



THE CARIBBEAN IS A
REGION WITH A LONG
HISTORY OF COMBATING
DISCRIMINATION AND
RACISM

WE BELIEVE IN THE
POWER OF CARIBBEAN
COMMUNITIES TO CHANGE
THE COURSE OF THE HIV
EPIDEMIC

JOIN US IN THE FIGHT
FOR RECOGNITION OF
THE HUMAN RIGHT OF
THE MOST VULNERABLE
GROUPS

LET US BANISH
DISCRIMINATION FROM
CARIBBEAN SOCIETIES

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CVC HAS WIDE CARIBBEAN REACH

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PROJECTS

CVC mobilises funding and technical expertise to support the work of key population, civil society groups to strengthen capacity for self-advocacy and to deliver effective services through such interventions as:

- Mobile outreach and provision of a minimum package of preventative services
- Campaigns to reduce stigma & discrimination
- Peer support and peer education training and implementation
- Sex positive training
- Sensitization of state agents, policy makers and other duty bearers including health providers and police personnel
- Strategic litigation and policy advocacy
- Harm reduction
- Leadership development and empowerment



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PROMOTING
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& HEALTH FOR ALL**

ABOUT CVC

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OUR MISSION

CVC's mission is to mobilize the voice, visibility and participation of the diverse groups to impact the regional HIV response and to create an enabling environment by which to end the conditions and consequences of marginalization.

Specifically, CVC seeks to:

- Strengthen capacity of vulnerable populations to act on their own behalf.
- Promote an enabling environment to support human rights and improve the quality of life of vulnerable populations
- Advocate for and facilitate the development of infrastructure to support culturally and contextually appropriate and accessible HIV management for vulnerable populations
- Develop and support culturally appropriate prevention programmes and models geared towards vulnerable populations
- Establish strategic collaborations and partnerships built on trust
- Monitor and evaluate the impact of projects and programmes on vulnerable populations

AREAS OF FOCUS

ADVOCACY

CVC spearheads as well as provides support to regional advocacy for stigma free services, social protection of vulnerable groups including removal of legislative barriers to HIV and for appropriate health treatment and care. CVC places a priority on strengthening leadership and social mobilization of groups to act on their own behalf and to impact national and regional HIV and health policy and programmes.

STRENGTHENING ALLIANCES & PARTNERSHIPS

CVC provides support for the formation of regional and national networks of key population groups, building alliances and partnerships to increase demand for and foster an enabling environment for HIV prevention, treatment and care based on the human rights of all groups.

In addition, CVC mobilises technical and financial resources to support the work of service providing NGOs across the Caribbean helping to expand appropriate outreach, education and treatment services to key populations.

CVC is a member of a number of organisations engaged in the regional and global response to HIV. These include:

- The Executive Board and Priority Areas Coordinating Committee of the Pan-Caribbean Alliance against HIV (PANCAP);
- The Governing Council of the African Black Diaspora Global Network
- The Regional Advisory Board of the International Organisation on Migration
- The Caribbean Regional Harm Reduction Network.
- The governing body of the Caribbean Sex Work Coalition.

SOCIAL MOBILIZATION & CAPACITY BUILDING OF VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES

Groups vulnerable to HIV need to be included in national and regional policy discussions and decision making. Meaningful inclusion requires training and social mobilization processes to equip representatives with a mandate and understanding of their constituency needs; effective advocacy and communication and committed leadership. CVC works to build capacity in these areas to enhance groups' and individuals' self-advocacy.

CVC offers members and grantees regular training opportunities under specific, funded programmes. Areas of training have included:

- Health care rights
- "Sex Positive" – sexual & reproductive health and rights education
- Harm reduction
- Motivational interviewing
- Advocacy
- Project management & development; including monitoring & evaluation, finance & accounting
- Introduction to Communications
- Monitoring and Evaluation

JOIN THE CVC

To join us in banishing discrimination, consider becoming a member of the Caribbean Vulnerable Communities Coalition

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