

REGIONAL SURVEY

Latin America

Data collected from 12 February to 1 March 2025

The impact of the United States foreign assistance pause on the community-led HIV response in Latin America

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Integral HIV response at risk - beyond biomedical services, programs for human rights promotion, stigma and discrimination reduction, and gender-based violence prevention have been suspended or significantly reduced.

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Efforts to Leave No One Behind compromised - the most impacted populations have been people living with HIV, transgender people, gay men and men who have sex with other men, sex workers, migrants, indigenous people, youth, and women with HIV.

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Well-being of populations affected by HIV in jeopardy - mental well-being of people affected by HIV and of the communities providing HIV services in the region has been severely impacted. The interruption of programs for an integral HIV response, provoked by the pause in U.S. foreign assistance, has triggered fear, anxiety and uncertainty among these communities.

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Essential services disrupted threatening rights - the difficulties in finding alternative funding sources to cover the immediate gaps caused by the pause in U.S. funding put the lives of thousands of people in the region at risk.



Given the importance of the U.S. contribution to the HIV response

U.S. support, through programs such as PEPFAR and USAID, has been key in HIV response in Latin America, ensuring access to antiretroviral treatment, expanding access to the latest innovations in combination prevention such as PrEP, and promoting the inclusion of all populations affected by HIV across HIV response. Moreover, the U.S. has supported communities and governments in improving legal and social environments based on human rights respect and gender equality.

It is urgent and crucial to

Strengthen the efforts to ensure the long-term sustainability of the HIV response in the region. Governments must take decisive action to bridge existing gaps and secure a resilient HIV response.

Maintain advocacy with the U.S. government and local governments to promote the continuation of all HIV programs, including those that address intersectional inequities and reach key populations.

Keep communities at the center of all the initiatives on advocacy, information gathering, and fundraising to respond to the gaps generated by the pause in U.S. foreign assistance and its impact on HIV response.



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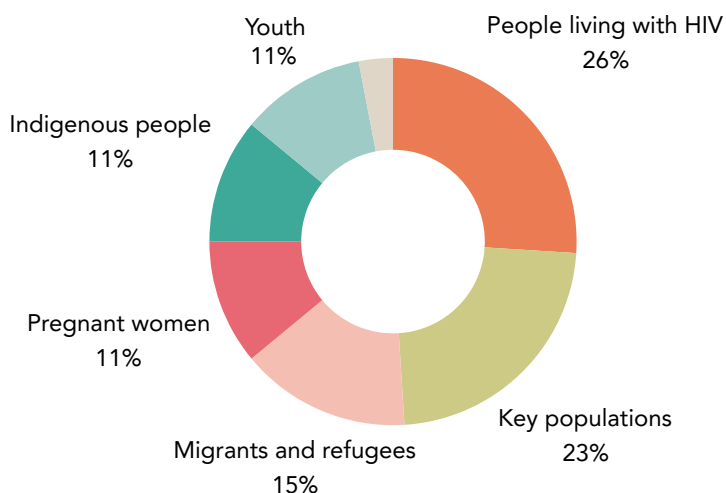
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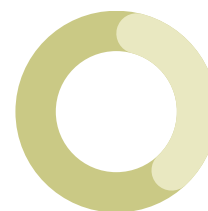


Most affected population by U.S. funding pause reported by survey participants



Consequences of the U.S. funding pause

42%
of survey participants say that **the organizations they represent have already closed** due to the pause in U.S. funding.

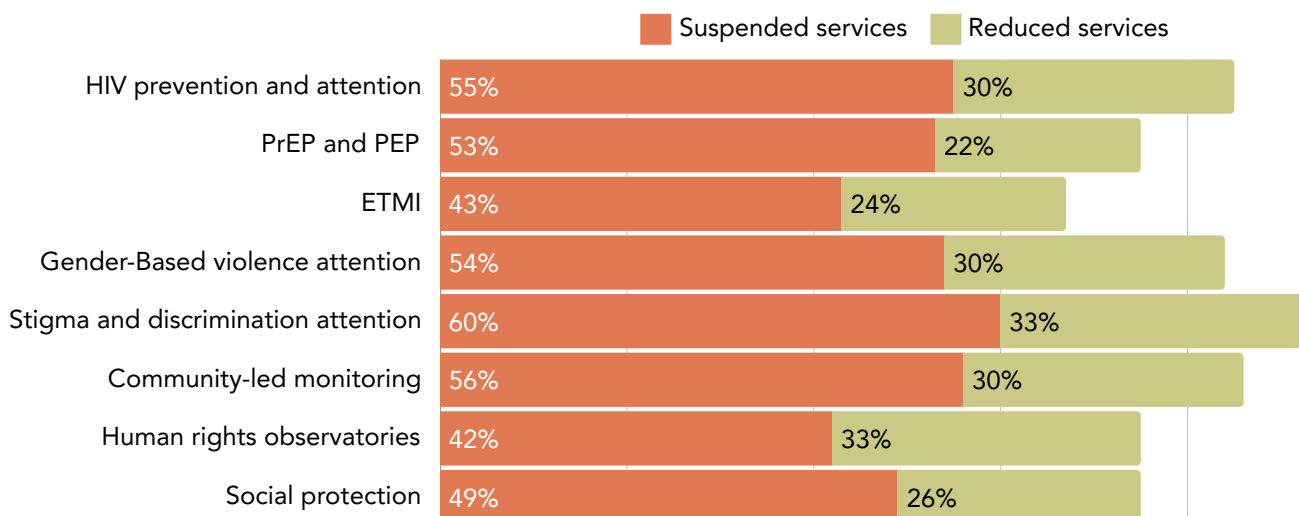


92%
of respondents **have not found alternative sources of funding to fill gaps due to the pause in U.S. funding.**

88%
of respondents **have not received clear information on how to apply the U.S. government's temporary waiver.**



Impact on HIV community-led services



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