100+ projects selected to receive Viiv Healthcare Global HIV and COVID-19 Emergency Response funding

£1.5m Research Emergency Response Fund - aiding critical research into the impact of COVID-19 on people living with HIV

£1.5m Community Emergency Response Fund - supporting HIV communities negatively affected by the pandemic

Impacts of COVID-19 on the HIV Community

The pandemic threatens to undo more than a decade’s progress in reducing AIDS-related deaths.1

Lockdowns, restricted movement and business closures pose universal challenges, but HIV communities are also facing:

- Reduced access to antiretroviral medicines2
- Heightened stigma against marginalised LGBTQ+ people2
- Increased abuse of women3
- Discrimination against sex workers who are being left out from Government Social Grant schemes4
- Uncertainty amongst people living with HIV and their physicians about the unknown risks associated with COVID-19

Number of Applicants to the Global HIV and COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund Highlights Urgent Unmet Needs

More than 400 applications received for research and community funds

109 projects selected globally:
- 7 research projects
- 102 community-based projects
RESEARCH FUND
Research Emergency Response Fund priority areas:

- 7 projects, covering 26 countries will explore COVID-19 progression and severity in people living with HIV
- Close attention will be paid to the impact of the pandemic on levels of HIV diagnosis, treatment, transmission and successful suppression in key groups, including children and young people

COMMUNITY FUND
Community Emergency Response Fund priority areas:

- Protecting access to HIV prevention, care and treatment
- Provision of virtual support networks
- Financial support for critical community staff
- Community monitoring and feedback to record the impact of COVID-19 on HIV services

Supporting projects across 20 countries
Grants will support projects providing social and mental health-related care for key populations including women, children, older people, marginalised communities and LGBTQ+ people living with HIV

The Community Emergency Response Fund is not intended for the purchase of pharmaceutical products

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