



ICW SUPPORTS THE HLM 2021 CIVIL SOCIETY DECLARATION 6 ICW NON-NEGOTIABLES TO ACHIEVE GENDER EQUITY & SRHR FOR ALL DECLARATION

ICW supports the Civil Society Declaration and presents 6 non-negotiables to achieve points 1.5 Achieve gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, and 1.6 Ensure the sexual and reproductive health and rights of women living with HIV, before, during and after pregnancy. **Women are members of key populations. ICW's feminism is intersectional and inclusive to all self-identifying women, transgender, intersex and non-binary females.**

- 1. Urgently Invest in Gendered Research & Gender Disaggregated Data:** ICW calls on governments to increase investment in research and disaggregated data collection that accurately reflects the real situation of women living with HIV in all our diversity -if we don't measure it - we can't act on it! Requiring gender disaggregated data and gender analysis can ensure that policy and practice are always evidence-based and promote gender equity.
- 2. Respect Protect and Fulfil Women's Human Rights:** ICW calls on governments to take urgent action to ensure women's rights to bodily integrity, autonomy and violence-free, respectful health care including sexual, reproductive, and maternal health care; end discriminatory policies that discourage or criminalize breastfeeding and/or disproportionately criminalize women living with HIV, sex workers, women who use drugs and migrant women and their loved ones; and acknowledge and immediately end the practices of forced and coerced sterilization, contraception and abortion.
- 3. Scale-up Efforts to Achieve Gender Equality & Equity in the HIV Response:** ICW calls on governments to recognize that gender equality has been a secondary consideration across the HIV response for too long; to take action to support women's leadership; to scale-up community-led monitoring efforts; and, to ensure meaningful participation of women's networks and organizations in decision-making spaces at national, regional and global levels!
- 4. Advance Woman-Centered Approaches:** ICW calls on global leaders to respond to women's needs along our life span - girls and adolescents, women in their reproductive years and pre and post menopausal women - and to recognize the special challenges of women in key populations and other groups of vulnerable women! Programs must be tailored to focus on the needs of women including and BEYOND prevention of vertical transmission, services must extend to mental health, aging, cancer, co-morbidities and violence prevention and supporting survivors of violence. Tailoring interventions to the most vulnerable women's needs will ensure that strategies are successful!
- 5. Promote and Invest in Women-led, Community-Led Responses:** The Covid-19 pandemic has revealed our collective reliance on the often unpaid or underpaid labor of women, including within the HIV response! We call on governments to ensure women's organizations are capacitated, supported & prioritized to lead community responses to HIV.
- 6. Urgently invest in SRHR for all:** Prioritize and amplify comprehensive sexuality education curricula and acknowledge all sexual and reproductive health and rights inclusive of safe and legal abortion for all women living with HIV. Reform age of consent laws that deprive young women of access to SRHR care and invest in youth friendly services that confront outdated and harmful gender norms about promiscuity and girl's value.