# **THRIVE Consortium Advocacy Priorities 2025**





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## Introduction

The THRIVE Consortium is a collective of seven regional trans-led networks and organizations working to advance the rights, health, and well-being of trans and gender diverse communities. Led by GATE, the only global network within the Consortium, THRIVE ensures a unified and strategic approach to global and regional advocacy, capacity strengthening, and movement-building.

Since its formation, the Consortium, through its members, has made significant contributions to trans advocacy and health rights, including:

- Supporting GATE in organizing the first-ever Global Trans Conference to bring together trans activists worldwide.
- Supporting GATE in ensuring trans representation at the AIDS Conferences, culminating in the first all-trans panel in the main program in 2024.
- Leading a groundbreaking survey on climate justice and trans communities.
- Increased engagement in regional advocacy mechanisms, particularly in the East African Community and Universal Periodic Review (UPR) processes.
- Developing a new HIV program at TGEU to specifically address trans and HIV gaps.
- Publishing the Values and Preferences report, laying the foundation for the first WHO guidelines on gender-affirming care, which working group is chaired by GATE.
- Supporting the formation of a trans-led and sex worker-led network in the SWANA region.
- Expanding the THRIVE Consortium to include more regional partners, increasing collective impact.

These achievements reflect the Consortium's strength in advancing trans and gender diverse advocacy across multiple platforms and policy spaces.

# **Collective advocacy priorities**



### 1. Health and HIV advocacy

- Secure access to gender-affirming care and integrate trans health needs into global health policies (WHO, PEPFAR, Global Fund, UNAIDS).
- Advocate for the full implementation of ICD-11, ensuring depathologization of trans identities.
- Improve access to PrEP and harm reduction services, recognizing the disproportionate HIV risk among trans populations.
- Conduct research on structural barriers in healthcare systems for trans people.
- Develop evidence-based health programs that reflect trans-specific needs.

## 2. Legal and policy advocacy

- Strengthen legal gender recognition and gender identity laws in regions where they do not exist.
- Resist restrictive policies and counteract the anti-gender movement.
- Engage in key policy mechanisms such as the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), African Union, and Latin American regional bodies.
- Embed trans rights within broader human rights frameworks, ensuring intersectional advocacy.

## 3. Movement building and capacity strengthening

- Equip trans-led organizations with advocacy, fundraising, and governance tools.
- Expand funding opportunities for financially sustainable trans movements.
- Foster cross-movement alliances to challenge reactionary policies and advance trans justice.
- Facilitate regional and global knowledge exchange, supporting collective strategy-building.

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# **Individual member priorities**





#### GATE (Global Action for Trans Equality) - Global

- Engage with global policy bodies (WHO, Global Fund, UNAIDS, PEPFAR) to advance transinclusive health policies.
- Ensure ICD-11 implementation and drive advocacy for depathologization.
- Develop strategic HIV advocacy, ensuring trans people's needs are prioritized in global Human Rights and funding mechanisms.
- Support regional partners into amplifyingamplify local advocacy in global spaces.
- Foster cross-regional movement building, strengthening the capacities of key regional partners.
- Mobilize resources for the trans movement, advocating for increased and sustained funding, especially in the context of shrinking financial support.





#### EATHAN (East Africa Trans Health & Advocacy Network) - East Africa

- Advocate for trans rights within the East African Community and UPR processes.
- Strengthen trans movement capacity and internal governance.
- Build alliances with broader human rights organizations to push back against anti-gender forces.
- Promote inclusive healthcare and human rights for trans and non-binary people in Africa.



#### EKPC (Eurasian Key Population Coalition) - Eastern Europe and Central Asia

- Advocate for trans-inclusive healthcare, legal justice, and education access.
- Ensure ICD-11 adoption and implementation in national health systems.
- Strengthen trans-led advocacy in Eastern European and Central Asian regional mechanisms.





#### **REDLACTRANS - Latin America and the Caribbean**

- Develop trans-specific health programs and expand harm reduction services, including psychological support, shelters with treatment, and migrant support.
- Collaborate with Consortium partners on community education to increase awareness and access to rights and healthcare.
- Push for the approval of Gender Identity Laws across the region
- Develop political training programs to strengthen the advocacy capacity of trans organizations in Latin America and the Caribbean.





#### **TGEU (Transgender Europe) - Europe and Central Asia**

- Advocate for legal gender recognition and gender-affirming care across Europe and Central Asia.
- Promote intersectional, peer-led, research-based healthcare models.
- Strengthen trans-led organizations' engagement in political and economic empowerment initiatives.
- Advance HIV program development to fill gaps in trans-specific HIV care.





#### TGRU (Transgender Red Umbrella) - South West Asia and Northern Africa

- Promote education and awareness of trans rights in regional policymaking.
- Advocate for legal and policy reforms in restrictive legal environments.
- Strengthen activists' political engagement and advocacy capacity.
- Build cross-country alliances to counter anti-gender narratives.





#### UCTrans (United Caribbean Trans Network) - The Caribbean

- Advocate for trans-inclusive healthcare, legal justice, and education access.
- Ensure ICD-11 adoption and implementation in national health systems
- Push for PrEP access and HIV prevention, recognizing trans people's heightened vulnerability.
- Lead regional trans movement-building efforts, including convenings and advocacy training, especially in regard to climate justice.



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