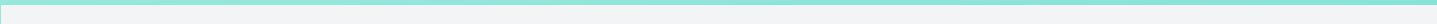
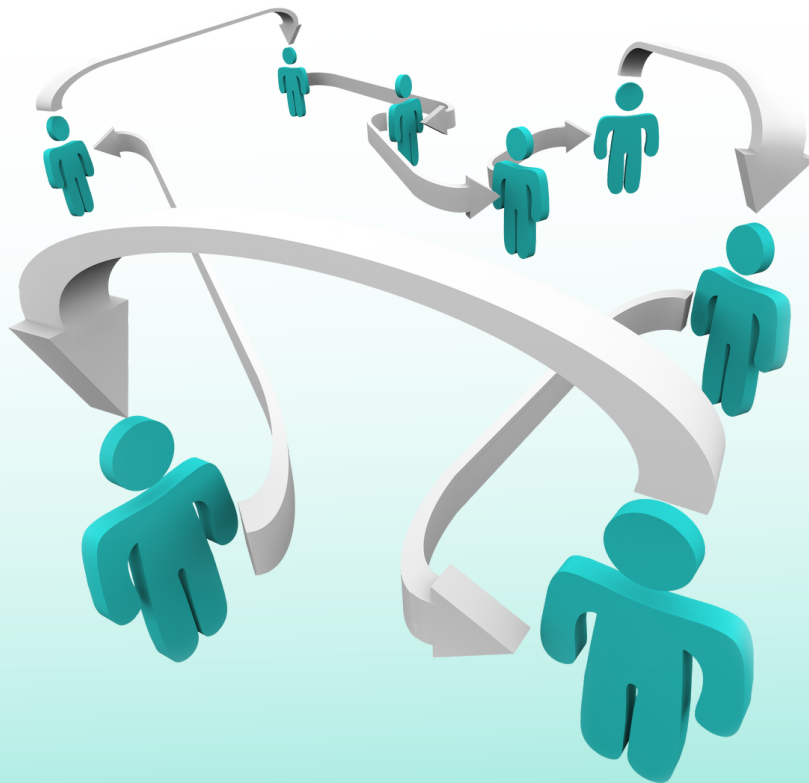




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THRIVE Consortium

The THRIVE (Trans Health and Rights HIV Advocacy Network) Consortium is composed of four regional and global organizations working for the human rights of trans people. This includes East Africa Trans Health and Advocacy Network (EATHAN), Global Action for Trans Equality (GATE), Transgender Europe (TGEU) and UC Trans (United Caribbean Trans Network). The aim of the Consortium is to build greater linkages among trans rights groups and build a stronger, more coordinated international trans movement to push back against reactionary anti-rights agendas, ensure trans people have a high quality of life, and expand their access to human rights.

The Consortium members represent a range of identities, lived experiences, countries and regions. As people with direct, lived experience of key health-related needs and barriers to health services, these members are uniquely positioned to advocate for global and regional HIV policies that are inclusive and holistic. The individual members use a range of strategies to advance the health, rights and well-being of trans, gender diverse, and intersex people, including research, advocacy, capacity building, communications, and movement building strategies. Together, their work covers the Caribbean, East Africa, Central Asia, Europe, Latin America and North America.

EATHAN is a network of trans* diverse activists and organizations in East Africa. They have 24 members of activist representatives and organizations based in Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda. Their mission is to equip and enable East African trans* diverse individuals and institutions to organize and advocate for the improvement of their health, the recognition of their gender, and the protection of their human rights, utilizing research and documentation, particularly on health and HIV, and by enhancing their livelihoods through capacity strengthening and empowerment.

GATE is an international advocacy organization working towards justice and equality for trans, gender diverse and intersex communities. Rooted in its movements, GATE works collaboratively with strategic partners at the global level to provide knowledge, resources and access to UN mechanisms and bodies. GATE envisions a world free from human rights violations based on gender identity, gender expression and sex characteristics. Its strategy is to transform the landscape of global advocacy, knowledge creation and resource distribution through critical inclusion of trans, gender diverse and intersex movements at all levels of political, legal and socio-economic processes.

TGEU is a member-based organization created in 2005. Since then, TGEU has continued to grow and establish itself as a leading voice for the trans community in Europe and Central Asia with 200 member organizations in 48 different countries. TGEU strives to represent the diverse needs of members within human rights mechanisms, build the capacity and skills of members to meet the needs of local communities, and build a more resilient and connected trans movement.

UC Trans is the first regional Caribbean trans initiative and seeks to promote the protection and recognition of the human rights of trans persons in the region. UCTRANS envisions a network that highlights issues experienced by all trans persons and wishes to ensure that trans-masculine and non-binary persons are represented. They work in conjunction with their communities and local government to champion the human rights protection and healthcare needs of trans persons, as well as to provide support in leadership, governance and strategic guidance to the local transgender movements in the region, including those in The Bahamas, Barbados, Cayman Islands, Trinidad and Tobago, Belize, Guyana, Jamaica, Suriname, Dominican Republic, the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) and Haiti.

2023 Consortium Advocacy Priorities

The THRIVE Consortium aims to advance advocacy priorities that further and strengthen the rights and health of trans and gender diverse people, while simultaneously strengthening and building the capacity of the movement.

This work will include the following:

- The members will prioritize strengthening the broader movement and trans activism by sharing information with and building the capacity of regional and national activists, networks and organizations. Through training, mentorship and, when funding permits, travel support, the Consortium will seek to equalize regional and global advocacy by ensuring a broad participation of the movement, including rural-based activists, youth activists, and activists who face intersecting forms of oppression and marginalization.
- Most members aim to advance policy demands at the regional level, including for example, in Africa, where EATHAN intends to shift narratives and push for inclusive and gender-affirming health care and human rights for trans and non-binary people. At the regional level, some members, including TGEU, plan to do work on sensitizing health providers, and monitoring access and quality of health services, which in turn can inform advocacy efforts and asks. Our regional members help to ensure this project is continually informed by local and regional priorities, developments and advocacy aims.
- Finally, members will identify key strategic regional and global policy spaces, bodies and processes, including the Universal Periodic Review, the Global Fund, WHO, UNHCR, and the High Level Political Forum. Expected outcomes include influencing the WHO's gender affirming care guidelines for trans and gender diverse people and ensuring that the new Global Fund strategy in health care system strengthening prioritizes trans and gender diverse communities.

Individual Members' Advocacy Priorities

EATHAN

- Strengthen the movement and members, including increased advocacy capacity building for trans groups and activists, as well as building their capacity to do evidence-based research (e.g. UNAIDS toolkit project)
- Shifting narratives in African context, pushing for inclusive and gender affirming health care and human rights of trans and non-binary people
- Policy advocacy grounded in EATHAN research, including trans rights as human rights, an example is [this report on legal recognition and access to health care](#)
- Some possible advocacy spaces: High Level Political Forum, CSW, Africa Forum

TGEU

- Capacity building of local trans-led orgs to engage on a range of health and rights issues
- Including developing materials and training modules that can be replicated by other trans activists
- Sensitization of health providers on gender identity and expression, including their intersections with race, class, etc.
- Monitoring quality of services and care
- Data collection and analysis on quality and access to HIV services and care
- Dissemination of results that can then be used for advocacy and accountability

UC Trans

- Policy and advocacy monitoring that focuses on the intersection of trans rights with climate change, including the impact of natural disasters on people's ability to access health services and care, including ARVs
- COP 27 – some local governments may receive million dollars, and trans people's voice needs to be included
- Regional and global advocacy on gender identity recognition with access to health care services and treatment
- Empower local groups to advocate for themselves and be equipped and familiar with the technical language when talking to gatekeepers and decision makers
- Plan to host a regional trans conference on health and wellness, which would be the first of its kind in the Caribbean
- Key spaces: OAS spaces and other UN spaces, like UPR

GATE

- Prioritize advocacy with various policy bodies including the WHO, PEPFAR, Global Fund and other strategies bodies
- Prioritize work aiming to influencing WHO's gender affirming care guidelines for trans and gender diverse people and advocate around the new Global Fund strategy to ensure the prioritization of trans and gender diverse communities in health system strengthening
- Play a role in influencing the WHO Values and Preference Research on Gender Affirming Care for trans and gender diverse people.



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