

**How do we keep testing and linkage to care for HIV and co-infections on the political agendas at national and European level**

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# who we are



non-profit, non-partisan, global network



nearly **400** members in **103** countries



founded in **February 2017**, by **Ricardo Baptista Leite, MD**



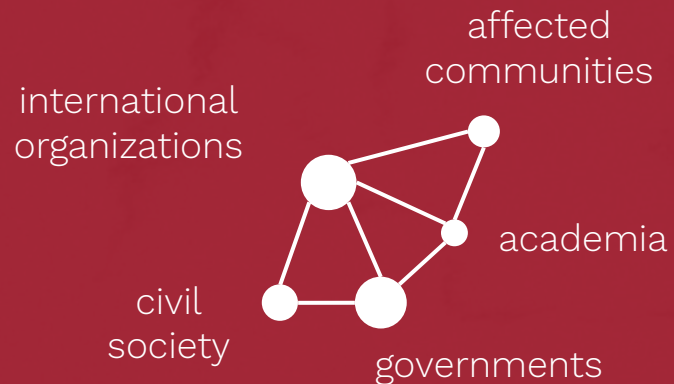
support parliamentarians around the world in promoting and adopting evidence-based policies strongly anchored in science and data

The network has grown to become a **worldwide collaborative** group of **policymakers** and **partners UNITED** by the desire to **improve global health systems** worldwide and their citizens' **wellbeing**.

# what we do

**UNITE** focuses its activity in **providing** its **members** with **technical** and **parliamentary engagement support**

**connecting  
them with**



**providing them with the  
right advocacy tools**



at the right **moment**



in the adequate **format**



to **act accordingly** in their  
Parliaments

## Priority areas of work



**human rights  
and equitable  
access to health**



**strengthening  
of health  
systems**



**global health  
architecture and  
security**



# where we are

10 chapters



non-executive board



secretariat



# how we

# do it

## platforms



International  
Forum on  
Global Health



Policy desks



Global health  
subcommittees

## activities & campaigns



Capacity building



Roundtables



Policy briefs



Advocacy & communications  
campaigns



Global Summit

# MoU

## WHO

- **5 years** Memorandum of Understanding
- Regular meetings with **technical units** and close collaboration with MPs
- **Workplan** for the first 2 years finalized with a particular focus on **sustainable financing for WHO** (predictability and flexibility of WHO funding)



# our impact

## HIV GROUP IN THE EU PARLIAMENT

- **Working Group on HIV**
- February 2023, established between **UNITE** and the **International AIDS Society**
- Aims to develop a **roadmap for more effective HIV policies**

## EVENT AT THE EU PARLIAMENT

- **29<sup>th</sup> November**
- EuroTest, European AIDS Clinical Society, WHA and European AIDS Treatment Group
- **10 years of the European Testing Week**

## WORK WITH C-EHRN

- Joint development of a **European Policy Network Database** for MP to focus on, on several key policy areas: **Communicable Diseases, Drug Consumption Rooms, Migration & Drug use**

# our impact

## MEDICAL ASSISTED THERAPY CLINICS

- **Medically Assisted Therapy (MAT) clinics** in Nairobi, Kenya, through PACT Endeleza Program and supported by Hon. Esther Passaris, UNITE Chapter Chair for Eastern and Southern Africa
- Aims to **reduce new HIV infections among people who inject drugs (PWID)** and provide opioid substitution therapy (OST).

## HARM REDUCTION LAW IN KENYA

- Help shaping the new **Harm Reduction Law** in Kenya, which was just recently supported by the Minister of Health;

## PARTICIPATION IN THE UN HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS

- UNITE was invited to participate at the **United Nations HLM**, through which we strengthened the **word of need and urgency** in further commitment and concrete political action;



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## HIV infection rates remain stagnant



Despite significant progress in effective treatment and prevention options;



Vulnerable groups continue to be disproportionately affected.

## COVID-19 severely disrupted access to HIV/AIDS services

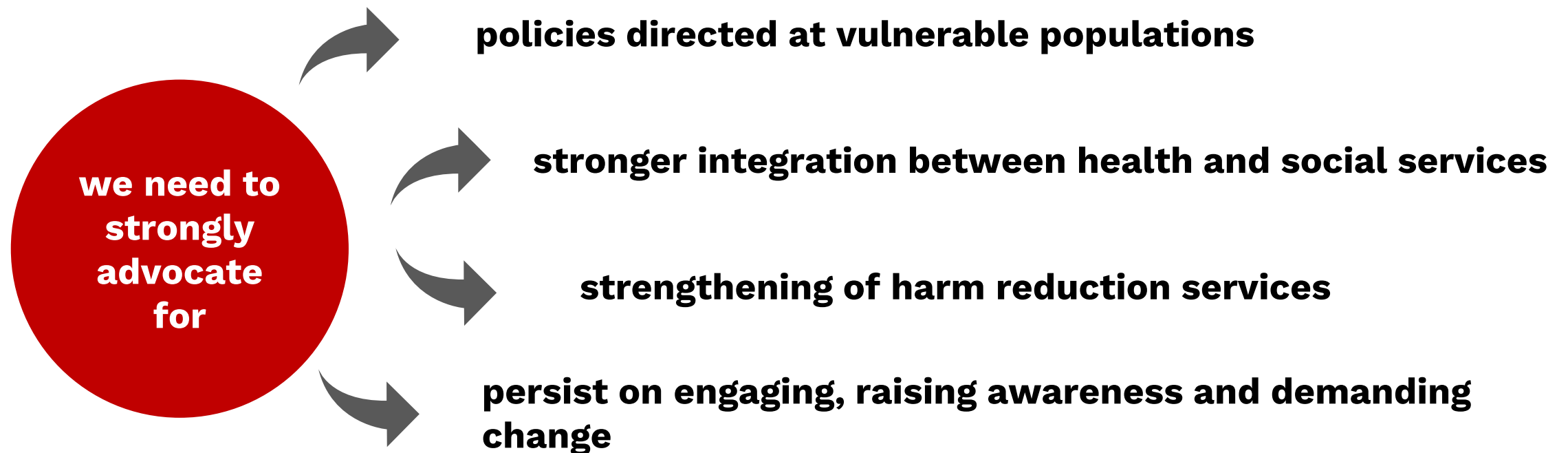


Health systems were unprepared at the time for such pressures, and still aren't;



Vulnerable groups were marginalized even further.

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