

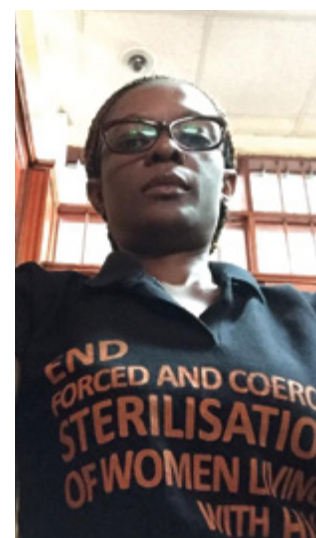


2014/2015 Annual Report

ICW



INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF
WOMEN LIVING WITH HIV





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Message from the Chair



Dear Sisters,

I am excited to be able to share with you our journey in the 2014/15 financial year. This is our second annual report from our ICW Global Office in Nairobi, Kenya.

The International Community of Women Living with HIV has experienced a vibrant and exciting year and is confidently placed to be a key partner for engaging women and girls living with HIV in the transformational vision to completely eradicate new HIV infections and end AIDS by 2030.

On behalf of the International Steering Committee (ISC) of ICW, I celebrate all the members who have actively worked together to shine our stars bright and continue to partner with policy makers and programmers to ensure that the rights of women living with HIV are respected at all levels.

ICW is now settled in our Global Office in Nairobi and focused on moving work forward to ensure the vision and mission of the organization is realized.

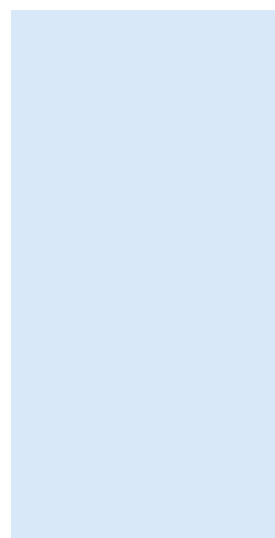
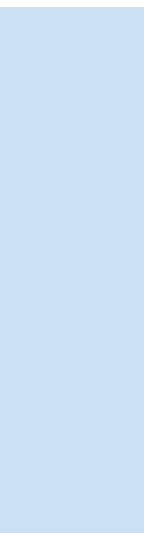
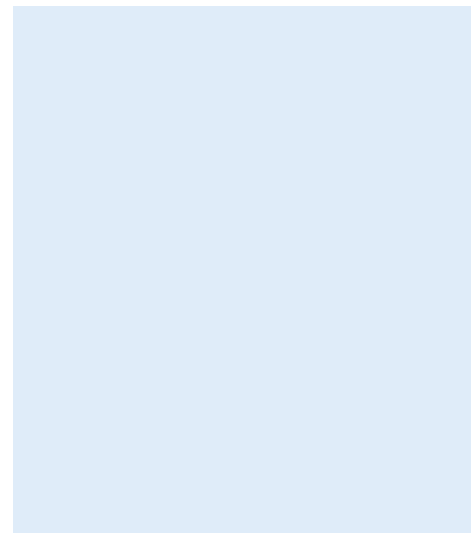
ISC is committed to supporting the secretariat in dreaming big and creating the ICW that we want to see beyond 2015 into the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

We are proud of our gains in diversity and ensuring that all of our sisters are with us as we move forward.

Together we are ICW.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Tholanah', written in a cursive style.

Martha Tholanah
ICW Chairperson



Message from the Global Director



As I begin my second year with ICW, I am reminded of how humbled I am, and our team is to serve women and girls living with HIV across the globe. One Movement, and many women in all our diversity.

The last twelve months have been a time of deep reflection about ICW's history and our place in the HIV response and also a time of dreaming and exploration of how we can harness the power of our stories, our lived experiences and tailor that to advance our mission. For the Global Office what is unfolding is a process of discovery and revitalisation which has led us to revisit our strategic plan and re-organise our programming with a catch cry I AM ICW.

Our Governing members make up the International Steering Committee; representing the ten regions and the Chapter of Adolescent girls and young women living with HIV (CYWAG) that make up ICW and are also known as the ISC. The hard work, diligence and perseverance demonstrated by the ISC has resulted in a strong model of governance that has developed and supported implementation of sound policies, procedures and practices to position ICW for the long term.

The ISC lead on important working groups that inform our work and advance our advocacy agenda, this is the behind the scenes hard yards work that takes time and dedication, ensuring that we are consulting, informing and bringing the voices from the national and regional levels to our global advocacy programming.

The ISC in collaboration with networks of women living with HIV, individual women and organisations working on women's rights should be commended for delivering a most amazing, dynamic, colourful and inclusive women's networking zone and program at the International AIDS Conference, (IAC) 2014 that continues to create conversation, engagement and feedback on the website and social media spaces, truly an inspiring feat by a governing body that did not have any staff or secretariat to support planning or implementation. ICW rocked, the standard was set, look out IAC 2016 here we come.

Through the hard work, passion and of course tenacity the ISC have influenced many policy spaces and agendas, far too many to list. Some of the most significant are: the UNAIDS 2016–2021 Strategy, the ISC commended the UN Body for the engagement with ICW and insisted on a list of recommendations and targets, aimed at ensuring the strategic plan meets the needs and protects the rights of women and girls living with HIV, many of our suggestions were integrated into the final plan.

The new WHO Consolidated ARV Guidelines, where the ISC informed and advocated loudly for more attention on women and girls and in the new Global Fund Strategy towards achieving

gender equality and fulfilling equitable health outcomes for women and girls; and the longest and most intensive piece of work has been the incredible representation all over the world in the post 2015 dialogue and negotiations working towards the adoption of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development goals. The ISC continues to call on national leaders to keep women living with HIV on the agenda and to invest in and support robust civil society engagement in planning, implementation, and monitoring processes at global, regional and particularly at the national level. We are at the Table!

In twelve short months ICW has moved its global secretariat from Buenos Aires, Argentina to Nairobi, Kenya; has hired a full office of staff, has a strong governance structure and team in place, has advocated and changed policy at the highest levels, made new friends, and has truly come a long way. Nothing for us without us.

The ICW team has designed, developed and implemented structural systems required for effective operations, mobilised resources to grow the office and programmatic work, created opportunities for our members to speak up and speak out, mentored, created and energised dialogue and policy spaces, influenced strategy development with UNAIDS, Global Fund and WHO, most importantly they have listened and supported our members. They are a team of solution focused, creative thinkers who continue to challenge themselves to make sure that ICW does not just follow but leads the way in global advocacy. Keeping us on the Agenda.

Since sharing all our news on a regular basis about our new focus and mission, I've been encouraged and candidly, surprised by the overwhelmingly positive response and interaction from long-time members, women wanting to join and get involved, members coming back, partners, donors, and I even saw a man in a small dusty town in the middle of nowhere wearing our 'love positive women' T-shirt, made me smile, it feels like we are moving in the right direction. I am definitely ICW.

Next year is the 25th Anniversary of ICW's global movement and we are excited to be here, louder and prouder with all our sisters, we look forward to an exciting year as we continue to carry your stories, your experiences and messages to important spaces that truly do impact on our lives. Let's make our 25th year one to remember, let's make sure we connect, tell each other and others our stories, ask questions when we don't know, speak up, speak out, remember we are experts of our own lived experiences, we don't take no for an answer.

Now it's time for ICW to shine, for our members to connect and for us to get on with creating a future that allows us to live our lives to the fullest.

I am definitely ICW, are you?



Rebecca Matheson
Global Director

Our Vision and Mission

**United, We are ICW!
Nothing for us,
Without Us!**

International Community of Women Living with HIV is the only global network for and by women living with HIV.

VISION

We envision a world where all women and girls living with HIV live free of gender oppression, realizing and claiming our full rights inclusive of sexual, reproductive, legal, social, economic and health rights.

MISSION

We exist to lead efforts towards securing and improving the quality of life for women living with HIV. We do this by mobilizing, organizing, and advocating, mentoring and raising consciousness on issues that directly impact our lives.



ICW Year in Review

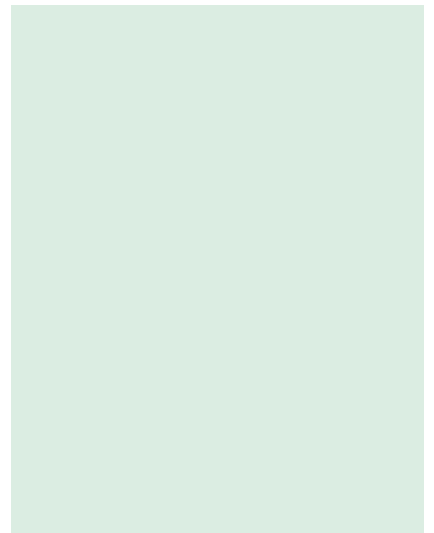
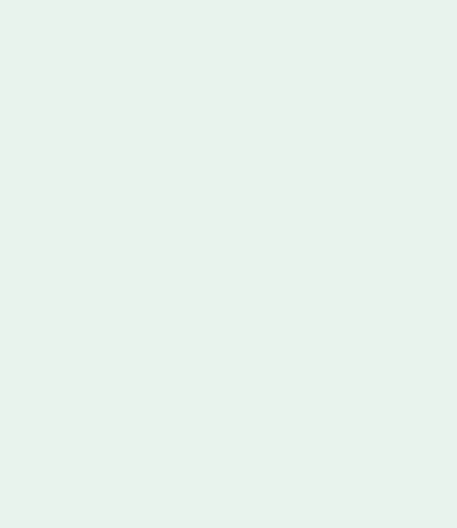
Governed by our 2014–2016 Strategic Plan, ICW is working towards becoming a powerful voice of women living with HIV at local, regional and global levels. ICW's work is driven by two strategic directions; Movement Building and Advocacy.

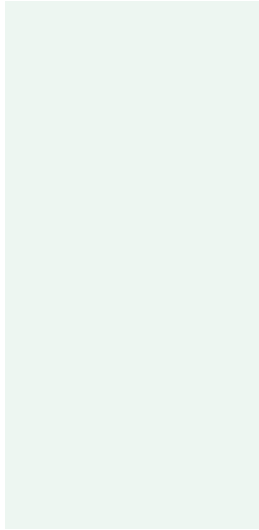
The year 2014/2015 has been outstanding for ICW. With the leadership of the ISC, the ICW secretariat collaborated with ICW regional networks, our members and partners around the world to develop and operationalize structures, mobilise resources to grow the office and programmatic work, mentored, provided technical and capacity support, created opportunities for our members to participate in decision making platforms.

Our library on the iamicw.org website has all our published reports, press releases, position statements and policy briefs, available at www.iamicw.org/resources/library

We are very proud of our collective achievements this year and have highlighted some of them below.







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Movement Building Campaigns

Women's Networking Zone – International AIDS Conference 2014 (AIDS 2014)

It was very hard to miss us at the IAC 2014 in Melbourne, Australia with our vivacious presence and leadership in the Women's Networking Zone (WZN) in partnership with ATHENA and many other partners that made up the dynamic space. Building on over a decade of collaboration between HIV and gender groups at International AIDS Conferences (IACs), the Women's Networking Zone (WZN) is a community-led forum running parallel to the IAC.

The WZN has grown into a vibrant, inclusive, and exciting space where community members, advocates, policy-analysts, decision-makers, service providers, and researchers share and learn. The WZN promotes dialogue, forges new networks, raises the visibility of HIV, champions the leadership of women living with HIV (in particular young women and women from the local community), and promotes the global exchange of experiences, abilities, and knowledge.



The WZN ran a full program of workshops, critical dialogues, strategy sessions, and performance art. We were the heart of women's rights organizing and movement building at AIDS2014. You can read all about it at www.womensnetworkingzone.org and watch all the fun and interactive sessions on the WZN YouTube channel.

ICW was also one of the keynote speakers at the Candlelight Vigil with over 5,000 people in attendance. Outside the physical conference ICW's one month old communication team was highly active on social and traditional media as well as actively supporting a remote physical hub in Nairobi, Kenya.

Love Positive Women

ICW's Love Positive Women (LPW) is an annual campaign that happens from February 1st–14th. The purpose is to create space to celebrate and acknowledge women and girls living with HIV, whether it is for oneself, a loved one or a community. In 2015, LPW exploded with over 86 LPW events/activities by over 44 different partners with an estimated 1,166+ individuals involved.

By the end of February 2015, there were 439 new 'likes' on the LPW Facebook page, making it a whopping 1,244 in total. We saw cross regional acts of solidarity and organizing including global LPW Valentine's Day mail outs as well as touching communications from our partners.



LPW Facebook page has been used to do cross promotion of ICW activities and actively build the ICW membership on the list serve, Yahoo Group and on the official International Community of Women Living with HIV Facebook page. The increased engagement created both a social media and traditional media frenzy. Given this media buzz paired with endorsement and participation from partners such as World Health Organization, International AIDS Society, and the POZ Magazine, it is almost impossible to capture the actual number of people that LPW was able to reach in 2015 alone—potentially in the tens to hundreds of thousands. To find out more about all the gestures of love please visit and 'like' the LPW Facebook page.

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ICW Feminist School

As a feminist network, ICW developed and implemented tools to ensure that our work pushed back against systems of oppression for women. ICW is excited that the six-month ICW School of Feminism developed and first implemented by the Southern African region will be expanding to other regions for south to south learning.

In addition to this, ICW developed a number of new and exciting workshops that have community engagement and movement building at their core, including the ICW Feminist Movement Building Workshop and the My Body! My Rights! Intergenerational Community Arts Workshop.

These rights based workshops were facilitated in Jamaica, Uganda, Nigeria, Kenya, and New York City during the Commission on the Status of Women.



World AIDS Day 2014 – Machakos, Kenya

ICW joined bus loads of women and partners in Kenya during the National event to mark World AIDS Day 2014 which was commemorated at Machakos people's park in Machakos county Kenya. Bringing together stakeholders in the HIV and AIDS response. ICW Global in partnership with ICW Kenya mobilized women living with HIV, and held a members drive and strong awareness campaign around ending forced and coerced sterilization of women living with HIV. The celebrations were presided over by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Health who said that the government will no longer tolerate such violent acts against women living with HIV and warned that action would be taken against anyone found forcing or coercing women living with HIV into sterilization as a result of their HIV status.



ICW Communication and Visibility

Our intensified focus on strengthening our communication activities and opportunities has resulted in timely and frequent sharing of our news and information relating to and impacting women and girls particularly women living with HIV. In this reporting period ICW has released a number of documentations including position statements, policy briefs and press statements on key days like World AIDS Day 2014, World Human Rights



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Day 2014, International Women's Day 2015, World TB day 2015, International Maternal Health day 2015, and International AIDS Candlelight Memorial 2015 among others. We have also consistently produced weekly and monthly informative news including the distribution of 12 monthly ICW In Action Newsletters; the launch of our weekly ICW Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria in April 2015. ICW has also shared continuous updates on Facebook and Twitter; and most notably the launch of our new website – www.iamicw.org . The strengthening of these tools only added to the increased involvement of members on our traditional ICW Members Yahoo Group and Listserve.

Partnerships

In this reporting period ICW entered into strategic partnerships with the following key organizations. Global Coalition of Women and AIDS (GCWA), GNP+, UNAIDS, ATHENA, Women's Network of Reproductive Rights (WGNRR), Canadian HIV Legal Network, HIV Young Leaders Fund, INPUD, UNAIDS, Global Fund, World Health Organization, IATT, AVAC, IAVI, Global HIV Vaccine Initiative, International AIDS Society, UN Women, USAID, UNITAID, UNFPA, Women for Global Fund (W4GF), Visual AIDS and Women's Major Group among others for joint initiatives geared towards addressing the needs of women and girls living with HIV.

Key Platform Participation

UNAIDS Dialogue Platform	Post-2015 Agenda Development – SDG
Fast-Tracking the HIV Response	Funding for Development Forum
Inter-Agency Task Team (IATT) for Prevention and Treatment of HIV Infection in Pregnant Women, Mothers and Children	WHO ARV Guidelines ReviewCore Group
Global Plan/Global Steering Group	WGNRR Feminist Convening
UN-Commission on the Status of Women 59	Global Coalition on Women and Girls
UN-Conference on Population and Development 48	International AIDS Conference – Conference Coordinating Committee
WHO EMTCT Validation Working Group	Post 2015 Women's Major Group
Stigma Index Partnership	Global Fund Advocates Network
Global Fund Community's Delegation	32nd and 33rd Global Fund Board Meetings
Global Fund Partnership Forum	Community, Rights and Gender Advisory of the Global Fund.

Advocacy and Policy Reforms

In the year 2014/2015 ICW advocacy has been driven by the need to influence policies and practices that have a direct impact on women and girls living with HIV. At a pivotal time when the world was taking stock of the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals 2000–2015 (MDG's) and identifying the focus and goals for post 2015 agenda, ICW has been instrumental in ensuring meaningful participation of women living with HIV at all levels of this process and any related processes at national, regional and global levels.

Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

ICW promoted the full realization of the sexual and reproductive health and rights of women and girls living with HIV, including the right to have fulfilling sexual lives and expressing our sexual identities including: Respect for confidentiality, access to sexual and reproductive health including access to family planning and maternal and child health interventions free of coercion, intimidation and force. Evidence indicates that women living with HIV experience violations of their sexual and reproductive health and rights including forced and coerced sterilization/forced and coerced abortion, limited access to contraceptives and family planning information needed to make informed choices about their sexuality and reproductive health. ICW undertook the following key activities:

Forced and Coerced Sterilization Work

Our work on Forced and Coerced Sterilization has included monitoring current advocacy opportunities, movement building, technical assistance and direct action. The Global Office has approached this issue from several different angles, providing technical assistance and support to regions, countries and convening global dialogues about key aspects of this advocacy work.



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ICW held a two-day strategy session on July 4th and 5th in Nairobi, Kenya designed to reconnect organizations and individuals working to eliminate forced and coerced sterilization and women living with HIV who have experienced forced or coerced sterilization. The goals of the meeting were to strengthen work on FCS at the regional and country level and importantly to address a communication gap between legal organizations who are working to bring cases on behalf of individual clients, advocacy organizations with projects focused on FCS and the movement of women living with HIV working to end the practice.

To reinvigorate a broader set of advocacy efforts to end the practice that will supplement and/or support litigation ICW in partnership with ICWEA and ICWKenya held a march with over 200 ICW members and supporters to the courthouse on December 10th as KELIN filed two lawsuits on behalf of women living with HIV in Kenya. ICW recently petitioned the court to join these cases as an interested party and we are awaiting the outcome. ICW also partnered with ICWSA to present key information about the global phenomena of FCS at a regional convening in Durban, South Africa. The Her Rights Initiative, and The Women's Legal Assistance Centre supported by ICW Global held a daylong meeting with women living with HIV to document 18 new cases. Many of the women had recently come forward after the publicity on the radio in Durban about the settlement to tell their personal stories of sterilization.

ICW in collaboration with ICWSA, ICW Namibia and ICW East Africa completed an initial review of several draft case studies provided to us by UNAIDS Staff and originally drafted by FIGO. ICW then held an interactive panel discussion about the forced and coerced sterilization of marginalized populations including women living with HIV, women with disabilities indigenous women, and trans* people at the Commission on the status of women at the UN headquarters in New York. This dialogue was extremely well attended and sought to build solidarity among siloed efforts to end forced and coerced sterilization with the goal of sharing strategies and sparking collaborative efforts to end this egregious practice.

Joint ICW, ICW West Africa and WGNRR SRHR Coalition Project

ICW Global Office, ICW West Africa and the Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGNRR) have partnered over the last year to build a SRHR/HIV Advocacy Coalition in Nigeria to respond to policy gaps and negative practices that encourage the violation of SRHR of women and girls living with HIV and all forms of stigma and discrimination against them. ICW members in Nigeria conducted a participatory research that engaged core groups of advocates and activists who surveyed 102 women living with HIV to gather data to help the coalition prioritize urgent issues within the Sexual and Reproductive Health Sector and design an advocacy campaign to help secure the sexual and reproductive rights of women living with HIV in Nigeria.



Simultaneously, the partnership delivered training for advocates to understand the specific issues that women living with HIV face and how to advocate for these issues and to implement advocacy strategies at state and national levels resulting in the launch of a global campaign called 'More than our Status! Our Bodies! Our Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights! #DoYouSeeHIV,' The campaign has used key advocacy dates to promote SRHR for adolescent girls and young women living with HIV using social media as well as in country youth lead workshops and initiatives.

Human Rights, Gender & Community Engagement EMTCT of HIV and Syphilis Validation Tool & Global Validation Committee

The World Health Organization (WHO) is implementing a process to validate the elimination of mother-to-child transmission (MTCT) of HIV and/or syphilis as a public health problem. WHO developed a preliminary validation guide for countries seeking this status but there was an urgent need for additional tools and guidance on how to determine whether a country has met the requirements of global minimum human rights criteria or not and to ensure that countries adhere to principles of gender equality and community engagement.

WHO tasked The International Community of Women Living with HIV (ICW) in partnership with IATT and GNP+ to develop an assessment tool for the human rights, gender equality, and community engagement aspects of validation of elimination of MTCT of HIV and syphilis. ICW sought to ensure the protection and realization of the SRHR of women living with HIV are considered in the process of evaluation and advanced a set of non-negotiable human rights criteria including but not limited to voluntary testing, confidentiality, and non-criminalization of HIV transmission and reports of forced and coerced sterilization.

Cuba was the first country to successfully pursue validation and Lillian Mworeko, ICW East Africa Regional Coordinator was nominated by the Global Office and selected to represent ICW on the Global Validation Committee.

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IATT

ICW is an extremely active member of the Interagency Task Force including strong representation on the Community Engagement working group. Specific projects that ICW has been involved in are the Human Rights Validation tool discussed above, the development of an advocacy tool and other key projects. We are pleased to report that ICW has been chosen as one of the co-chairs of the newly forming Maternal Health/ Family Planning/Option B+ Committee of the IATT. ICW also has an institutional seats on the Executive Committee and the Global Steering Group for the IATT.

Criminalization

Criminalization of HIV and key populations is a key aspect of ICW advocacy agenda. ICW promoted interventions that seek to expose the criminalization of HIV non-disclosure, exposure and transmission as well as the criminalization of key populations such as sex workers, people who use drugs and sexual and gender orientation. ICW published updated Position Statements on the Criminalization of HIV and Sex Work. The Sex Workers, Sex Work and HIV statement was developed by ICW and supported by the Global Network of Sex Worker Projects (NSWP) following

an Advocacy workshop presentation hosted by NSWP for ICW on the Rights of Sex Workers. We organized 'Know Your Rights' advocacy workshops on the topics, participated in direct action and participated in key advocacy dates to promote the rights of sex workers, transgender people and lesbian, bi-sexual and queer women living with HIV.



Access to Treatment, Care and Support

ICW aims to ensure comprehensive, quality and dignified healthcare for women living with HIV. We strongly believe that women and girls living with HIV must be able to make informed decisions in an enabling environment free from stigma and discrimination, free from intimidation, coercion and force in regards to their own treatment and care.

WHO Guidelines Advocacy

ICW in partnership with PANGEA and with support from WHO engaged in a community consultation on the acceptability of the use of antiretroviral drugs for treating and preventing HIV infection. The qualitative data from the consultation was reviewed by the Guideline Development Group to facilitate the development of relevant and appropriate recommendations as part of the process leading up to the revision of WHO HIV prevention and treatment guidelines. ICW was represented in the WHO guidelines development advisory core group. ICW is particularly happy to note that the recommendations that emerged from the consultations were documented and informed the final review of the WHO HIV prevention and treatment guidelines released in September 2015.

Evidence Based Advocacy

Research Literacy and Advocacy; ICW entered into partnership with the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) to create an opportunity for dialogue platforms between researchers and women living with HIV. In October 2014 IAVI and ICW convened women living with HIV from across the East African Region to explore issues in research, deepen the understanding of the participants and to identify key concerns of women living with HIV. The three-day training, titled Women Setting the Agenda Bridging the Gaps between Gender, HIV & Research Workshop included participants from Uganda, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Rwanda and Tanzania.

The program included a research literacy session where the components of biomedical research, behavioural and social sciences research, and implementation science. We reviewed key terminology, research phases and IAVI provided in depth explanations and exploration of current relevant research including cure research, microbicides and planned research on the potential relationship between hormonal contraception especially depo provera and HIV. The outcomes of these sessions resulted in the development of an initial set of Research Priorities. Following this we secured resources to continue this joint training in partnership with ICW Southern Africa in 2016.

Family Planning Research: In September of 2014 ICW released a report on issues of family planning and published those findings in a report entitled Quality of Family Planning Services and Integration in the Prevention of Vertical Transmission Context. In partnership with ICW Regional and Country Level networks and GNP+ and with support from UNFPA, ICW conducted focus group discussions and key informant interviews with women living with HIV on key issues of family planning.

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Early Infant Diagnosis: Qualitative Research: In partnership with the Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+) ICW West Africa, ICW Eastern Africa and ICW Southern Africa, we undertook qualitative research which sought to respond to an urgent need to explore the perceptions, values and preferences of women living with HIV regarding early infant diagnosis, in order to understand what accounts for the 'loss to follow-up' in terms of early diagnosis and treatment of infants. We conducted 10 focus group discussions (FGDs) in Kenya, Namibia and Nigeria during June and July of 2014. The countries were chosen to represent different levels of performance towards Global Plan targets: Kenya (middle), Namibia (high) and Nigeria (low). The research which was commissioned by World Health Organization (WHO) to inform the revision of their guidelines on EID was released in January of 2015 and presented by Patricia Ukoli during Infant Week at the WHO. The report is available at www.iamicw.org

Hormonal Contraception and HIV Risk

In collaboration with the Global Advocacy for HIV Prevention (AVAC), and many HIV prevention advocates, and reproductive health service providers engaged at various fora on the discussions about Hormonal Contraception especially progestogen-only products like Depo-Medroxyprogesterone Acetate DMPA and HIV linkage. The discussions and engagement on HC work started in 2012 after the release of the findings of Heffron et al Study in October 2011, suggesting the possibility that progestogen-only contraceptives may increase risk of acquiring HIV. ICW also engaged with researchers of the s proposed study known as Evidence for Contraceptive Options and HIV Outcomes (ECHO) which would help to answer important questions about possible connections between risk of HIV acquisition and the use of non-barrier hormonal contraceptives which is commonly used in Sub Saharan Africa. This is ongoing work as part of a new consortium, you can read more at <http://echo-consortium.com>

The Stigma Index

The International Community of Women Living with HIV in partnership with GNP+ continued with its coordination role for the People Living with Stigma Index (SI) survey in 2014/2015. The following countries conducted the People Living with Stigma Index (SI) survey during 2014 and 2015: Costa Rica, Honduras, India, Lesotho, and Liberia (Nov 2013 according to cover page), Nicaragua, Nigeria, Togo, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Cabo Verde, Nigeria Sierra Leone, and Viet Nam. Since 2008, more than 50 countries have conducted the People Living with Stigma Index (SI) survey throughout the world which provides us with data for evidence-based advocacy.

The results of the People Living with HIV Stigma Index have contributed to tremendous achievements among which are changes in policies and laws; it is used as a source of analysis for national strategic and programme planning; improvements in continued access to quality treatment; increased consciousness raising and increased visibility about stigma and discrimination.

Post 2015 Agenda



Through the support of UNAIDS we embarked on one of our biggest projects called Amplifying the voices of women living with HIV in the Post-2015 project to help ICW increase its visibility within global spaces and to engage and support women within country mechanisms and regional and global structures in order to amplify the voices of women living with HIV within the SDGs.



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Throughout the process of the Post-2015 intergovernmental negotiations, ICW has actively participated in and leveraged the expertise and knowledge of other key networks and groups, including Major Groups, coalitions, and working groups. As a result of ICW's active participation in these groups, both in-person throughout the negotiations and virtually via strategy meetings, there is better understanding and support among groups that are not exclusively focused on HIV of the importance of keeping HIV in the Post-2015 agenda and of considerations specific to women and adolescent girls living with HIV.



Given our increased visibility in these spaces, groups increasingly seek input and consultation with ICW on issues impacting women living with HIV and insight on the diverse lived experiences of women throughout the world, particularly in the Global South. You can read the full report at www.iamicw.org/resources/document-library/amplifying-the-voices-of-women-living-with-hiv-in-the-post-2015-agenda-report-may-2015

Institutional Strengthening

The ICW Global Office has developed a robust technical assistance program that includes such offerings as the: Feminist Movement Building Workshops, Resource Mobilization Workshops, Internal Systems Strengthening, Our tailored Global Fund Workshop and direct capacity and technical assistance on a variety of organizational development needs for existing and emerging networks.



We provided technical assistance and capacity building for emerging regions like MENA, Caribbean, Asia Pacific, North America and EECA who are in the process of registering and continuing to establish its programming and impact in the region.



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ICW continues to offer ongoing technical support to deepen and expand community organizing skills, institutional governance, registration and program development. In 2014–2015, ICW Asia Pacific, ICW Europe and Central Asia, ICW MENA, ICW Caribbean, and ICW North America teams revised their strategic plans with technical assistance provided by the Global Office. Assistance ranged from face-to-face workshops, support with drafting of documents and advice on registration processes and pitfalls.



In this fiscal year we also experienced growth in our regional networks which included the addition of the Eurasian Women’s Network on AIDS (EWNA) who successfully registered in Georgia in March 2014 and the development of the International Indigenous Community for women living with HIV. In sisterhood, we also supported each other during times of distress such as the Ebola crisis, conflict in the Ukraine, and the two earthquakes in Nepal.

Movement building is important for cross regional sharing; creating a ground swell of passionate activists, but most of all to ensure that peer support is there in times of need. In the spirit of our commitment to be one unified ICW, we convened two all staff Global meetings bringing together all Regional Coordinators and staff from the secretariat office to look at organizational development and to formulate strategies for effective communication and more collaborative engagement for improved quality of life for women and girls living with HIV. We reiterate our commitment to focus on relationship building and sisterhood support as we move forward.

Global Fund Advocacy Coordination & Technical Assistance

Global Fund engagement and capacity building has been a high priority for ICW. ICW collaborated with Regional Coordinators to facilitate capacity building workshops and review of strategies for increasing participation and meaningful engagement of women and girls from the regions in country and regional Global fund processes.

ICW also facilitated technical and capacity support to regional networks to strengthen their governance and operationalize their systems with support from the Robert Carr for Civil Society Network Fund (RCNF). ICW Asia Pacific, ICW Caribbean, ICW North America, ICW West Africa, ICW Southern Africa, ICW Europe and Central Asia, and the ICW MENA region benefited from various capacity building initiatives.



To strengthen our engagement in TB response ICW joined more than 30 participants from a total of 21 countries gathered in Nairobi, Kenya in January 2015 for a workshop aimed at advancing gender equality in national TB/HIV responses. ICW provided logistical support to AIDS Strategy, Advocacy and Policy (ASAP) who organized and co-hosted the workshop along with the Stop TB Partnership, the Joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the Global Coalition of TB Activists (GCTA).

Through our membership in the community's delegation to the Global Fund board, we contribute by reviewing documents that come up for the G.F Board Decisions. ICW members also participated in partnership and e forums and in partnership with Women for Global fund (W4GF), developed two statements on Gender equality and on community systems strengthening which was aimed at and informing the new Global Fund Strategic Framework 2017–2022 which was recently approved and strengthening Global Fund investments in Gender Equality and Communities Systems Strengthening.

The approved Global Fund Strategic Framework 2017–2022, has great focus on women and girls, human rights and community system strengthening compared to the previous strategies.

Auditor's Report

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International Community of Women Living with HIV Report of the International Steering Committee For the year ended 30th June 2015

The ISC of INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF WOMEN LIVING WITH HIV present their report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2015, which disclose the state of affairs of INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF WOMEN LIVING WITH HIV.

Activities

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF WOMEN LIVING WITH HIV works to increase access to treatment, care and support, promote human rights and improve the quality of life of women living with HIV.

Results

The Deficit for the year was USD (35,002) and refers to expenses for amounts of funds receivable from donors.

Management

The following are members of senior management during the year:

International Steering Committee

Martha Tholanah – Chair
Rebecca Matheson – Secretary
Oleza Stryzhak – Treasurer

Trustees

Teresia Njoki
Rebecca Matheson
Deloris Dockrey

Auditors

Messrs.' Hudson & Associates were appointed auditors during the year and have indicated their willingness to continue in office in accordance with Section 159(2) of the Societies Act.

By Order of the Board



Secretary
Rebecca Matheson

International Community of Women Living With HIV Statement of International Steering Committee’s Responsibility for the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 2015

International Steering Committee is required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Organization as at the end of the financial year and the results of its operations for the year then ended. In preparing those financial statements the ISC is required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed;
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Organization will continue in operation.

ISC is responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Organization and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with International Financial Reporting Standards and the Act. It is responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Organization and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

ISC accepted responsibility for the annual financial statements set here in which have been prepared using appropriate accounting policies supported by reasonable and prudent judgements, and estimates, in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards and comply with the Act.



Chair

Date: 23rd November 2015



Global Director

Date: 23rd November 2015

International Community of Women Living with HIV Report of the Independent Auditors For the year ended 30th June 2015

Report of the independent auditors to the members of INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF WOMEN LIVING WITH HIV

Report on the financial statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF WOMEN LIVING WITH HIV, which comprise of the balance sheet as at June 30, 2015 and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

International Steering Committees responsibility for the financial statements

The ISC is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF WOMEN LIVING WITH HIV as of 30 June 2015 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and comply with the Societies Act .



HUDSON & ASSOCIATES
Certified Public Accountants
Nairobi
Date: 23rd November 2015

International Community of Women Living with HIV Financial Statements For the year ended 30th June 2015

Income and Expenditure	Actual Jun-15 USD	Actual Jun-14 USD
Income		
Donor Funding	761,451	283,330
Total Income	761,451	283,330
Recurrent expenditure		
Administration & Other direct costs	223,401	63,953
Advocacy & Representation Expenses	131,140	17,401
Meeting & Training Expenses	44,153	23,401
Technical Support Expenses	40,067	-
Research Expenses	19,684	-
Movement Building Expenses	22,359	-
ISC & Related Expenses	121,399	-
Law Fellow Expenses	21,000	-
Financial Cost	3,652	1,030
Staff & Overhead Costs	156,667	15,812
Depreciation	3,063	1,403
Total recurrent expenditure	786,586	123,001
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(25,135)	160,329
Capital Expenditure	(9,866)	(5,593)
Net Surplus (Deficit) after Capital Expenditure	(35,001)	154,736

International Community of Women Living with HIV Financial Statements For the year ended 30th June 2015

Statement of financial position	Jun-15 USD	Jun-14 USD
UNRESTRICTED BUDGET BALANCE		
Unrestricted Budget Balance	119,735	160,329
Total Equity	119,735	160,329
Current Liabilities		
Payables	2,320	2,834
Total Current Liabilities	2,320	2,834
	122,055	163,164
Represented by		
Non-Current Assets		
Property Plant & Equipment	10,994	4,191
	10,994	4,191
Current Assets		
Receivables	-	1,612
Cash and Bank	111,061	157,361
	111,061	158,973
Net Assets	122,055	163,164

The financial statements were approved and signed on 23/11/2025

International Community of Women Living with HIV Financial Statements For the year ended 30th June 2015

Statement of changes in Unrestricted Budget Balance

	Unrestricted Budget Balance USD	Total USD
Balance at 01-07-2013		
Net Current Budget Balance	154,736	154,736
Addition During the Year	-	-
Balance at 30-06-2014	154,736	154,736
Balance at 01-07-2014	154,736	154,736
Net Current Budget Deficit	(35,001)	(35,001)
Reduction During the Year (Capex)		-
Balance at 30-06-2015	119,735	119,735

International Community of Women Living with HIV Financial Statements For the year ended 30th June 2015

Cash flow statement	Jun-15 USD	Jun-14 USD
Cash generated from operating activities		
Budget balances	(25,135)	160,329
Depreciations	3,063	1,403
Adjusted Profit/(Loss) before changes in working capital	(22,072)	161,732
Decrease/(increase) in accounts receivables	1,612	(1,612)
Increase/(decrease) in Account payables	(514)	2,834
Net cash from operating activities	1,097	1,223
Investing activities		
Acquisition of capital assets	(9,866)	(5,593)
Net cash used in investing activities	(9,866)	(5,593)
Financing activities		
Equity	(15,459)	
Net Cash Used in Financing Activity	(15,459)	
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(46,300)	157,361
Balance at 01-07-2014	157,361	
Balance at 30-06-2015	111,061	157,361

International Steering Committee

REGION	COUNTRY	NAME	TITLE
Southern Africa	Zimbabwe	Martha Tholanah	Chair
Asia Pacific	New Zealand	Marama Pala	Vice Chair
North America	USA	Delores Dockery	Treasurer
Central Africa	DRC	Fetia Donatienne	Member
Caribbean	Guyana	Chrysol Albert	Member
East Africa	Kenya	Teresia Njoki	Member
Europe and Central Asia	Ukraine	Olena Stryzak	Member
Europe and Central Asia	Ukraine	Zhenya Mailyan	Member
Latin America	Costa Rica	Ruth Mery Linares Hidalgo	Member
Latin America	Mexico	Hilda Esquivel	Member
MENA	Tunisia	Souhalia Ben Said	Member
North America	Canada	Marvelous Mucenje	Member
West Africa	Nigeria	Manisola Elizabeth Ajiboye	Member

Acknowledgements

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AVAC
APN+
Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network
Ford Foundation
GCWA
Georgetown University Law Center.
Global Fund
GNP+
Global network of Sex work Projects
Hothouse Design
ICASO
International AIDS Vaccine Initiative
ICW Regional Network
ICW Country Chapters
INPUD
NEPHAK
Oxfam Novib
Robert Carr Network Foundation
Salamander Trust
Stop AIDS Now
The Alliance Network
Team of Interpreters and Translators
UN Joint team on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS, UNWomen, UNDP, UNFPA)
USAID/International AIDS Vaccine Initiative
Vicci Tallis
Women's Global Network on Reproductive Rights
Women for Global Fund
World Health Organization.
Network of transgender people
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