

Walking the Talk

A Review of ActionAid's
Rights Based Approach to
Women and HIV&AIDS Programming
Globally

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Overview of Presentation

- Global Statistics
- Issues in International Women and HIV&AIDS
- Review of Programs We Support
- Advocacy Agenda
- International Advocacy Strategy/Initiatives
- Recommendations—How You Can Become Involved

Global Statistics on Women and HIV&AIDS

- 16.6 million women living with HIV&AIDS globally
- Two-thirds of young HIV positive people (aged 15-24) worldwide are women and girls
- In Sub-Saharan Africa, women account for almost 61 percent of adults living with HIV&AIDS.
- In the Caribbean young women are twice as likely to be HIV positive than young men.
- In the United States, where race is a significant factor, though African American women and Latinas only comprise 25% of the population of women, we are 81% of women living with HIV.

Issues—*What's Going On?*

- Underlying Contributors (Current and Emerging)
 - Patriarchy
 - Poverty/Distribution of Wealth and Resources
 - Homophobia
 - Racism/Ethnicism
 - Food Security
 - Stigma and Discrimination
 - Conflicts
 - Trafficking and Forced Labor
 - Access to Health Care
 - Injecting Drug Use
 - Unsafe Health Care Practices
 - Climate Change/Disaster

Issues—*What's Going On? (cont'd)*

- Direct Issues in HIV&AIDS and Women
 - Prevention
 - Care
 - Treatment
 - Violence Against Women

Programs ActionAid Supports

-- *What Have You Done For Us Lately?*

- Addressing Underlying Contributors
 - Community Cooperatives
 - Women's Economic Empowerment
 - Women's Political Participation
 - Anti-trafficking Programming
 - Education

Programs ActionAid Supports

--*What Have You Done For Us Lately? (cont'd)*

- Direct Programming to Address HIV&AIDS
 - Positive Women's Networks
 - Service Integration Programming (VAW and HIV&AIDS)
 - Programs Addressing School Based Violence, including coerced sex
 - Home Based Care
 - Reproductive Health
 - Antiretroviral Therapy

Advocacy Issues

--*Fight the Power*

- Reproductive Justice
- Economic Justice
- Racial Justice
- Access to Education
- Right to Health
- Right to Food
- Universal Access to Prevention, Care, Treatment, and Support for HIV&AIDS

Advocacy Initiatives

*--Get Up Stand Up, Stand Up For
Your Rights*

- Women of Color United
 - 41 Million Strong Campaign
- Women Won't Wait
- Hunger FREE Campaign
- Invisible Women Campaign
- Rights to End Poverty
- Climate Equity Campaign

Negotiating with Governments— Strategies Employed by Campaigns

- Educational Visits with Decision Makers
- Shadow Reports
- Media Campaigns
- Participation in Expert Consultations/Working Groups
- Engaging Key Constituencies to Influence Decision Makers
- Identify and Befriend Allies in Administration

!What You Can Do!

--*Get On Board*

- Join a Campaign
- Join Our Mailing List (where you'll be kept informed of easy actions)
- Start Your Own Campaign
- 5 Easy Things You Can Do
 - Take advantage of teachable moments
 - Conduct Teach Ins
 - Write Op-Eds
 - Travel, Learn, Report Back--Start a Blog or Contribute to a Blog
 - Visit your Congressional Representative
 - Join UN-USA

Thank You

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