Report Details Global Fight for Trans Health, Rights and HIV Care

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A new report by amfAR, The Foundation for AIDS Research, and Global Action for Trans Equality (GATE) profiles 10 groups across the globe that are successfully working to achieve human rights and better health outcomes for transgender people, according to an amfAR press release.

Titled “Lessons From the Front Lines: Trans Health and Rights,” the report highlights community organizations in Bolivia, China, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Georgia, Peru, South Africa and Ukraine. In doing so, it illustrates how stigma and discrimination create challenges for the transgender community, which is disproportionately affected by HIV/AIDS and at increased risk of the virus.

“Transgender individuals face similar challenges around the world, and in most countries cannot obtain legal recognition of their gender identities,” said Kent Klindera, director of amfAR’s GMT Initiative, in the press release. (Formerly the MSM Initiative, GMT focuses on HIV issues among gay men, other men who have sex with men, and transgender individuals, collectively known as GMT.)

“Achieving an AIDS-free generation for all requires stepping up our efforts to address the specific needs of transgender individuals,” Klindera said. “While we still have a long way to go, we are beginning to see some promising signs of change and increased momentum in transgender health rights advocacy around the world.”

The report was released to coincide with World Human Rights Day on December 10 and is available in English and Spanish.

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