforts on these population segments most affected by the epidemic is critical to the strategies of Combined HIV Prevention.

#### Partnership with digital platform and dissemination strategy

The entire process of the request for proposals is carried out by "PROSAS", a digital notice management platform. Throughout the period that the notice was open, technical support were offered to organizations, through the help desk of Prosas and Fundo PositHiVo staff, to resolve doubts and assist organizations in using the platform.

With the prospect of ensuring the participation of the largest possible number of institutions, that operate in the thematic area of the Notice, we have broadened its dissemination throughout the country. We have an intense communication campaign in our social network channels (website, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) and our network of partners. The results were largely satisfactory: we received a total of 92 proposals from all over the country, of which 65 were in compliance with the standards established by the notice and previously disclosed.



In order to analyze the 65 qualified proposals and choose those whose could be contemplated with the resources of the Notices, we have the participation of an External and Independent Selection Committee, composed of six specialists: Municipal HIV/AIDS Program of the City of São Paulo; A counseler HIV/AIDS Program; Department of STIs, HIV/AIDS and Viral Hepatitis - Ministry of Health; UNAIDS - United Nations Program on AIDS Control; Philanthropy Network for Social Justice and Brazil Human Rights Fund.

Out of the 65 proposals analyzed by the Committee, 35 received a score that would allow for contemplation with the resources of the Notice. It is essential to emphasize that annually we show the growth of the repressed demand for resources for HIV/AIDS projects throughout the Brazil.

The selection committee received the task of defining the 15 projects that would receive the support from among the 35 "finalists". It is worth mentioning that, among the 15 organizations contemplated, some address populations and communities that have rarely been affected by funding for health projects, especially those focused on HIV/AIDS. They are projects in regions of northern Brazil bordered by Venezuela and French Guiana, in a region of Amazonian forest populated by indigenous people (Xingu) and in the region of the Belo Monte Hydroelectric Power Plant. The projects supported in 2018 were:

#### **North Region**

## CFNTX – Centro de Formação do (a) Negro (a) da Transamazônica e Xingu (Pará State)

Project: LGBT Black Women: self-care, preservation of life and human rights in the prevention and information about the HIV/AIDS/HV epidemic in the Transamazonian and Xingu regions. Key Population: Black population and traditional communities;

# De Bem Com a Vida Association (Roraima State)

Project: Prevention and Solidarity. Key Population: Young people and women, Refugees from Venezuela;

# **DPAC Fronteira (Amapá)**

Project: OCS Support Center;

Key Population: Youth, women, LGBT and border population of French Guiana.

#### **Northeast Region**

### Apros – Associação das Prostitutas da Paraíba (Paraíba State)

Project: Transformation: Articulating practices of theater, combined prevention and Advocacy. Key Population: Women;

Gestos. Comunicação e Gênero (Pernambuco State)

Project: Let's Combine Prevention? Key Population: LGBT;

# Centro de Visão de Futuro (Maranhão State)

Project: NIBO IGBASILE : terreiros as spaces of health promotion and prevention. Key Population: Black population and traditional communities;

#### **Midwest Region**

### **ONG Amigos da Vida (Federal District)**

Project: With Rights We Are All Human. Key Population: Youth, LGBT Women and Black Population;

## **Southeast Region**

# Centro de Imprensa, Assessoria e Rádio – CRIAR Brasil (Rio de Janeiro State)

Project: Prevention in All Waves. Key Population: Youth, Women, LGBT, Black Population, Native Peoples and Traditional Communities, residents in favelas;

# Grupo Conexão G de Cidadania LGBT de Favelas (Rio de Janeiro State)

Project: Young LGBT's Health Promoters. Key Population: Youth and LGBT;

# Cedaps – Centro de Promoção da Saúde (Rio de Janeiro State)

Project: Prevention Circuit in Favelas and Peripheries of Rio de Janeiro. Key Population: Youth, LGBT Women and Black Population;

# Associação Franciscana de Defesa de Direitos e Formação Popular (São Paulo State)

Project: Young multipliers of information on combined prevention. Key Population: Youth, Women and Black Population;

#### Centro de Convivência É de Lei (São Paulo State)

Project: ResPire PositHiVo: Health Education for LGBT youth Key Population: Youth, LGBT Women and Black Population;

#### **South Region**

#### Rede Mulheres Negras (Paraná State)

Project: Black Women and Prevention with Health and Without Racism. Key Population: Youth, Women and LGBT;

Estrela Guia – Associação em Prol da Cidadania e Direitos Sexuais (Santa Catarina State)

Project: Expand Awareness to Combine Prevention. Key Population: Youth, Women and LGBT;

# Igualdade RS (Rio Grande do Sul State)

Project: Multidisciplinary Prevention Actions. Key Population: LGBT - Prison System NÓS APOIAMOS PROJETOS DE ORGANIZAÇÕES DA SOCIEDADE CIVIL QUE EXECUTAM AÇÕES DE PROMOÇÃO E DEFESA DOS DIREITOS HUMANOS DAS PESSOAS VIVENDO COM HIV/AIDS NO BRASIL.

> WE SUPPORT PROJECTS OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS WHOSE EXECUTE ACTIONS TO PROMOTE AND DEFEND HUMAN RIGHTS OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS IN BRAZIL.



We held on April 17th and 18th 2018 in Brasília, the I Encontro Nacional de Projetos apoiados pelo Fundo PositHiVo (1st National Meeting of Projects supported by Fundo PositHiVo ). The meeting was attended by 35 CSO community leaders from all over the country, already supported by resources mobilized by the Fund and defined in our public notices.

During the two days of training, we worked with the sustainability strategies of the CSOs; with a workshop on strengthening collective actions on HIV/AIDS (we cover topics such as lobbying, advocacy and social control of public HIV/AIDS policies). We also had a conversation about Youth and Prevention.







Also at this event, we held a workshop, communication which worked with community leaders on prevention materials produced by CSOs, as well as their effectiveness and reach to target audiences. It also worked on the use of information and communication technologies, strategies, tactics and operational campaigns, events, newspaper/fanzine writing, press services, as well as web content production (websites/blogs); social networks (Facebook, YouTube, Instagram and Twitter) and instant communication (WhatsApp/SMS).

The final product was a letter produced by community leaderships for the Ministry of Health. The full text of the letter can be read as follows:

"Brasília, April, 18 2018.

To the Department of STIs, AIDS and Viral Hepatitis of the Ministry of Health of Brazil,

Following the completion of the 1st CSO Workshop Supported by Fundo PositHiVo and by this Department, an event held in Brasília-DF, on April 17th and 18th 2018, the 31 organizations gathered drew up the following letter. The objective is to collaborate with the Department and CSOs in the prevention, testing and treatment of STIs, HIV/AIDS and Viral Hepatitis, as well as providing decent living conditions for people living with HIV and other infections.

As members of civil society organizations, we believe that upholding human rights is critical if these policies are to be effective, taking into account that key populations, such as youth, LGBT people, transgender people, HSH and vulnerable populations such as slum dwellers , blacks, immigrants, people with special needs and chemical dependents are at the center of this day-to-day struggle.

As it was an event held byFundo PositHiVo and the Department, we would like to share with you some suggestions that emerged at the end of the event as a collaborative action in the construction of a public policy in the HIV/AIDS field

In this sense, the CSOs gathered pointed out the need to:

- Training, both initial and ongoing, of health professionals from a human rights perspective, as a legal premise that needs to be implemented;
- Maintain varied financing possibilities for CSOs, without merging or cutting bids, and bureaucratizing the process
  of submitting projects, considering legal provisions;
- In the selection process, the principles of transparency and binding to the edict must be observed, and the choice
  of qualified CSOs must comply with criteria of technical quality, not of lower price;
- Ensure the continuity of health policies and the promotion of quality of life, with the training and follow-up of managers in the states and municipalities and a greater articulation in the dialogue of the three spheres. We suggest the creation of a public monitoring platform in which periodic, easily-interpreted action reports are published;

✓ Inclusion of "traditional peoples" among the priority populations of the prevention program.

Lastly, we acknowledge that it has been important to transfer resources to Civil Society Organizations through the Fundo PositHiVo , in order to strengthen the fight against STIs, HIV/AIDS and viral hepatitis.

Representatives of CSOs present at the event sign this letter."



# 6. Seminar: Presentation of the Indicators of the Project "Sexual and Reproductive Health in the Context of Zika Virus"



In 2018, we were also dedicated to bring together the five CSOs selected by our third Notice of Public Selection, launched in 2017 to promote the development of actions focused on Sexual and Reproductive Health in the Context of Zika Virus. This notice was only intended for actions taken in the state of Pernambuco, specifically in five cities of that state: Recife, Olinda, Caruaru, Petrolina and Goiana. The target audience of the projects was composed of women, youth, health professionals, education and public managers, as well as mothers of children with microcephaly. The activities promoted with resources of the notice were closed in May 2018.



#### Grupo Curumim Gestação e Parto

**Project:** "Health, sexual and reproductive rights: new and old demands in times of the Zika virus epidemic", developed actions of political articulation with the municipal administrations, technical and political training with Health and Education professionals, educational action of social and political formation together with adolescents and young people, women, fisherwomen and LGBTI population in the cities of Goiana and Petrolina. The training sessions with the adolescents and young people in the public schools had writing competitions as their closing methodology.

People directly affected by the project's actions: 20,639.



#### GTP + Working Group on Positive Prevention

**Project: "Lampião and Maria Bonita Overprotected in the Fight Against Zika Virus",** developed educational actions through art, presented theatrical polls to talk about prevention and promotion of human rights defense related to the Zika virus, with the young population in the public schools and in the subway stations of Recife. **People directly affected by the project's actions:** 11,250.



#### **PAPAI** Institute

*Project:* "Men and Care in the Context of the Zika Virus Epidemic", promoted a greater involvement of men in prevention and care actions in the context of the Zika Virus epidemic in the city of Caruaru through training and communication campaigns in social media.

Persons directly affected by the project's actions: 53,350.



Mara Gabrilli Institute

**Project:** "Where Are You? A "Look at Recife in the Context of the Zika Virus", created the network of protection and support for the disabled population and their families and disseminated information on prevention, treatment, sexual and reproductive health rights with regards to the Zika Virus epidemic, mapped the population with deficiencies related to the Zika Virus residing in poor communities in Recife and collected data on the living conditions of the target population.

People directly affected by the project's actions: 145.



#### Casa da Mulher do Nordeste

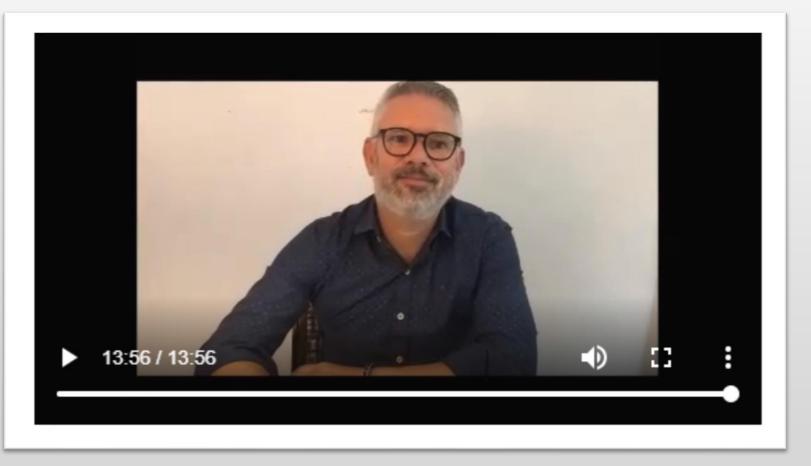
*Project: "Women from the Periphery of Recife in Combating the Zika Virus"*, promoted community-based actions with the training of women and young students, along with integrated strategies of mobilization and prevention with the community and health and education professionals.

People directly affected by the project's actions: 1,151.

To publicize the results of actions developed by CSOs, Fundo PositHiVo promoted the seminar "Sexual and Reproductive Health in the Context of Zika Virus".

The event was organized by Fundo PositHiVo and the multinational Bayer, a partner in financing the actions, as well as by the Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) partners.

Authorities such as the State Secretary of Health of Pernambuco, the head of the Women's Secretariat, the coordinator of the policy of integral health of the black population and the representative of the United Nations Population Fund in Brazil were participating in the seminar.



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# Main achievements:

**Casa da Mulher do Nordeste**: In the formative cycles, women have been able to be informed and sensitized about gender and racial social inequalities that permeate the affective life and hamper access to public policies. Many adult women had not stopped to think about the importance of family planning. It is worth mentioning that, some mothers were able to identify institutional and obstetric violence from the reflections during training moments. The Caravana Cultural has proved itself as an important instrument of activism and involvement of the communities in the political incidence;

**Grupo Curumim Gestação e Parto:** The dissemination of information about the factors that permeate the transmission of the Zika virus was relevant to the community, since the city of Petrolina suffers from the lack of public policies, either basic sanitation or implantation Health subject in the School Program, and health education programs for professionals in the area. Project actions have enabled young women and health professionals to appropriate sexual and reproductive rights in the context of the Zika Virus;

**GTP + Posithivo Preventive Work Group:** Higher visibility of the in the school community, understanding about the importance of condoms for risk behavior towards STIs, understanding the correct use of female and male condoms;

 Instituto Mara Gabrilli: The project's actions provided a better quality of life and empowerment of families with children with microcephaly, through workshops and assistance with occupational therapists, speech therapists, psychologists and social workers;

Instituto Papai: Conversation groups allowed us to know better how adolescents and young people of Caruaru, especially the boys, make decisions regarding prevention based on notions and values about and the perception of risk and vulnerability. In this sense, one can still see a deep-rooted machismo and the notion that STIs are something far removed from their concerns. Finally, it is important to mention that the conversation groups were not only configured as information gathering spaces, they also constituted educational spaces in which the adolescents presented could ask questions and learn about prevention and Zika Vírus.



# Key challenges identified by CSOs:

• The absence of basic sanitation, drinking water that actually arrives in the houses - it is necessary to stop the environmental racism promoted;

• Lack of information on sexual and reproductive health in the context of zika virus - it is necessary to significantly increase the dissemination of this information;

• To ensure humanized access to health services as one of reproductive rights;

• To ensure access to contraceptive methods - is an important right for women's lives and for their autonomy in reproductive planning;

• Absence of projects in longitudinal rehabilitation, based on the offer in the multiple deficiency of which they present;

• Absence of intervention in mental health and prevention of suffering;

• Absence of work focused on the family, aiming at strengthening the bond with the extended family;

- Absence of inclusive projects in the school and social scope;
- Occurrence of several rights violations, with incidence on the provision or neglect of health services in the care of women.
- Need to stop the culture of obstetric violence in health services;

• The need to reverse what has been diffused through the dominant vehicles of communication, which work with the assertion that people are guilty of arboviruses, their water storage, etc;

• Absence of public policies regarding integral care for the development of children affected by Microcephaly and psychosocial support for mothers.



# 7. Networking: "Status Room on Sexual and Reproductive Health in the Context of Zika Virus"

CSOs working in the field of sexual and reproductive rights in the context of Zika Virus supported by Fundo PositHiVo promoted a "situation room" to exchange information about the Zika epidemic in state of Pernambuco and on the impact of Zika Syndrome cases on society. The event was attended by experts from various areas (community leaders, civil society organizations, representatives of the United Nations (UN) and the Government of Pernambuco) who have studied the impacts of the epidemic.

Mothers of children with Zika Syndrome were invited and they were present in the situation room, talking about their experiences.



# 8. Result of Actions Developed by the 15 CSOs Supported through the 2018 Notice



#### De Bem Com a Vida Association (Roraima State)

Project: Prevention and Solidarity.

The project has developed activities to prevent HIV/AIDS, sexual and reproductive health, which are allied with solidarity with Venezuelan refugees. Workshops have been held to democratize access to information on HIV/AIDS prevention, rapid testing, reception, counseling, referral to specialized health services and access to prevention inputs.

**Population Directly Affected:** 1,300 people. Young people and women, in the capital of Boa Vista and also in the City of Pacaraima, border with the City of Santa Elena de Uairén in Venezuela.

#### CFNTX – Centro de Formação do (a) Negro (a) da Transamazônica e Xingu (Pará State)

**Project:** LGBT Black Women: self-care, preservation of life and human rights in the prevention and information about the STI/HIV/AIDS/HV epidemic in the Transamazonian and Xingu regions. The Project carried out training actions, awareness of strategies for combined prevention and rapid testing with actions developed, taking into account the needs and specificities of the populations that survive in the consequences of megaprojects implemented in the Transamazonian and Xingu areas, as the energy project of "Belo Monte and the Belo Sun mining". These enterprises destroyed the relations of memory and belonging of the peoples living there, as well as brought social ills to life in community, such as population influx, precariousness of public services, especially those directed to health, basic sanitation and education, thus leaving the Amazon population vulnerable to epidemics and pandemics that lead to the deaths of many people every year.

**Population Directly Affected:** 2,800 people. Black women, LGBTI, transsexuals and bisexuals in situations of social vulnerability exposed to harmful sexual habits (street situation, prostitution, chemical addiction) that survive in the consequences of megaprojects in the Transamazon and Xingu areas.



#### DPAC Fronteira (Amapá)

Project: OCS Support Center.

The project developed talk wheels to discuss HIV/AIDS prevention strategies in public schools, universities, advocade centers, streets and communities. Testing and diagnosis, distribution of prevention materials, educational material ar follow-up were carried the process adherence treatmen out in of to **Population Directly Affected:** 1,575 people. Youth, especially young people in situations of precariousness, victims economical and sexual exchanges and vulnerable to sexual tourism, women, LGBTI, clandestine miners and the border French Guiana.

#### Apros - Associação das Prostitutas da Paraíba (Paraíba State)

**Project:** Transformation: Articulating practices of theater, combined prevention and Advocacy.

The project promoted theatrical presentations and educational activities that disseminated information on the strategies of combined HIV/AIDS prevention in health units and in the socialization sites of sex workers. The actions sensitized the target public on the importance of hiv testing and adherence to treatment. The educational actions were based on the methodology of peer education, prevention of STIs, HIV/AIDS and viral hepatitis and health promotion, in strategic partnership with other CSOs, state and municipalities. **Population Directly Affected:** 1,700 people. Women.





#### Gestos Comunicação e Gênero (Pernambuco State)

Project: Let's Combine Prevention?

The project has trained gays and other MSN, transvestites and transsexuals to act as multipliers in combined HIV prevention actions in collective spaces of LGBTI organizations. The group has developed an intervention agenda focusing on peer education, as well as LGBTI policy makers and managers and LGBTI councilors for health and rights. The project activities expanded community-based actions on HIV/AIDS Prevention and viral hepatitis and strengthened policy advocacy related to the STI/HIV/AIDS epidemic. **Population Directly Affected:** 1,100 people. LGBTI.

#### Centro de Visão de Futuro (Maranhão State)

**Project:** NIBO **IGBASILE:** health promotion terreiros as spaces of and prevention. The project developed health workshops focused on the dissemination of combined HIV prevention strategies in terreiros with adepts and leaders of terreiros and actors of the traditional movements and guilombola communities. The following activities were carried out : hiv testing, distribution of prevention materials and educational material in the health centers of São Luís (involving the municipalities of Paço do Lumiar, Raposa, São José de Ribamar and São Luis) and Itapecuru (involving the municipalities of Chapadinha, Rosário Santa Rita and Itapecuru Mirim). **Population Directly Affected:** 200 people. Black population and traditional communities and guilombolas.



#### ONG Amigos da Vida (Federal District)

Project: With Rights We Are All Human.

The project provided legal assistance to people living with HIV/AIDS in situations of high social vulnerability. The lawyers of the organization worked in the field of labor law, social security, civil and supplementary health. The action also followed the bills of interest of the fight against AIDS together with the National Congress and in partnership with the Parliamentary Front of the Fight against AIDS.

**Population Directly Affected:** 5,400 people. Youth, LGBT women and the black population.





#### Press, Advisory and Radio Center - CRIAR Brasil (Rio de Janeiro State)

Project: Prevention in All Waves.

The project carried out a wide audiovisual campaign with the communities of the peripheries of the great urban centers and the interior of the country. It also acted in social medias focused on the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS and Viral Hepatitis and messages of advocacy for public policies on STI/HIV/AIDS. Seven video spots lasting 1 minute in digital format were launched; 15 audio spots lasting 1 minute in digital format were launched; 15 audio spots lasting 1 minute in digital format. The project broadcast the spots on community, educational and university broadcasters( a thousand radios and 40 TVs present in the 26 States of Brazil), as well as mobilizing social networks to launch audiovisual materials on Facebook, WhatsApp and Radiotube, coinciding with the Day World AIDS Day (12/1st).

**Population Directly Affected:** 5 million people. Women, LGBTI population, black population, indigenous peoples and traditional communities, users of alcohol and other drugs and sex workers.



#### Grupo Conexão G de Cidadania LGBT de Favelas (Rio de Janeiro State) Project: Young LGBT's Health Promoters.

The project formed young LGBTs Health Promoters and created a committee of LGBT youths living in the "Favela da Maré", with the aim of forming agents that promote health and human rights. Young people underwent an intense training process on STI/HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis, combined prevention and human rights. The project also carried out the "educational campaign", a community health promotion strategy. **Population Directly Affected:** 5,005 people. Youth and LGBTI.



#### CEDAPS - Centro de Promoção da Saúde (Rio de Janeiro State)

Project: Prevention Circuit in Favelas and Peripheries of Rio de Janeiro.

The project developed workshops for community leaders in order to discuss health in the favelas, addressing themes such as: combined prevention and awareness strategies for the use of prevention inputs (male, female condom and lubricating gel). The following actions were carried out to prevent STI/HIV/AIDS/Viral Hepatitis in Rio de Janeiro favelas: "Morro dos Prazeres, Realengo, Quitungo, Complexo do Alemão and Praia da Rosa" using methodologies formulated by community leaders such as: neighborly talk, prevention gymnastics, condom blitz, among others. The project supported the meetings of the Network of Healthy Communities of Rio de Janeiro (short-term training and exchange of experiences) to strengthen community strategies for prevention of STI/HIV/AIDS/Viral Hepatitis and health promotion. Four editions of newsletters were produced, distributed and disseminated in social media and in community prevention and health care groups of primary care in Rio neighborhoods in addition to specialized HIV/AIDS services.



#### Associação Franciscana de Defesa de Direitos e Formação Popular (São Paulo State)

**Project:** Young multipliers of information on combined hiv prevention.

The project promoted HIV/AIDS prevention workshops for young leaders, residents of the neighborhoods of "Guaianases, Itaquera and São Mateus", east zone in São Paulo, which information on combined HIV/AIDS prevention was disseminated. The young people mapped how this public policy translates into their territory with the inclusion of PEP, PrEP and now the immediate possibility of newly diagnosed HIV-positive people having access to ARVs. Young people were made aware of the importance of adherence to treatment, and that people with STI/HIV and viral hepatitis should actively participate in their own therapeutic plan and understand the vital importance of also being a central articulator (protagonist) within the prevention strategy combined.

Population Directly Affected: 120,000 people. Youth, women and the black population.

#### Centro de Convivência É de Lei (São Paulo State)

Project: ResPire PositHiVo: Health Education for LGBT youth.

The project promoted workshops on prevention of HIV/AIDS among young people, including LGBTI, using a peerbased approach, not only to carry out harm reduction and prevention actions, but also to work in the areas of political articulation and discussion, widening the debate on access to health and human rights. The project's actions fostered the development of advocacy strategies for health promotion and effective policies to address STI/HIV/AIDS and viral hepatitis; harm reduction policies and the National LGBTI Comprehensive Health Policy. **Population Directly Affected:** 6,000 people. Youth, women, LGBT, black population, drug users.





#### Black Women Network (Paraná State)

**Project:** Black Women and Prevention with Health and Without Racism.

The project enabled information multipliers on combined prevention of STI/HIV/AIDS, sexual and reproductive rights, citizenship and human rights. In this way, participants could contribute to the dissemination of correct information about health of black population in a language appropriate to the different audiences, especially those groups in situations of greater social vulnerability (black population in general).

Population Directly Affected: 10,050 people. Youth, women and LGBTI.

#### Estrela Guia – Associação em Prol da Cidadania e Direitos Sexuais (Santa Catarina State)

**Project:** Expand Awareness to Combine Hiv Prevention.

The project developed workshops on health promotion, human rights and prevention of STI/HIV/AIDS and HV, aimed at women sex workers, including those living with HIV/AIDS. The project mapped the violence that prevents the full exercise of citizenship, contributed to the social rescue of this segment through health care. The group worked not exclusively with sex workers through interactive workshops, access to Health Units, insertion in contexts defining public policies, and selforganization, but also with health managers (preferably), establishing an effective partnership to reach the results (instrumentalization of professionals filled in the Health Units, reception of the public referre identified by the project). In this way, the project significantly contributed to the current national effort in relation to the Policy for the Promotion of Equity in Health, since it offers health managers guidelines on the female population of sex workers aiming to eliminate, in the short deadlines. long iniauities prevent Svstem. and all that access to Health Population Directly Affected: 1,080 people. Youth, women and LGBTI in three municipalities of Grande Florianópolis (Florianópolis, Palhoça and São José).







#### Igualdade RS (Rio Grande do Sul State) Project: Multidisciplinary Prevention Actions.

The project developed prevention and awareness actions aimed at the population of transvestites and transsexual women who were approached in their workplace and sociability points of the city of Porto Alegre. The methodology used was the peer-to-peer approach. The approaches were made by health workers who are also transvestites or transsexuals. In addition to the distribution of condoms and lubricant gel, carried out locally, transvestites and trans women were invited to participate in activities carried out at the headquarters of the NGO Igualdade. These were: educational workshops on prevention strategies for combined HIV/AIDS prevention, STD/HV prevention, counseling for people already living with infections and referral, follow-up (when necessary) for available health services, recovery of self-esteem, and expanded access to the health network in areas of sociability. The project also carried out actions to prevent and map access to health for transvestite and transsexual population in the seven galleries of the prison system.

### 9. Main Actions Taken. Advances and Challenges Pointed Out by CSO from the Development of Project Actions



• Training meetings on topics related to STI/HIV/AIDS prevention, hiv combined prevention, PREP and PEP prevention technologies;

• Testing, counseling and awareness-raising for adherence to ARV treatment;

• Debate on the needs and vulnerabilities of young people living in favelas to access and care for health services in their territories;

• Mapping of sites of concentration of social vulnerabilities to HIV/AIDS;

• Providing guidance and legal assistance in the field of civil, labor, social security and supplemental health for people living with HIV/AIDS. In some cases, lawsuits were required, especially in order to obtain and/or maintain sickness or disability benefits for those PLWHIV/AIDS assisted. In addition, it is worth mentioning that the government's pension reform policy has created many difficulties for the maintenance of disability pensions for people living with HIV/AIDS;

• 1st International Seminar on Murders of the LGBT Population and health of this population, including the theme of HIV/AIDS;

• Educational programs on PEP, PrEP, rapid HIV testing and confidentiality, use of condoms in stable relationships, vertical transmission, monitoring of local public policies on STI/HIV/AIDS, deconstruction of myths about HIV/AIDS treatment, religion and prevention of STI/HIV/AIDS, adolescents and the use of condoms, deconstruction of the myth of "risk groups", living with HIV/AIDS, harm reduction and economic and social inequalities. Creation of music lyrics and jingle brought together various art manifestations, resulting in the production of 15 radio spots - "IN THE RHYTHM OF PREVENTION". The productions are being aired on a thousand radio stations and 40 TV stations. The Network of community, educational and university broadcasters has national reach, being present in all regions of Brazil and in 26 states;

• Meetings between the Centro de Formação do Negro da Transamazônica e Xingu - CFNTX and the Municipal Health Council in order to analyze the conjuncture of the Transamazonica and Xingu region with regard to the care and assistance of black women and indigenous people on prevention of HIV/AIDS;



• Meeting "Resistance, Empowerment and Preservation of the Life of Black Women", an activity carried out by the Centro de Formação do Negro da Transamazônica e Xingu - CFNTX and COMUNEMA, which brought together 102 women, black women, LGBT women, fisherwomen, prostitutes, indigenous women and women farmers from ten cities in the state of Pará. The central theme of the meeting was the means of prevention and dignified treatment of people living with HIV/AIDS at the Unified Health System - SUS;

• Carrying out the "Camelô Educativo" actions, a community health promotion strategy that is carried out in areas of great circulation in the communities and mediated by health promoters with accessible language;

• Conducting research on sexual behavior and safe sex;

• Presentation of plays on "HIV Combined Prevention and Advocacy", which have enabled the Association of Prostitutes of Paraíba-APROS-PB to articulate with the Health System the new strategies of combined prevention for prostitutes;

• Holding meetings to sensitize the theme of "health" in the terreiros (spaces of Afrodescendant religion) and HIV/AIDS prevention with religious leaders and actors of the black community movements of the State of Maranhão;

• Realization of HIV/AIDS prevention actions directed at the transvestite and transsexual population from the prison system addressed at their workplace and sociability points in the city of Porto Alegre;

• Training of young local leaders to work on HIV/AIDS Drugs and Harm Reduction prevention;

• Implementation of HIV/AIDS prevention workshops, combined prevention, PrEP and PEP prevention technologies for adolescents and young people in public education networks and popular preschools;

• Carrying out educational activities on combined prevention for Venezuelan, Haitian, and Franco-Brazilian immigrants (Brazil-French Guiana);

• Orientation so that people living with HIV/AIDS seek to guarantee the supply of missing high-cost drugs in the public health network, through Justice;



- Advance awareness of the importance of adherence to antiretroviral treatment;
- Raising the awareness of the LGBTI population about the importance of adherence to HIV/AIDS treatment and the exchange of collective experiences for strengthening the fight against disease and adherence to the treatments;
- Formation of partnerships with public management through the following organs: Secretariats of Health, Secretariats of Education, Secretariats of Social Assistance, Judiciary, Municipal and State Coordination of STI/HIV/AIDS;
- Construction of the youth committee for HIV/AIDS prevention in favelas, taking into account the absence of public policies within these community spaces;
- Ensuring access to HIV/AIDS prevention information for 400,000 listeners and community television and radio viewers.;
- Provide visibility and attention to the health of black LGBT women with regard to combined HIV/AIDS prevention;
- Have been able to involve representatives of quilombola communities in HIV/AIDS prevention workshops, especially those who work in the terreiro;
- Based on the testimony of travestis graduates from the prison system, enable the mapping this population to know how they has lived and lived with HIV in a prison context;
- The collective actions reinforce the capacities of community-based institutions to enable the mobilization of the theme of HIV/AIDS prevention within favelas and peripheries;
- Strengthening and qualification of grassroots organizations working in the field of STI/HIV/AIDS prevention;
- The rapid test offer qualifies the field action carried out by the project teams, thus favoring the link with the key population, enhancing the objective of the initiative and demystifying the negative aspects that arise with the impact of the offer;
- The proposed prevention and harm reduction actions were carried out in large circulation spaces, where key populations are added (young and gay adults and men who have sex with men; trans people; people who use alcohol and other drugs);
- Ensure refugees information on hiv prevention, access to HIV/AIDS health services, and access to prevention inputs.

#### Main challenges pointed out by CSOs:



• One of the biggest difficulties of the project executed in the "Favela da Mare" is the police violence, which often ended up rendering the activities unfeasible;

• The clashes with the government over the lack of drugs for opportunistic infections;

• Struggle for the rights of people living with HIV/AIDS with the national insurance program;

• Non-availability of contraceptive methods and rapid hiv tests for the free distribution in the municipal health network by the State Government – "Secretariat of Health of the State of Pará" - SESPA;

• Negligence of the State with the situation of lack of hiv drugs for over 120 days in the City of Altamira;

• Group members had almost no information on Combined HIV Prevention. Mainly on the "mandala of prevention", by the multipliers. Especially in the understanding of new prevention technologies such as PEP and PrEP;

• Lack of knowledge about health and AIDS policies, as well as the functioning of the SUS, policy budgeting process, information on HIV prevention services and other STIs, and assistance to people living with HIV/AIDS by multipliers;

Structural violence disrupting the agenda of community actions;

• The deficiencies in the availability, access and/or reception of government equipment in different areas (health, human rights, security and justice), is still a problem to be solved in most of the municipalities, especially when linked to the demands of transgender sex workers;

• Expressive amount of Venezuelan citizens to perform HIV testing by oral fluids;

• Difficulty of communication between health professionals and immigrants, because they do not speak the same language;

Difficulty conducting rapid test activities due to lack of inputs in the local health network;

• Thematic of drugs still be considered police case and not health case. This situation makes the subject delicate to approach in contexts where there is still no link formed with the participants.

# 10. Real Stories of Projects



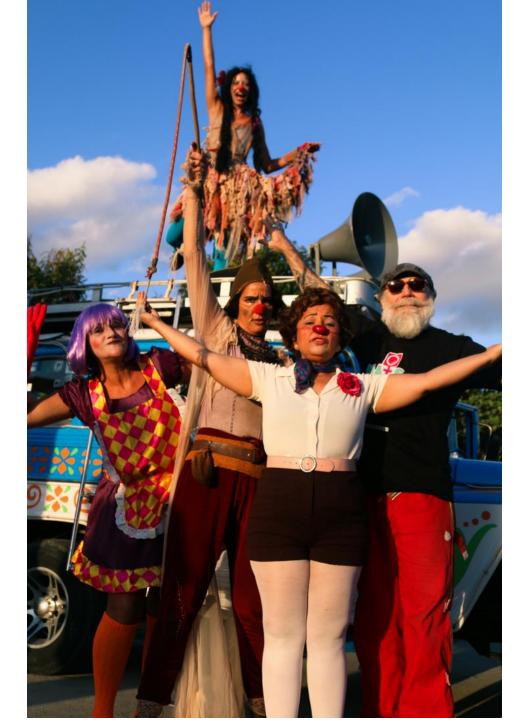


We will never allow the results of supported projects to be summed up to numbers and statistics, although these are very important. But the fact is that we work with and for human beings, and it is fundamental that we do present in this report statements of people benefited directly by the projects and actions.



- ✓ For M., "projects like this become increasingly necessary because of the incidence of AIDS in Brazil. Considering that this growth rate is concentrated in the youth population, I wonder what we have done to minimize these rates?";
- ✓ For S., "one of the important points about her life as a sex worker is the number of married men who seek her for sex without a condom, claiming that because they are married, they do not have any types of STIs." She also raised questions about the use of narcotics and its risks;
- ✓ "When I started to attend this project I understood that I needed to take better care of my life and that I could not be seduced by money and that AIDS has no face";
- "It is a very important action for us black women who have suffered so many denials at health posts, hospitals and also to fight for better health." (Terezinha de Jesus - Black Activist);
- "It's a lot of information, a lot of rights that many of us did not know we had. As a free medicine for treating HIV and Hepatitis. Too bad that in our county there is still a lot to improve in the health care sector." (Lidiane Santiago Black Activist);
- "I am very happy to be able to exchange experiences and learn from our lesbian, transvestite and transsexual partners about our rights and our health, especially when it comes to sexually transmitted diseases. It's good to know that we're struggling and organizing to improve our lives. " (Amanda Cássia Brito Ramos - Black Activist);
- "I hope to be able to participate more and more in the activities of the project, because every time we learn a little more about prevention and self-care. The workshops are very instructive." (Milkerlândia Oliveira Gomes - Black Activist);
- ✓ "I did not want to come to this workshop, because I thought it would be one of those activities where we do not have the opportunity to talk about what we are thinking, where we do not discuss issues related to the black, quilombola and terreiro people. It is a good thing that I was wrong and my expectation was exceeded, it only makes me hope that black women like me, we will be able to fight against racism and its consequences, because we must fight for a health and a quality education, where professionals in these areas respect us and do not discriminate against us because we are black, from quilombolas and terreiro";





- "As a black woman, from terreiro and quilombola, as long as I remember, I and my companions, we always had to fight for our rights, because being in a quilombola and terreiro in the state of Maranhão refers us to the constant process of struggle to have possession of our lands, and to have a health and education that contemplates and respects our specificities. After I participated in this workshop, I consider it to be one of the most important experiences in my life, so I hope that events such as these will be held more frequently so that we can discuss a little more about the health of the black population, about sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS";
- "As a young man, this is the first event on the health issue of the black people that I participated in, I found everything very good, especially moments of debate. I took the opportunity to get vaccinated and get tested for HIV and Hepatitis. I hope I can have the opportunity to participate in more events like this, while young, black and quilombola";
- "By thinking about my life path, listening to everything that was said here, and having socialized with you about how I was criticized in my community by some friends when saying that I would get a prostate exam, and by speaking that I am alive and as an old man, I want to use a condom to prevent myself, because in my youth we did not have much access to it";
- ✓ It is very good that the Black Women Network always gives these lectures, because we learn a lot". (Young black woman, university student);
- ✓ "We did not know we could take a medicine to stop AIDS. Now we can ask in the hospital";
- ✓ "Cool! Now that I know how to use the female condom, I can use it without depending on my husband, right?! ";
- "We are multipliers of information, we need to always update on the forms of prevention of STI/HIV/AIDS, the combined prevention workshop has provided moments of reflection with people of different ages." (Representative of the MEU QUINTAL Project);
- "When I participate in the Network meeting, I feel empowered to continue to carry out my prevention work, it's moments when we exchange information and build common agendas." (Representative of the Associação de Mulheres da Cachoeirinha – AMAC);



- "The technical advice of CEDAPS helped me to construct an action plan for the institution. Today I receive donations and social actions from partners. "(Representative of Grupo Cultural Nosso Ritmo);
- "It is very important to have this space of information exchange and training to multiply information in our communities. Sometimes we find discordant couples, for example, and we do not know how to guide them about PLHA's rights. We need more and more to talk about prevention, prevention is a right." (Volunteer in the Movimento de Mulheres de Parque Herédia);
- "In Venezuela there is no medication for HIV, and hiv people who cannot go to Boa Vista are dying";
- "I was in Boa Vista, I rented a house with other Venezuelan friends and when I discovered that I had HIV I was beaten";
- ✓ "When I arrived in Boa Vista, I did not take medication for 6 months";
- "I am HIV positive, I have a family, I am unemployed, I have no housing or money, I am Brazilian and I have been expelled from French territory and I am here on the advice of a friend. Can you help me?";
- User Róbson, who is under treatment. In addition to him, his wife also lives with HIV. The couple has a small daughter, he said: "Thank you very much if it was not for you I do not know where I would be with my family", after approving his sickness aid. Today he has food, help and shelter supported by his rights;
- "I found the lecture relevant because it clarified things I did not know about PrEP and PEP." "I had some things I already knew about harm reduction, but it helped me think about reducing the use of some substances."
- Report of missionary and resident of Araraquara-SP: "I found a project very conscious, very cool... if more people did this, there would be many people in the prisons and hospitals... it would preserve people's lives more, they would have more consciousness and the girls and the youngsters would not get pregnant so early, they would become pregnant later and with conscience of what they wanted";
- "I never imagined that a person could take HIV out of their blood if they take their medication within 72 hours after the infection!" (PEP);

### 11. Institutional Representation and Participation in Events

Fortunately, it was a full year for Fundo PositHiVo, in relation to the presence of our coordinators in events of national and international renown and importance in the area of philantropy and the exchange of knowledge regarding HIV/AIDS. We had also the honor of receiving some awards and honors, as we will show below.





The Fundo PositHiVo was honored by the NGO Banda Do Fuxico, with its traditional carnival block on February 4th, in São Paulo. We received a beautiful trophy because of the work developed in the fight against homophobia and transphobia in Brazil.



Coordinator Noêmia Lima represented the Fundo PositHiVo at the "My Mother, My Inspiration" event at the Laura Vermont LGBT Citizenship Center in São Paulo. The objective was to highlight the importance of the affective bond between mothers and children, and thus combat the rejection and prejudice that the LGBTI public suffers in homes.

Social Forum in Salvador.

Paulo Borges, from São Paulo Fashion Week, received the coordinator Harley Henriques and talked about the video exhibition on the Fund in the São Paulo

Fashion Week







The Fundo PositHiVo closely followed the 22nd LGBT Pride Parade in Sao Paulo in June. We were present in the cabin <u>of the AIDS News</u> <u>Agency</u>.



The General Coordinator of the Fundo PositHiVo Harley Henriques participated in the 14th edition of Enats - the National Meeting of the Third Sector.



Fundo PositHiVo, represented by coordinator Élida Miranda, was present at the "1st Seminar on Assassinations of the LGBTI Population -Thinking and Building Interventive Strategies". The event, which was attended by Federal Deputy Jean Wyllys, is organized by the <u>Connection Group G of LGBT Citizenship of</u> <u>Favelas</u>, in the Maré Complex, in Rio de Janeiro.





The General Coordinator of the Fundo PositHiVo, Harley Henriques, participated in the Technical Table of the "International Forum - 30 years of the Unified Health System and Self-care for Health Promotion". The event was held in the Federal Senate, in Brasilia. The Forum brought together representatives of the National Congress, the Federal, State and Municipal Governments, Academic Institutions, the Productive Sector and Civil Society.

The executive coordinator of Fundo PositHiVo Noêmia Lima was awarded the Trophy Odara, in São Paulo, in the traditional Ceremony of Homage to Black Personalities, which reaches its 16th edition.



Fundo PositHiVo General Coordinator, Harley Henriques, participated in the 22nd International AIDS Conference (Aids 2018), which took place from July 23th to 27th in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The theme of the edition was "Breaking barriers, building bridges," a worldwide call for the fight against HIV to cross borders between countries and be based on the best scientific evidence, with respect to human rights, especially of the populations most vulnerable to the epidemic.





Fundo PositHiVo was one of the institutions that received the LGBTI Diversity Order of Cultural Merit Award granted by the Gay Group of Bahia - GGB in September. The premium is awarded by the GGB to individuals, public administration bodies, cultural groups, collective initiatives or business institutions, in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the promotion of culture, citizenship and civil rights of gays, lesbians, bisexuals, trans and intersex people in Brazil. A member of our board Edward Mac Rae was present at the ceremony and received the award on behalf of the Institution.



Harley also hosted some satellite conferences of the event in the Netherlands. The Fund was one of the partner organizations of one of them, with the theme: "Our Body/Our Rights". The event brought together over 200 activists, researchers and managers from the field of HIV and free abortion. They discussed common strategies and strengthening advocacy actions mainly in Brazil, India and South Africa. Together, the participants set out a way to promote global policies and programs that preserve the dignity of people. At another satellite conference, Harley Henriques was with Funders Concerned About AIDS (FCAA). The conference discussed challenges and strategies related to funding community-based organizations working in the HIV/AIDS field.



Still in The Netherlands, Fundo PositHiVo supported the exhibition of the artist and activist Adriana Bertini at the 22nd International AIDS Conference.



The Project Coordinator Fundo PositHiVo, Élida Miranda, participated in the 22nd Free Gay Parade in Porto Alegre-RS.



Élida also participated in the First National Seminar on Combined Prevention for Trans Persons, organized by CSO Equality - Transvestite and Transsexual Association of Rio Grande do Sul;

In August, Harley Henriques was honored in Salvador-Bahia for his 29-year career in the fight against the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Brazil. Harley was honored by the campaign "The Well Inspires the Good" of Rede Bahia - TV Globo.

Seminário Nacional Sobre Prevenção Combinada

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The General Coordinator of the Fundo PositHiVo Harley Henriques was a member of the 2nd National Seminar on Prostitutes and the 2nd State Seminar on Advocacy held in Paraíba.

## 12. On-site Monitoring Visits

During 2018, Fundo PositHiVo closely followed CSO projects supported with resources from the fourth public notice. The monitoring visits were carried out by the coordinators of the Institution, always with the purpose of witnessing the work accomplished and improving the communication with the CSOs.

We met with the technical team of the Press Center, Advisory and Radio - CRIAR Brasil (State of Rio de Janeiro). The technical team reported that the first months of the project were dedicated to the creation of the lyrics and arrangement of the radio jingle, which brought together samba, rap, forró and funk, giving life and originality to the 15 radio spots - NO RITMO DA PREVENÇÃO. This musical mix packed the whole project, in which themes related to the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS and Viral Hepatitis were addressed. After this process the radio and TV programs were recorded. We went to the recording studio and knew the jingle arrangements. The project developed a wide audiovisual campaign that was launched on December, 1st and had excellent capillarity near the communities of the peripheries of the great urban centers and the interior of the country.





We visited the headquarters of the LGBT Citizenship Connection Group of Favelas (State of Rio de Janeiro), supported by the Fundo PositHiVo to develop the LGBTI Young People's Health Promoters Project. OSC President Gilmara Cunha began the conversation by emphasizing that "developing the project in the favelas of the Maré Complex was fundamental, taking into consideration that the LGBTI population of favelas is not a priority for the government. When it comes to health issues, we perceive the existence of few data about this population, which this project has strived to achieve."

Then, the youth began the presentation of a survey occurred with people in the favelas Vila do João, Nova Holanda and Piscinão de Ramos on sexual behavior and safe sex. The survey revealed worrisome data, the absence of preventive practices in the sexual relations of the majority of people interviewed and the lack of access to health services for the accomplishment of the test and treatment.

The consolidation of the Youth Committee served to guide the community on STI/HIV/AIDS prevention strategies in favelas, taking into account the lack of public policies within the spaces. "The actions of the project were important for this territory as a whole, where the epidemiological indexes are growing more and more," according to Gilmara.



We were at the headquarters of CEDAPS - Health Promotion Center (State of Rio de Janeiro), supported by Fundo PositHiVo to develop the Prevention Circuit in Favelas and Peripheries in Rio de Janeiro.

The coordinator of the project, Maria do Socorro Lima, reported that the set of actions developed allowed strengthening and cooperating with community-based organizations, through improved content, instrumentation, access to information, qualified participation and social control of public policies in the health field.

Maria do Socorro, highlighted the main lessons learned:

The information and knowledge acquired by project participants enables them to act in their territories as multipliers, using up-to-date and strategic contents of combined HIV/AIDS prevention;

Combined prevention needs to be disseminated and strengthened as a right;

It is fundamental to support and strengthen prevention actions within the favelas and peripheries in the construction of responses to the high prevalence of HIV/AIDS in Rio de Janeiro;

The strengthening of civil society organizations that play a key role in promoting information and prevention of STI/HIV/AIDS/Viral Hepatitis and Tuberculosis, including reaching places where services cannot reach.

"By receiving support to develop STIHIV/AIDS/Viral Hepatitis prevention actions developed in favelas and peripheries, CSO has contributed to the fight against the HIV/AIDS epidemic in its territories where a number of vulnerable population groups live," according to the Project Coordinator.

The project coordinator, Ana Cristhina Maluf, reported that they mobilized and empowered the project to develop the ResPire PositHiVo project: Health Education for LGBTI youth, the project coordinator, Ana Cristhina Maluf, informed that they trained young local leaders and other preventive agents at the interface: (Combined Prevention, Harm Reduction, LGBTI Rights and Human Rights). CSO also strengthened the insertion of these young people in the spaces of social participation and political discussion of their territories, as well as facilitated access of the target population to the care network available in the municipality.

They also expanded access to information on self-care practices, risk reduction and substance use harm, and prevention of STI/HIV/AIDS and Viral Hepatitis.

The main change in knowledge, says Ana Maluf, was in relation to the discovery of strategies and concepts of harm reduction and other strategies of combined prevention, which were practically unknown to the majority of the public served. Not only the target audience, but also the professionals who deal with this audience. From the knowledge of these new techniques and strategies it was possible to review several self-care practices and re-signify some values about drug use and safe sex practice. It has even made it possible to review some stigmas and stereotypes by professionals who work with people in situations of social vulnerability.





In the dialogue with the Franciscan Association for the Defense of Rights and Popular Formation - UNEAFRO Brazil (São Paulo), supported by Fundo PositHiVo to develop the project Young multipliers of information on combined prevention, CSO Coordinator Anderson Alckmin stated that all processes of thematic debates permeated the search for the internalization of information on HIV/AIDS prevention beyond the formal aspects. Several participants understood regarding HIV prevention only by condom use strategy.

Biological prevention/adherence to medication protocols, examinations and other services in the specialized health network of people living with HIV, and the use of PEP and PreP, follow paths that are very complex for a first look of the participants.

We stimulated the meeting between the different peripheral centers of the cities of Greater São Paulo, making possible the articulation of a geographically strategic youth network. During the workshops, young people mapped out specialized health services in each region, with the prospect that they could use health services, conduct testing, seek educational materials, provide prevention and treatment inputs, and specialized services in their communities.

"The small changes are the great and possible changes... it is always the beginning of an infinite journey... As the discussion on combined prevention of HIV/AIDS involves debate on a number of cross-cutting issues, there is always progress!, according to Anderson Alckmin.



During the visit to the RS Igualdade (Rio Grande do Sul state), supported by Fundo PositHiVo to develop the Multidisciplinary Prevention Actions Project, the CSO technical team reported that they acted in 10 prostitution points in the city of Porto Alegre, and were preventive and sensitization actions aimed at the transvestite and transsexual women. The approaches were made by health workers who are also transvestites or transsexuals. In addition to the distribution of condoms and lubricants, carried out locally, transvestites and trans women participated in the prevention workshops held at the headquarters of the CSO.

The project also provided counseling for people who already live with the infections, referral and follow-up (when needed) for available health services. The transvestite population is already recognized as a social group especially vulnerable to STIs, HIV and HV, in view of the prevalence rate of these infections far above the populations of gays, lesbians and bisexuals, as preliminary data point out in a recent study by the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation.

In the prison context, this vulnerability becomes even more critical. Reports of rapes suffered by this population in prisons are highly recurrent which increases the risk of infection. Since 2011, galleries for the transvestite population, their comrades and gays have been created in prisons in Brazil. In Rio Grande do Sul there are at least seven specific galleries.

Interviews were carried out with transvestites, transsexual women prisoners and their comrades, with the agents of the health units of each of these prisons, in order to map the impact of the creation of these galleries to the institutional policies of prevention and access to health of the population of transvestites and transsexual women in the prison system.



We visited Apros - Association of Prostitutes of Paraíba (State of Paraíba), supported by Fundo PositHiVo to develop the project Transformation: Articulating practices of theater, combined prevention and Advocacy.

The technical team of the project emphasized that the actions dealt with theater, combined prevention and Advocacy practices, allowing the articulation of the APROS-PB with the units heath centers, regarding the new strategies of combined prevention aimed at prostitutes not only in the capital João Pessoa, as in cities of the interior of the state. The arrival of APROS-PB in the municipalities strengthened the implementation of Law 8.080/90, which provides for the principle of integrality, universality of public health policies.

The screening, prevention, diagnosis and care activities developed by APROS-PB demonstrate the need to reach the key populations of Sex Professionals, their places of sociability and the hours of work where in the prostitution points.

The partnership with the Fundo PositHiVo allowed the institution to reach places and people where the Unified Health System does not guarantee coverage of its services. These advances are considered important for the institution, because the prostitutes did not know that there was an association that fights for their rights, we hope in these municipalities to have sensitized the professionals of health to the accomplishment of the humanized care for the prostitutes, so they will not be afraid to seek the services of basic health care in their municipalities, according to the technical team.

In May, we conducted a monitoring visit to the five organizations supported to develop the project's actions: Sexual and Reproductive Health in the Context of the Zika Virus in Pernambuco and also participated in the activities carried out in the territories.



Grupo Curumim Gestação e Parto

Instituto Mara Gabrilli

In its four-year trajectory, Fundo PositHiVo has achieved important collaborations that maximize the effectiveness of the approved projects. Our actions in these years have been marked by intense and systematic building of ties and partnerships with several sectors and different social actors.

-13. Evaluation

With regard to working with CSOs, the Fund is a reference for developing innovative actions, focusing on training and strengthening community leaders to develop lobbying and advocacy of public health policies in the field of HIV/AIDS and prevention policies combined with HIV/AIDS. Fundo PositHiVo over the years has been builting some legacies: 1) Consolidated a network of diversified projects in their nature;

2) It innovated when using the digital platform of project management in the public notices, which made possible to create a national database of very well-qualified projects;

3) Expanded support for organizations working on other human rights issues to introduce HIV prevention and preventive health projects into their agendas. We can cite the example of UNEAFRO - Brazil, which is the largest organization in the Southeast Region in São Paulo working for the training of young blacks through popular pre-university courses for the insertion of these young people in public universities;

4) Consolidated its public image with society becoming a reference in supporting innovative and creative social projects.



Fundo PositHiVo's history of action has been marked in these four years of existence for prioritizing and directing its actions to populations neglected by public and private policies, both from the point of view of the target audience and its distribution in the national territory. It is not possible to disassociate human rights from facing the HIV/AIDS epidemic. The process of recognizing the right to universal access to prevention, diagnosis and treatment is an important banner of rights, such as the development of preventive actions for socially excluded communities, the availability of prevention supplies and medicines to members of those.

With the worsening of the political and economic crisis, we daily live a threat to social rights acquired, and especially with regard to public health, education and human rights policies. The approval of the constitutional amendment that creates a ceiling for public spending, "PEC 55," froze health and education federal public funds for 20 years, negatively impacting on human rights policies in the country, especially in the health field.

There were setbacks in fundamental rights that were already assured, as well as the dismantling of institutional structures and programs that guaranteed the protection of rights previously won. The crisis paralyzed debates on public policies to promote human rights, contributing to setbacks, advancement of conservative agendas and increased rights violations in some areas.

There are also several proposals in Congress that, if approved, would prejudice rights already acquired by women, indigenous peoples, children, LGBTI population, people living with HIV/AIDS.

In the current scenario, the country continues to face HIV/AIDS rationing, antiretroviral drug shortages, the closure of specialized health units in the field of HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment.

However, Fundo PositHiVo intends in 2019 to expand the strengthening of the Brazilian social response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic by disseminating information on the combined prevention strategy, strengthening lobbying and advocacy of public health policies related to HIV/AIDS in all regions.

We need to stay together to avoid the growth of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in our country. We'll be counting on your support!







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