

From Conception to Evaluation: Community led advocacy by women and gender expansive people who use drugs



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WHRIN Project: Collaboration on capacity and advocacy with communities of women who use drugs



Objectives:

- Experiential participatory capacity building
- Raise stakeholder awareness on barriers to health and community driven solutions
- Community identified and implemented advocacy actions

Global AIDS Strategy community-led

30-80-60 targets:

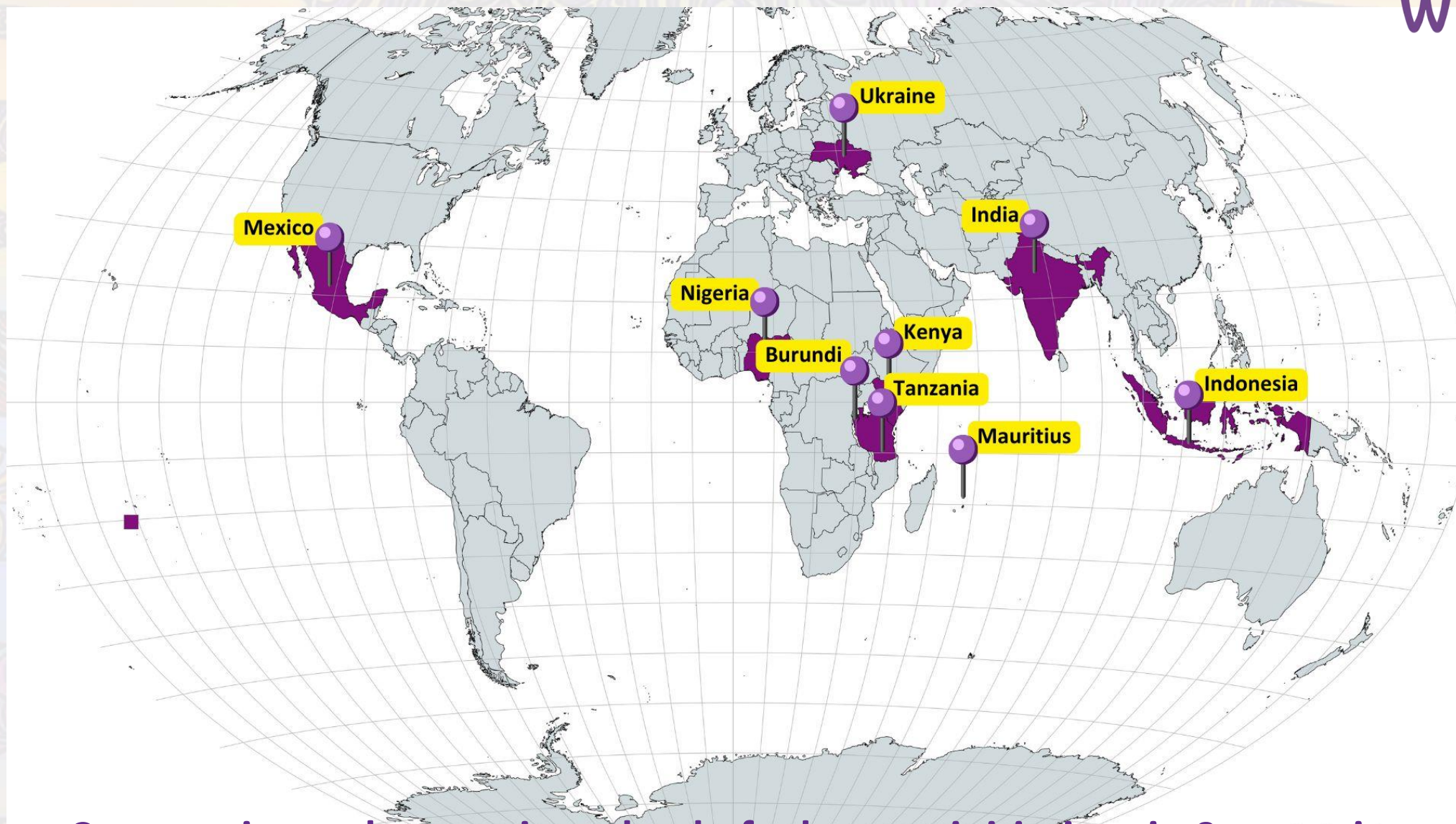


- **30%** of testing and treatment services
- **80%** of service delivery
- Ensure community-led organisations deliver **60%** of programmes to support the achievement of societal enablers



Mauritius advocacy activity January, 2024

Community-led advocacy project



Community at the steering wheel of advocacy initiatives in 9 countries

Method



Indonesian talk show: November, 2022



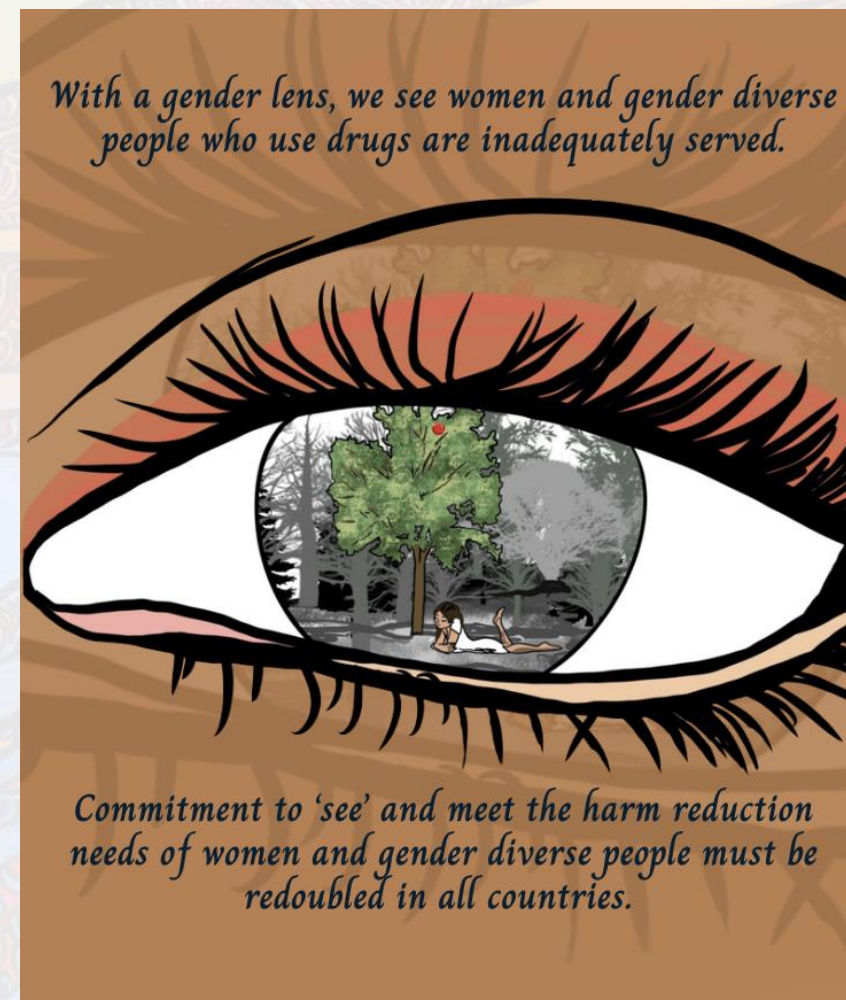
India advocacy meeting with family members: January, 2023

- Community group discussions
- Consensus building discussion
- Planning of a viable advocacy action

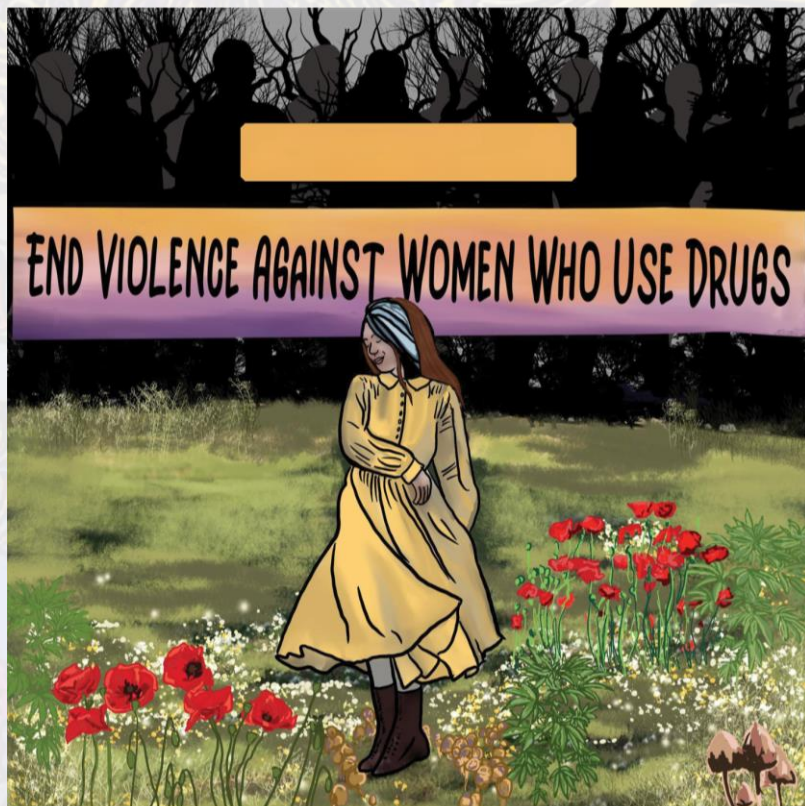
Priority advocacy issues

- Addressing and eliminating stigma and discrimination from health care workers
- Access to:

• sexual and reproductive health and general healthcare services	• perinatal care
• gender-based violence services	• menstrual hygiene materials
• cervical cancer screening	• shelter
• informed contraceptive options	• legal services and justice



Quantitative outcomes



- **24** community group discussions with **210** community members across **12** countries
- **11** advocacy activities
- **74** community action implementers including **40** leaders
- **70** decision makers reached

Impact outcomes



Indonesia



Kenya



Burundi

Recommendations

- Provide community platforms for self determination and action centering women and gender expansive people who use drugs

‘This is the first time I have been involved in leadership of advocacy.’

- Decriminalisation of drug use
- Defend and nurture gender responsive harm reduction services



Thank you



*Kenya Advocacy Activity:
Meeting with Criminal Justice System Officers June, 2023*



Indonesia campaign: November, 2022

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