

# COMMUNITY VOICES: ARE WE BEING HEARD?

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How responsive are Global Fund concept notes to priorities of civil society and community groups?



Which priorities are most likely to get heard?



The analysis shows that civil society and community groups' priorities on **key populations** are most likely to get included into Global Fund concept notes.

Civil society and community groups' priorities on biomedical interventions such as **voluntary medical male circumcision** are the least likely to be included into concept notes.

Which factors support community voices to be heard?

Countries with greater **freedom of expression, freedom of association and free media** submitted Global Fund concept notes that were more inclusive of civil society and community priorities.

Does it matter if communities are heard?

Countries that are more inclusive of civil society and community groups' priorities in their Global Fund concept notes have improved coordination in their HIV and TB responses. The analysis also finds that they have lower **HIV prevalence**.

## Recommendations

**For Community Groups:** Strengthen coordination efforts and action planning during country dialogue to ensure there is a strong and united civil society and community voice.

**For Funding Partners:** Invest in elements of community systems strengthening which support people's ability to speak freely, join groups to raise an issue, and hold their governments accountable. These factors are related to how responsive concept notes are to civil society and community priorities.



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