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Opening letter

In a year marked by profound uncertainty and escalating threats to global health, the HIV response stands at a crossroads. Political shifts and abrupt funding cuts threaten to unravel decades of progress – a stark reminder of both the fragility and critical importance of a resilient global health infrastructure.

Throughout 2025, IAS – the International AIDS Society – responded with clarity, urgency and purpose, focused on three priorities across our programmes, conferences and corporate work.

The impact of US funding cuts on the HIV response

As US funding for HIV research and programmes was drastically cut back, the IAS mobilized to spotlight the consequences of these decisions. As an independent, science-driven organization, the IAS stood firm in its mission to unite the global HIV response.

Through sustained media engagement and targeted advocacy, we help keep HIV on the political agenda, not just as a health issue, but as a matter of equity and human rights. At IAS 2025, the 13th IAS Conference on HIV Science, in Kigali, Rwanda, and virtually in July, this issue will take centre stage, including through the conference programme and our dedicated press programme.

Defending science for evidence-based policies

Since it was formed, the IAS has championed science as the foundation of an effective HIV response and promoted evidence-based policies. Science must be protected from growing political interference, censorship and misinformation.

Through the Journal of the International AIDS Society (JIAS), we ensure that critical research remains open access and globally accessible. Through our conferences and programmes, we protect the space for open scientific inquiry, highlight breakthrough research and call for continued investment in implementation science. Our programmes, such as the IAS Educational Fund, bring evidence to the front lines in low- and middle-income regions to reach the people who need it most.

Rethinking the HIV response in a changing landscape

Science alone cannot sustain the HIV response. In a changing world, the HIV response must evolve, adapt to new political realities, strengthen community-led responses and explore sustainable financing models.

Throughout the year, the IAS has elevated these conversations across its platforms and convenings. Through thought leadership, strategic communications and programme-led action, we are helping chart a path forward for the global HIV response that is grounded in evidence, equity and impact.

Looking ahead

We are deeply grateful to our members – over 11,500 across more than 170 countries – our partners and our allies around the world. Together, we will continue to unite the global HIV response for a world in which HIV no longer presents a threat to public health and individual well-being.

As we look ahead, the need for bold, coordinated leadership has never been more urgent. We remain committed to working together to ensure that the HIV response remains not only resilient, but relevant.



Birgit Poniatowski
Executive Director

Who we are

IAS – the International AIDS Society – unites the global HIV response because progress happens when science, policy and activism come together.

We do this by hosting the world's most significant HIV conferences and through our programmes, which focus on closing scientific gaps, disseminating the latest research and improving health services.

These all contribute to realizing our vision: a world in which the HIV pandemic no longer presents a threat to public health and individual well-being.



Our core values

Put people first

- We are independent and ultimately accountable to people living with and affected by HIV
- We weigh and measure our actions against their impact on people's lives
- We champion an environment that empowers all to be part of the conversation
- We respect the lived experiences of all and foster a diversity of perspectives

Build bridges & collaborate

- We unite disciplines, sectors and people at all levels to drive progress in the HIV response
- We build trust by sharing knowledge and being transparent
- We hold ourselves individually responsible for the collective excellence of our work

Be evidence-based & open-minded

- We follow the science and promote evidence-based dialogue
- We intentionally seek out data to inform our attitudes, decisions and actions
- We evolve by challenging our biases and encouraging curiosity

How we work

The [IAS 2021-2025 Organizational Strategy](#) is our roadmap to achieving a resilient, science-based, adequately funded HIV response that respects human rights and responds to the varied needs of people living with and affected by HIV.



We promote science

We pursue and support scientific advancements that positively alter the course of the HIV pandemic and promote greater understanding of these discoveries. The IAS pushes for the full spectrum of scientific achievement – from basic science to implementation research – and uses the visibility of its meetings to highlight dynamic, innovative work.

We support action

We use our scientific authority to move science into policy and policy into tangible impact in the HIV response. The IAS advocates for sustained global leadership and increased investment while keeping the fight against stigma and discrimination at the heart of its work.

We empower people

We invest in strengthening the capacity of the HIV workforce – particularly the next generation of HIV professionals – to build the skills and resources that are needed to end the pandemic. As a membership body, the IAS understands and represents the interests of its members in all of its work, retaining a global perspective that is relevant at a local level.



Protecting progress in the HIV response

In January 2025, a wave of US executive orders, including withdrawal from the World Health Organization (WHO), a reinstatement of the global gag rule and a freeze on foreign aid, disrupted global health programmes.

The IAS acted swiftly, calling for science-based policies that expand, not restrict, access to care. It warned that the US [withdrawal from WHO](#) could weaken the global HIV response and urged renewed collaboration to protect lives. The IAS cautioned that reinstating the [global gag rule](#) would severely disrupt HIV and sexual and reproductive health services, particularly in low- and middle-income countries.

We warned that the freeze on [PEPFAR funding](#) threatened millions of lives, urging that [full support](#) for all HIV services be reinstated immediately to avoid further disruptions in care and that policy makers [take immediate action](#) to restore disrupted programmes.

Beyond highlighting the impact of funding cuts in the media, the IAS continues to unite the HIV response through its conferences, programmes and membership base. It brings together scientists, policy makers and communities to develop shared solutions that sustain and strengthen the global response. This includes charting a path forward amid widening funding gaps and identifying opportunities for increased domestic financing.

We advocate on many issues to advance the HIV response and we express many of our positions in our statements. Here is a snapshot of the other statements we published this year:

17 July 2024	Honouring the lives lost on MH17
21 July 2024	Authorities must enable all to access vital public health meetings
24 July 2024	Statement from IAS President Sharon Lewin on full results from PURPOSE 1 trial of twice-yearly injectable lenacapavir for HIV prevention
16 August 2024	IAS calls for urgent access to mpox vaccines across Africa
3 October 2024	IAS calls for global access as Gilead announces lenacapavir licensing
25 January 2025	IAS warns of dire impact of global gag rule
25 January 2025	PEPFAR freeze threatens millions of lives
29 January 2025	Restore access to all PEPFAR-supported HIV services immediately



Our conferences

AIDS 2024

AIDS 2024, [the 25th International AIDS Conference](#), took place in Munich, Germany, and virtually on 22-26 July 2024, with over 10,000 participants.

At AIDS 2024, delegates heard that six-monthly injections of lenacapavir gave 100% protection against HIV acquisition in cisgender women in the PURPOSE 1 trial. Delegates gave the trial team a standing ovation, recognizing a major advance in HIV prevention. During AIDS 2024, three people known to have been cured of HIV shared their stories to inspire continued research. The conference learnt of the "next Berlin patient", who appears to be the seventh person cured of HIV. Find out more in the [takeaways from AIDS 2024](#).

The conference featured 40 oral abstract sessions organized into six tracks. The invited-speaker sessions included five plenaries, four special sessions and 41 symposia, complemented by 22 workshops, 17 pre-conferences and 115 satellite sessions.



AIDS 2024 at a glance



AIDS 2024 attracted **10,696** participants from **169** countries.



93% of participants attended AIDS 2024 in person.



Just **over one in four participants** (26%) came from central, eastern, southern and western Africa and **48%** came from low- and middle-income countries.



AIDS 2024 awarded **865** in-person and virtual scholarships to participants from **141 countries**. 44% of scholarships were awarded to people in central, eastern, southern and western Africa.



Just **under half** (49%) of participants at AIDS 2024 were aged **45** years or younger.



Overall, **88%** of delegates agreed that the conference objectives were met.



AIDS 2024 generated over **650** original news stories.



Out of the total of 656 news media articles (compared with 316 original pieces for AIDS 2022), 91 articles were featured in top-tier media outlets, including Forbes, The Guardian, Le Monde, The New York Times and Politico.

Headlines

EL PAÍS

Humanity is closer to stopping HIV, and the biggest obstacle is the price of the drug that will do it

Forbes

At International AIDS conference, Emphasis on Children, Human Rights

POLITICO

How stem cell transplants are curing HIV

The New York Times

A Daily Pill to Prevent S.T.I.s? It May Work, Scientists Say.

AP

Experts say a twice-yearly injection that offers 100% protection against HIV is 'stunning'

Le Monde

The methods explored by researchers to cure HIV

The Guardian

HIV drug could be made for just \$40 a year for every patient

The Economist

Clues to a possible cure for AIDS

Scholarships

AIDS 2024 awarded 865 scholarships to delegates from 141 countries: 43% were awarded to people from central, eastern, western and southern Africa (Uganda, Nigeria and Kenya were the top three countries); 16% to people from South and Southeast Asia; 10% to people from North America; and 12% to people from Latin America and the Caribbean.





Our conferences

HIVR4P



HIVR4P 2024, [the 5th HIV Research for Prevention Conference](#), took place in Lima, Peru, and virtually from 7 to 10 October 2024. Almost 1,400 participants from 77 countries gathered for four days to review the latest advances in HIV prevention science.

At HIVR4P 2024, results from PURPOSE 2 showed that lenacapavir, injected six monthly, was highly effective in preventing HIV acquisition in men who have sex with men and trans people.



HIVR4P at a glance



HIVR4P attracted **1,392 participants** from **77 countries**.



Just **over one in five** (22%) participants came from central, eastern, southern and western Africa and **13%** came from the host region of Latin America.



HIVR4P 2024 awarded **203 scholarships** to participants from **46 countries**; **48% of scholarships** were awarded to researchers, advocates and media from central, eastern, southern and western Africa.



Researchers submitted **1,740 abstracts** to HIVR4P 2024 (1,548 regular abstracts and 192 late-breaker abstracts) and **827 were accepted** for presentation, including 154 oral abstracts.



A total of **87%** of delegate survey respondents agreed that the conference had met its objectives.

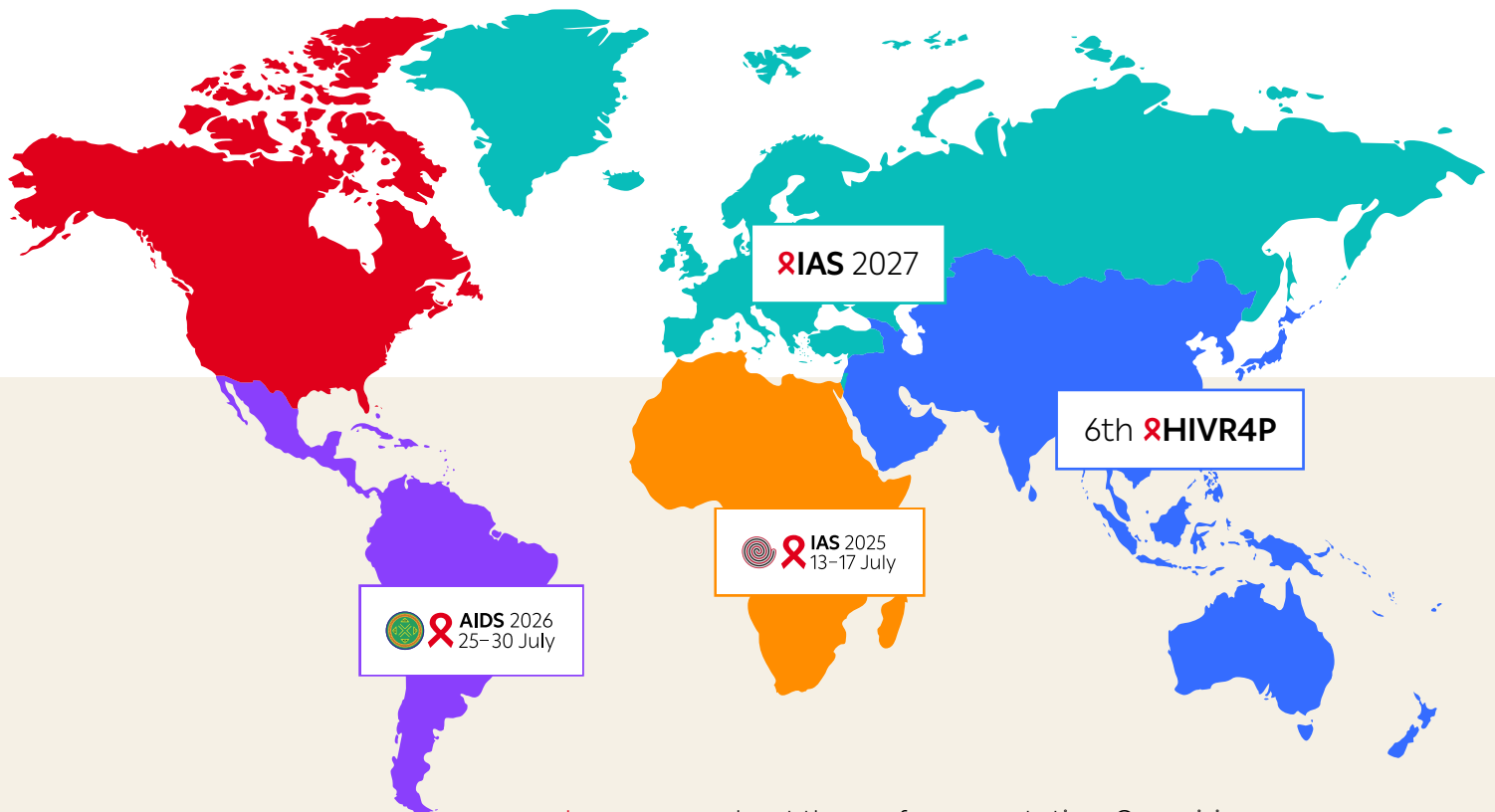
A total of 75 news stories mentioned HIVR4P 2024. These included 35 stories covering studies featured in our official press conference and 34 stories mentioning the PURPOSE 2 trial results; 24 stories were written by our Journalist Fellows.



Global rotation

To ensure that people from around the world have an opportunity to participate in our conferences in person, IAS conferences rotate among five world regions – Africa, Asia and the Pacific Islands, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the United States and Canada – and do not take place consecutively in any region.

Upcoming conferences



[Learn more](#) about the conference rotation, Organizing Committees and the host city selection process.

Improving access to the latest knowledge

HIV science evolves rapidly, requiring constant interpretation, translation and knowledge exchange. The IAS promotes greater understanding of HIV science and policy to build the skills and provide the resources needed to realize a world where the HIV pandemic no longer poses a threat to public health and individual well-being – retaining a global perspective that is relevant at a local level.

As part of this commitment, the IAS published the ninth edition of the IAS knowledge toolkits series and the first edition of the HIVR4P knowledge toolkit for IAS Members. The toolkits highlight important scientific advancements and innovative research presented at IAS conferences. The [AIDS 2024](#) and [HIVR4P 2024](#) knowledge toolkits offer adaptable PowerPoint presentations with an easy navigation system covering thematic areas presented at conferences.

This series will continue with the IAS 2025 Knowledge Toolkit providing research and tools for IAS Members. For open-access toolkits from AIDS 2020, IAS 2021, AIDS 2022, IAS 2023, AIDS 2024 and HIVR4P 2024, visit [IAS+](#).

Our programmes

Beyond our conferences, the IAS develops a range of programmatic activities on specific topics to close scientific gaps, disseminate the latest research and improve health services. The IAS Governing Council identifies these topics and reviews them on an ongoing basis.

Closing scientific gaps

Abiding priorities are to find an HIV cure and vaccine and accelerate the development of appropriate paediatric prevention, treatment and care options. To move us closer to this, three programmes convene experts, including community representatives, to identify promising areas of research and discuss innovative methodologies. The programmes build on their networks of leading scientists and activists to advocate for adequate research funding. They also offer intensive research training for scientists in low-resource settings.

CIPHER

The Collaborative Initiative for Paediatric HIV Education and Research (CIPHER), established in 2012, is committed to addressing priority knowledge gaps by building the next generation of scientists and leaders in paediatric and adolescent HIV research and programming. The aim is to accelerate an evidence-informed, human rights-based and integrated HIV response for infants, children, adolescents and young people living with and affected by HIV.

To highlight current research and effective interventions and policies, CIPHER convened "[The 10th symposium on children and adolescents with perinatal HIV exposure](#)" on 21 July, ahead of AIDS 2024. The symposium fostered strategic dialogue among key stakeholders on addressing critical challenges in paediatric and adolescent HIV research and programming, including mental health and parental HIV disclosure.

In 2024, CIPHER awarded two research grants of USD 140,000 each to support early-career investigators from low- and middle-income countries to become principal investigators for the first time on research projects addressing critical gaps in paediatric and adolescent HIV. So far, CIPHER has awarded 47 grants across 20 countries in various regions.



Participants in "The 10th symposium on children and adolescents with perinatal HIV exposure", Munich, July 2024.

Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise

The Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise, an IAS programme since 2018, aims to promote HIV vaccine development by sharing knowledge, fostering collaboration, advocating for prioritization of HIV vaccine R&D on the global health agenda, and supporting early-career African researchers and advocates through capacity-building initiatives.

The Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise, with the [EU HIV Vaccine Scientific Reference Group](#), published the paper, "[In danger: HIV vaccine research and development in Europe](#)", in PLOS Global Public Health on 8 April 2025. It highlighted the urgent need to protect and strengthen HIV vaccine R&D efforts in Europe amid shifting funding landscapes.

To support HIV vaccine research literacy and advocacy for vaccine R&D, the Vaccine Enterprise held two advocacy academies. The [2024 HIV Vaccine Advocacy Academy](#) in Windhoek, Namibia, on 16-18 December welcomed 15 fellows from nine African countries. The 2025 HIV Vaccine Science Academy – Académie Scientifique du Vaccin contre le VIH – in Dakar, Senegal, on 6-8 May welcomed 12 fellows from nine African countries: the focus was fostering regional collaborations to lead advancements in HIV vaccine development in western Africa.



Participants and faculty of the 2025 HIV Vaccine Science Academy – Académie Scientifique du Vaccin contre le VIH – at the Institut Pasteur de Dakar, Senegal, May 2025

Towards an HIV Cure

The Towards an HIV Cure programme, launched in 2011, advances the HIV cure field in countries where resources are limited. It fosters interaction between HIV cure researchers and experts in other biomedical fields to mobilize resources and expertise towards this goal.

The pre-conference, "[Towards a truly global HIV cure](#)", took place in Munich on 21 July, ahead of AIDS 2024, with 480 delegates attending in person and virtually. It reflected on current research directions and scientific and structural challenges associated with conducting HIV cure research and the importance of expanding and coordinating efforts across countries and region. The programme included a panel discussion with three of the people known to have been cured of HIV, one of the few times they shared the same stage and shared their lived experiences.



Three of the people known to have been cured of HIV, (second from left) Marc Franke, Paul Edmonds and Adam Castillejo, at the AIDS 2024 HIV cure pre-conference, Munich, July 2024.

To support cure research literacy, the programme organized the 7th edition of the Research-for-Cure Academy in South Africa on 5-7 November 2024 in partnership with the Faculty of Health Sciences at Wits University and the South African Department of Science and Innovation. Fourteen researchers from 10 countries across Africa and Latin America participated in the programme. Since its inception in 2017, the Research-for-Cure Academy has trained 129 researchers from 32 countries.



Participants and faculty of the 2024 Research-for-Cure Academy, Wits Rural Facility, South Africa, November 2024.

Disseminating the latest research

Recognizing the need for broad knowledge exchange beyond its conferences, two IAS programmes focus on making the latest HIV knowledge available to a wide audience, including regional stakeholders in their own contexts.

IAS Educational Fund

The IAS Educational Fund provides inclusive educational opportunities for key stakeholders in the HIV response to bridge the gap between science, policy and action. Through its regional meetings and partnerships, it encourages healthcare workers, researchers, community actors and policy makers to collaborate and catalyse action at global, regional, country and community levels on key recommendations presented and discussed during the meetings.

The IAS Educational Fund, through the following in-person meetings, reached over 514 HIV professionals:

Trinidad and Tobago

4-5 November 2024:

Uniting science and communities to accelerate the HIV response in the Caribbean

with partner Pan Caribbean Partnership Against HIV/AIDS (PANCAP) and collaborators PAHO, the Global Fund and LAC Learning Hub

Moldova

11-12 November 2024

Uniting science and community to accelerate the HIV response in EECA

with partner Union for Equity and Health

Mozambique

19-20 June 2025

A new landscape for the HIV response in Mozambique

with partner Comité para a Saúde de Moçambique



Participants of the IAS Educational Fund workshop, Moldova, November 2024.

It collaborated on several activities with local partners:

- In Algeria, the Association de Protection Contre le SIDA ran an awareness-raising campaign to promote HIV testing through mobile clinics, training of trainers, media campaigns on World AIDS Day and information sessions with students.
- With INI/Fiocruz, the Educational Fund and the Membership team organized a webinar to discuss the takeaways from HIVR4P 2024 and continue the learning exchange initiated in the November 2023 meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- In Pakistan, Nai Zindagi convened a meeting with civil society representatives to discuss establishing a National AIDS Society to amplify the voices of communities and participating organizations.



Participants of the IAS Educational Fund meeting for the Caribbean region, Trinidad and Tobago, November 2024.

The IAS promoted best practices and strategies from HIV experts through [webinars](#) on topics requested by IAS Members. More than 2,543 HIV professionals joined from around the world for three webinars: "[Mpox in focus: Global insights on prevention and treatment](#)"; "[Responding to HIV in humanitarian and conflict settings](#)" and "[HIV prevention in constrained settings](#)"; and the series, "[Why opportunistic infections still matter in the HIV response](#)" (Part 1: [Histoplasmosis and Chagas disease](#) and Part 2: [TB Meningitis and Talaromyces marneffe](#)).

For AIDS 2024, the Educational Fund supported 106 scholarship recipients from 44 resource-limited countries (including 112 clinicians and HIV service providers, and 38 advocates). Find stories of change from some scholarship recipients here. In addition, 20 mentors and mentees from 15 countries were selected for the fourth edition of the IAS Mentorship Programme.

JIAS

The *Journal of the International AIDS Society* (JIAS) is a multidisciplinary, peer-reviewed, open-access PubMed and Medline-indexed journal that publishes latest HIV research. It generates and disseminates academic publications on topics that range from social, behavioural, political and economic research to biomedical and clinical research, and leads the way in publishing implementation and operational research. In addition to publishing special thematic supplements, JIAS provides capacity-building opportunities for early-career researchers in low- and middle-income countries. In the past year, JIAS held four workshops on manuscript and scientific abstract writing, in person and virtually, that attracted over 2,000 participants.



JIAS published three supplements:

1. The HIV epidemic in Eastern Europe and Central Asia: challenges and opportunities
2. Re-shaping landscapes to support embedded, Programme Science to improve population level impact for HIV and sexually transmitted infections programming: A call for transformative action
3. Implementation research and the HIV response: Taking stock and charting the way forward

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Impact factor

4.6

Immunology

Ranked
60 out of 182

Infectious diseases

Ranked
22 out of 132

Journal Citation Reports (Clarivate, 2024)

Improving health services

A cluster of IAS programmes contributes to improving HIV outcomes. The programmes: support country policy makers in a shift towards evidence-based, differentiated, integrated and stigma-free models of service delivery; support people living with HIV and vulnerable to HIV acquisition to demand such services; and train service providers to better meet the needs of their clients.



Representatives of the governments of India, Quezon City, the Philippines and Malawi speaking about CLM at the AIDS 2024 CLM pre-conference, Munich, July 2024.

Community-Led Monitoring

The Community-Led Monitoring (CLM) programme, established in 2023, supports greater understanding and adoption of CLM as an effective intervention to improve quality and effectiveness of health programmes, including HIV.

To spotlight CLM as an evidence-based methodology that strengthens person-centred, stigma-free health services, the IAS CLM programme convened the AIDS 2024 full-day pre-conference, "[CLM in a changing world](#)". It comprised five sessions led by CLM implementers, government representatives and representatives of funders and global normative agencies, including PEPFAR, the Global Fund, UNAIDS and WHO. The pre-conference explored the impact of CLM to date and discussed the future of this powerful social accountability mechanism. The IAS CLM digital clearinghouse, www.communityledmonitoring.org, was launched at AIDS 2024, showcasing evidence and best practices to guide country-level programming and budgeting for HIV-, TB- and malaria-focused CLM.

To support CLM implementers in documenting outcomes and impact, the IAS developed and published a [monitoring, evaluation, accountability and learning \(MEAL\) framework](#) for CLM for HIV and an accompanying guidebook. The guidebook was piloted with CLM implementers in Burkina Faso and Zimbabwe and is currently in use as part of CLM programmatic strengthening in five countries.

Differentiated Service Delivery

The Differentiated Service Delivery (DSD) programme, established in 2015, drives the scale up of DSD for HIV and other chronic conditions. The aim is to improve access to high-quality prevention, testing, treatment and support services for people living with and affected by HIV and maximize synergies with other health areas.

The IAS DSD programme convened the AIDS 2024 half-day pre-conference, "Differentiated service delivery beyond HIV treatment: Learnings from and for NCDs and family planning towards integration". All content from the DSD pre-conference is available [here](#). This pre-conference served as the launch event for Differentiated service delivery for chronic conditions: A supplement to A Decision Framework for antiretroviral therapy delivery, a tool developed by the DSD programme available in [English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#) and [Portuguese](#). DSD also completed a major update and revision to its operational guidance, [A Decision Framework for HIV testing services \(2024 update\)](#), to support scale up of differentiated HIV testing services.

In collaboration with WHO, the DSD programme organized a [multi-country workshop on differentiation at re-engagement in HIV care](#) in Johannesburg, South Africa, from 12 to 14 November. The workshop supported country teams, including ministries of health from Eswatini, Kenya, Malawi and Uganda, to discuss and design context-specific re-engagement pathways to support their HIV treatment programmes.



The Eswatini, Kenya and Uganda teams at the multi-country workshop on differentiation at re-engagement in HIV care, Johannesburg, South Africa, November 2024.

Heart of Stigma

The Heart of Stigma programme, launched in 2020, improves health services by highlighting HIV-related stigma and the effectiveness of stigma mitigation efforts.

To improve understanding and dissemination of good practice in the reduction of HIV-related stigma and discrimination, Heart of Stigma hosted a satellite session at AIDS 2024, titled "[Yes, we can! How strong leadership and smart investment are reducing HIV-related stigma and discrimination](#)", featuring speakers from five countries in the Global Partnership for Action to Eliminate all Forms of HIV-related Stigma and Discrimination. From 2 to 5 February 2025, the IAS hosted the Heart of Stigma Forum, which gathered over 60 people from 31 countries to address challenges in eliminating HIV-related stigma and discrimination and facilitate strategic planning towards reaching the related global HIV targets. Forum participants published "[Solidarity in the face of crisis: A statement from participants of the Heart of Stigma Forum](#)" in response to US policy shifts and cuts to foreign aid.

To ensure that country leadership has access to an HIV-related stigma and discrimination self-assessment tool that can measure progress towards the elimination of HIV-related stigma and discrimination, Heart of Stigma developed, piloted and launched the [National Stigma and Discrimination Review and Planning Tool](#), also available in [French](#) and [Spanish](#). Development of this tool was guided by an advisory group, with pilot versions workshopped in Ghana, Kenya and Thailand.

Me and My Healthcare Provider

The IAS Me and My Healthcare Provider Campaign, established in 2016, promotes best practice in healthcare service delivery. To date, 97 Healthcare Champions from 25 countries and regions in Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America and the Caribbean have been identified. Nominations came directly from their clients: gay men and other men who have sex with men, sex workers and their clients, trans people, people who inject drugs, and people living with HIV.

In 2024, the IAS and Gilead partnered to implement the eighth round of the Me and My Healthcare Provider Campaign in Brazil, Mexico, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Türkiye. In collaboration with local partner organizations, 18 Healthcare Champions were selected and announced in a press release on 11 July, just before AIDS 2024. The IAS also showcased the 2023 Champions, translated the stigma-free services cookbook into nine languages, and kicked off the #StigmaFreeCare campaign on Zero Discrimination Day (1 March 2024), which continued until December. The 2025 campaign adds South Africa to the list of countries where it is active.

Mark Wainberg Fellowship Programme

The IAS Mark Wainberg Fellowship Programme trains HIV physicians in Africa and Asia-Pacific to deliver stigma-free, client-centred care. It honours Mark Wainberg, a pioneering HIV researcher who helped identify the antiretroviral drug, lamivudine.

The first edition of the Mark Wainberg Fellowship dinner was held at AIDS 2024, bringing together fellows from the 2023 and 2024 Africa cohorts, the 2023 Asia-Pacific cohort, other participating alumni and new fellows. They were joined by Thanyawee Puthanakit (a member of the Asia-Pacific Award Committee), Kenneth Ngure (the Chair of the Africa Award Committee) and IAS staff. The evening offered fellows the opportunity to share their experiences and aspirations while receiving valuable advice and encouragement from the Award Committee members.

A call for applications for the 2025-2027 Africa cohort was launched in January 2025. Three fellows were selected from Angola and, for the first time, from Gabon and Nigeria. This brings the total of African countries represented in the programme to 14. In addition, preparations are underway for the first round of the Mark Wainberg Fellowship Programme focused on Latin America and the Caribbean. The new cohort, supported by Gilead, will launch in the first quarter of 2026; it will support three fellows who will begin their placements in the fourth quarter of 2026.



The Mark Wainberg Fellowship 2023 and 2024 Africa cohorts and the 2023 Asia-Pacific cohort at AIDS 2024 in Munich, July 2024.

Person-Centred Care

The Person-Centred Care (PCC) programme, established in 2021, improves health services by prioritizing the integration of health concerns and the responsiveness of healthcare services. This is to meet the changing needs, priorities and preferences of each person living with or affected by HIV.

To contribute to strengthening person-centred care within primary healthcare, PCC convened the AIDS 2024 satellite, "[A global consensus statement on person-centred care within the HIV response: How we got here and where we are going next](#)", which attracted 194 delegates from 45 countries. To promote PCC good practice models, the programme convened the event, "[Person-centred and integrated healthcare and harm reduction services for people living with and affected by HIV, hepatitis C and tuberculosis in eastern Europe and central Asia](#)", which attracted 122 delegates from 52 countries. PCC also launched the [PCC research collaborative](#) at AIDS 2024.

To support better understanding and articulation of the importance of championing person-centred service delivery approaches, particularly in the current political and funding context, the IAS convened two [Person-Centred Care Advocacy Academies](#): on the [African continent in November 2024](#) and in the [southern United States in April 2025](#). Each academy was organized in partnership with local organizations, included site visits to local healthcare providers, and brought together over 30 advocates, researchers and healthcare providers.



The participants of the Person-Centred Care Advocacy Academy, Lusaka, Zambia, November 2024.

Youth Hub

The [AIDS 2024 Young Leaders Programme](#) brought together 27 young people of 17 nationalities for a capacity-building and engagement curriculum. The Youth Hub's virtual event series engaged a total of 896 participants from all regions. The Youth Hub also developed three online courses hosted on IAS +: [Monitoring, evaluation and learning 101](#); [Project management 101](#); and [Fundraising 101](#).

"This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that I'm beyond grateful for."

– Princess Jauan Durbin, Young Leader, United States.



Networking event with former and current IAS Young Leaders at AIDS 2024 in Munich, July 2024.

A total of 250 young people took part in the Youth Hub regional workshops in Canada, Guatemala, Italy, Kenya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Uganda, the United States and Zambia.

Five Youth Hub Grantees implemented projects in Belarus, Gambia, India, Malaysia and the United States:

- Over 700 people in Kuala Lumpur joined "Life is...", a musical about the experience of key populations in Malaysia, where protest regulations are strict and visibility for key populations is difficult to achieve.
- The Positive Running Program in India led to improvement of mental and physical health of 120 children living with HIV.
- Workshops and community dialogues in The Gambia led to improved knowledge on sexual and reproductive health among 100 young mothers, 24 healthcare workers and 630 community members.
- In Belarus, the grantee developed a youth-friendly chatbot providing free access to confidential, non-judgemental psychological and legal support, including referrals and consultations with experts.
- In the US, four young people were trained as HIV Prevention Certified Providers and PrEP Navigators, and 320 community members were engaged through community events.



Workshop in the Central River Region in The Gambia, November 2024.

"I think [the Youth Hub Seed Grant Programme] is a very clear example of what it means to walk the talk when it comes to meaningful youth engagement."

– Goodness Odey, Young Leader, Nigeria

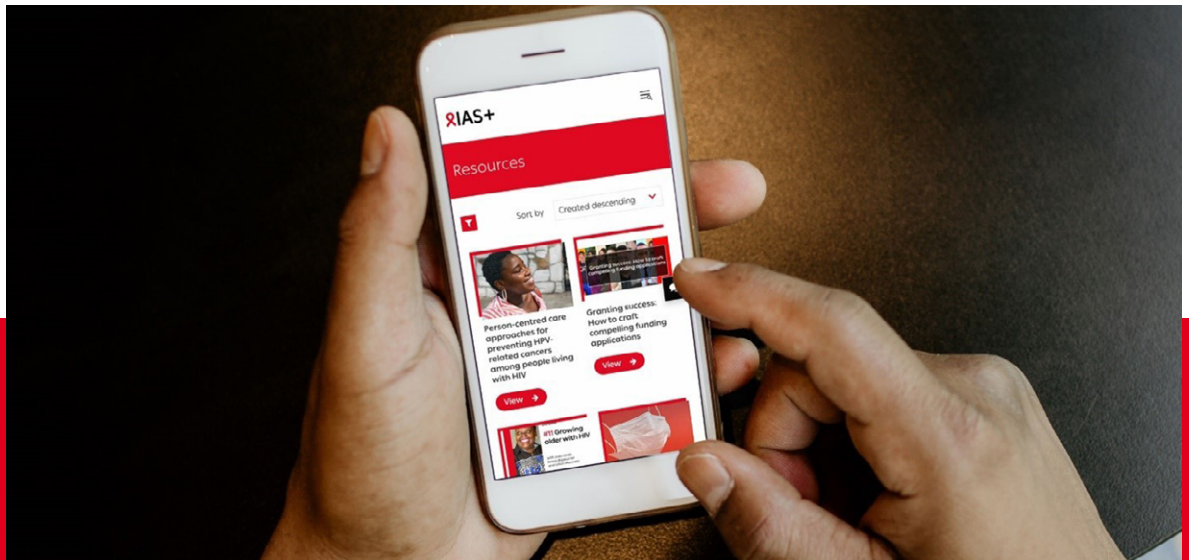


Footprints run in Bengaluru on 1 December 2024 as part of the "Positive Running Program".

IAS+

[IAS+](#) is an award-winning, interactive digital platform that provides free HIV-related educational resources and virtual live events to scientists, policy makers and community activists. In 2024, more than 35,000 unique users from 195 countries accessed the platform. HIV professionals now have access to more than 4,200 educational resources in 13 languages. These resources include self-paced courses, conference sessions, podcasts, webinar and meeting records, policy documents, reports and toolkits.

In November 2024, IAS+ received a Silver award for Best Health Education or Literacy Program or Platform and a Bronze award for Best Health Education or Literacy Platform, Product, Innovation or Service at the [Anthem Awards](#).



"What I appreciate most about IAS+ is that it's more than just a knowledge hub – it feels like a community. As someone working in a setting where resources can be limited and cases are often complex, having access to up-to-date research, global best practices and real-world experiences has been empowering."

– IAS+ user and peer educator

"IAS+ has become a powerful resource that continues to enhance my work. IAS+ didn't just build my knowledge – it gave me the tools and confidence to lead change on the ground, even with limited resources. That accessibility and relevance is what makes IAS+ a game changer in contexts like mine."

– IAS+ user and healthcare worker

Corporate Partnership Programme

The IAS Corporate Partnership Programme (CPP) continued to drive meaningful engagement between the biomedical industry and the global HIV response. Through strategic partnerships and cross-sector collaboration, the CPP promotes innovation and addresses critical challenges across the HIV prevention, diagnosis and care continuum. It is made up of the Industry Liaison Forum, Towards an HIV Cure: Industry Collaboration Group, and HIV Vaccine Industry Partnership Group.

At AIDS 2024, the Industry Liaison Forum hosted the workshop, "Thriving with HIV at 50 and beyond", with WHO. The Cure group, meanwhile, organized the roundtable, "HIV cure research with analytical treatment interruptions (ATIs): The participant lived experience". At HIVR4P 2024, the Forum convened the session, ["Enhancing service providers' engagement in PrEP delivery, uptake, and retention in Latin America & the Caribbean"](#), with the Medicines Patent Pool. Also at HIVR4P 2024, the HIV Vaccine Industry Partnership Group and the Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise held the satellite, ["Understanding and managing intellectual property for HIV vaccine research and development"](#).

The programme's key publications in the reporting period included the viewpoint, ["Biotech's role in advancing HIV vaccine development"](#) (Tatoud et al., 2024), which outlines strategic pathways to support biotech innovation in the HIV vaccine space, and the paper, ["Improving the efficiency of the regulatory approvals of HIV in vitro diagnostics in low- and middle-income countries: Perspective of the IAS Industry Liaison Forum diagnostic partners"](#) (Steuerwald et al., in press).

The CPP launched a new strategic framework for 2024-2026, with three pillars:

- Building and nurturing partnerships: Deepening engagement with pharmaceutical, biotech and diagnostic companies to broaden perspectives and strengthen evidence-based contributions
- Fostering action: Facilitating cross-sector initiatives that confront systemic barriers through collaborative solutions
- Communicating perspectives: Ensuring that industry voices and challenges are shared across platforms to foster transparency, inclusivity and mutual understanding

HIV unmuted

HIV unmuted, the award-winning IAS podcast, features global HIV change makers who have shaped the response and asks what we must do to realize a world where the HIV pandemic is no longer a threat to public health. This season, each episode spotlights one individual in conversation with new host Juan Michael Porter II, offering an in-depth and personal conversation that explores their journey, insights and impact on the HIV response.

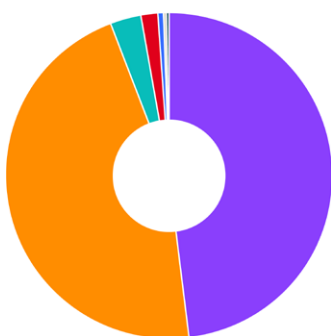
- We opened the season with ["The game-changing research from AIDS 2024"](#), with Sharon Lewin, IAS President at that time, exploring the most exciting science from the conference.
- ["From Scranton to NIAID: In conversation with Jeanne Marrazzo"](#), spotlighted the distinguished HIV researcher as she reflected on her path in HIV science and shared her vision for equity-driven, community-centred research.
- ["World AIDS Day special: Getting to the heart of stigma"](#) featured advocate and researcher Bakita Kasadha in a conversation on language, the arts and reshaping HIV narratives.
- The season closed with ["Sustaining the HIV response: In conversation with Ambassador Nkengasong"](#), offering insights on global leadership, shifting health priorities and the need for sustained community engagement.



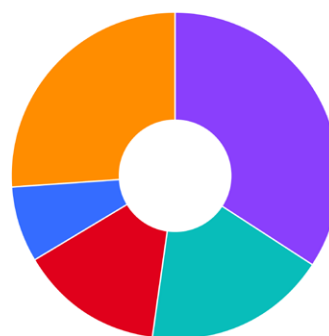
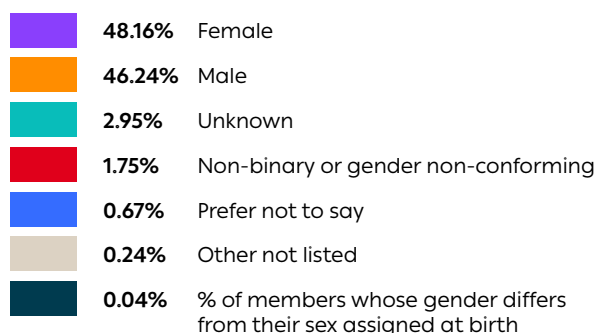
Our members

The IAS is the world's largest association of HIV professionals with members in over 170 countries. IAS Members work at all levels of the global HIV response, and they include researchers, clinicians, service providers, policy makers, people living with HIV and community advocates. In the year under review, the IAS counted 11,506 members.

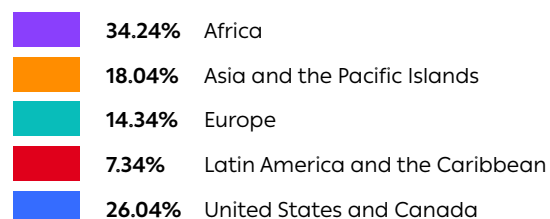
Of IAS Members, 38% are healthcare workers, 16% are researchers, 14% work in policy and administration, and 7% are students. The remaining 25% represent other professions, including advocates, media representatives, educators, funders, lawyers and members who did not specify their role. In terms of sector, IAS Members come from academia, including universities and research institutes (27%), non-governmental organizations (24%), hospitals and clinics (12%) and government (12%). The remaining 25% are spread across media, pharmaceutical companies, community networks, international organizations and other sectors.



Members by gender



Members by region



Top 10 member countries



IAS General Members' Meeting

To build a strong, informed and connected IAS membership body, the IAS convenes an annual IAS General Members' Meeting. The IAS General Members' Meeting took place on 24 July during AIDS 2024. More than 300 IAS Members attended the in-person meeting, which was chaired by Sharon Lewin, IAS President at that time. This session was also broadcast on the IAS YouTube channel, which allowed IAS Members not attending the conference to participate. View the full meeting [here](#).

#IASONEVOICE

The #IASONEVOICE membership campaign continued for the seventh year. It highlights topics most important to IAS Members, sharing their personal perspectives from working and volunteering on all fronts of the HIV response.

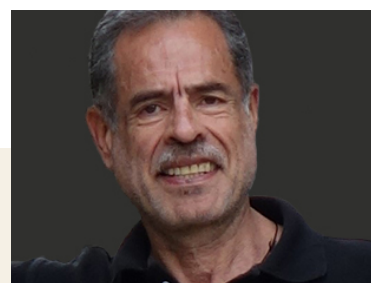
In 2024-2025, the #IASONEVOICE campaign featured five personal stories reflecting a variety of themes, genders, professions, ages and regions. They highlighted how tirelessly people throughout the world are working to improve the lives of people living with HIV.



[Adaobi Lisa Olisa's story](#)



[Garry Kuchel's story](#)



[Humberto Arango](#)



[Knowledge
Mupembe's story](#)



[Liaam Winslet's story](#)

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Supporting IAS change makers

[IAS change makers](#) are carefully selected HIV researchers, advocates, healthcare providers and others we support through a range of fellowship, grant, mentorship and scholarship programmes.

Our governance

IAS Governing Council

The IAS Governing Council, the thought leadership body of the IAS, guides and contributes to the thematic work of the IAS, and informs strategic activities towards achieving our mission. In addition, the Governing Council ensures compliance with the IAS Bylaws and IAS internal rules and regulations and election procedures. It also represents the interests of IAS Members. The Nomination and Election Committee, other committees and thematic working groups support the Governing Council in its functions.

The IAS Governing Council is composed of 20 elected members and three officers (the President, President-Elect and Treasurer), plus two non-voting members (the Immediate Past President and the Executive Director). The current Governing Council will remain in office until 26 July 2024 when the Governing Council for 2024-2026 will take office at the closing of AIDS 2024.

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IAS Executive Board

The IAS Executive Board acts on behalf of the IAS Governing Council and provides effective oversight and review of IAS operations, risks and finances. The Executive Board also approves the annual plan and budget and initiates the policy direction of the IAS. The Executive Board consists of the three officers (the President, President-Elect and Treasurer), two non-voting members (the Immediate Past President and the Executive Director) and three appointed individuals with specific competencies relevant for the IAS as defined in the IAS internal rules and regulations. The three appointed members for July 2024 to July 2026 are Andriy Klepikov, Greg Millett and Ricardo Rubio.

The Governance and Membership Committee and the Finance Committee support the Executive Board in its functions.

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World Health Organization (WHO)

Financial reports

The audited statements of the IAS have been prepared in accordance with Swiss GAAP.

The IAS accounting policies and the format used for the presentation of its financial statements are designed to accurately present its conferences, programmes and other activities.

[Read the report](#) of the Auditor on the consolidated financial statements for 2024 and on the statements of income and expenditures of AIDS 2024 and HIVR4P 2024.

* The financial report will be made publicly available following approval at the IAS Members' Meeting in July 2025.

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