

# 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.<sup>1</sup>

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



Reduced access to antiretroviral medicines<sup>2</sup>



Heightened stigma against marginalised LGBTQ+ people<sup>2</sup>



Increased abuse of women<sup>3</sup>



Discrimination against sex workers who are being left out from Government Social Grant schemes<sup>4</sup>



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

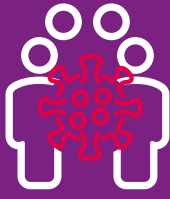


# RESEARCH FUND

Research Emergency Response Fund priority areas:



Disease trends in specific populations



Healthcare management initiatives in COVID-19 environments



Biological indicators of whether an individual is likely to develop disease, and to what extent

→ 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



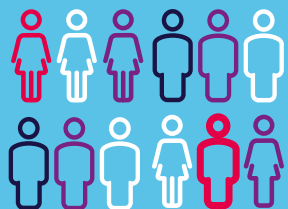
Community monitoring and feedback to record the impact of COVID-19 on HIV services



## 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



# AT ViiV HEALTHCARE, WE ARE 100% COMMITTED TO OUR MISSION OF LEAVING NO PERSON LIVING WITH HIV BEHIND

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