



## International Community of Women Living with HIV Eastern Africa

ICWEA Celebrating the achievements and Milestones made by women and young women living with HIV as we mark the International Women's Day 2021

### Call for Nominations for the F.I.E.R.C.E Women Living with HIV Award 2021

The International Community of women living with HIV Eastern Africa will join the rest of the world to celebrate the IWD by celebrating women living with HIV upon their achievements and contribution to fighting HIV and AIDS. ICWEA prides in acknowledging, honoring and awarding its members who against all odds reach achievements that illuminate the power of our community. As we join the rest of the world to celebrate the International Women's Day on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021, under the theme “Choose to Challenge” we will honor our members who made and are making remarkable contributions in the lives of other women living with HIV.

The International Community of women living with HIV Eastern Africa will be launching *The F.I.E.R.C.E Women Living with HIV Award* -which will be celebrated annually during the month of March in alignment with the International Women's Day (8<sup>th</sup> March 2021).

ICWEA will identify and award a woman who is a Fighter, Intelligent, Empowered, Resilient, and Courageous and is Excelling at causing positive to fellow women within the community of Women Living with HIV in Eastern Africa as the overall winner. The award will also be extended to two other women (runners up) who have made great milestones in their personal journeys as well as dedication to touching the lives of other women in the various area including SRH, access to care and treatment, policy advocacy, policy environment, HIV prevention, stigma and discrimination, VAWG, economic empowerment programs and addressing the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic among others.

### Objectives of F.I.E.R.C.E Women Living with HIV Award

- To recognize and award the significant work done by the phenomenal women/girls to cause a positive change with lives of members of their community.
- To encourage other women living with HIV to excel in causing change and join of the movement of women living with HIV achievers.

### Criteria for the Nominees:

This award is limited to women/girls living with HIV in the Eastern Africa region (Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda and Burundi) who have challenged all barriers to provide remarkable leadership and caused positive changes at any level. Their contribution could be based on;

- Personal accomplishments that have had a ripple positive effect to the lives of women/girls living with HIV in all their diversities



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- Exhibited excellent leadership skills with the community of PLHIV with special focus on empowering women to advocate for the health rights
- Has made significant milestone in at least 3 or all of following area
  - Challenging stigma and discrimination, mis-action and inaction
  - Policy advocacy and formulation, meaningful participation, engagement at national, regional and global levels.
  - Access to SRHR services for women and girls living with HIV
  - Challenging Violence Against Women and Girls (VAW/G)
  - Ensuring access to HIV prevention, care, and treatment services
  - Capacity building and empowerment of women and young women living with HIV in the different spheres of their lives.

### Process of Nomination

- Country Chapters through their Coordinators are expected to solicit for nominations from the membership and the rest of the community of Women Living with HIV.
- From the pool of nominees only three (3) persons who best fit the criteria will be considered for the final selection.
- The people who are nominating suitable personalities for the award are expected to share a profile and write up describing/narrating why they have nominated the person.

What to include in the write up:

- Who the person is
- Which work they have done and with who
- Highlight the major milestones
- Share photos/video where possible

### The Panelists;

A five person panel consisting of a Donor Agency, Young Woman Living with HIV, a Woman Living with HIV from a Strong Women's Organisation, a Representative from an advocate organisation hinged to analysis HIV Laws and Policies will be set up to select the best three out of the 15 nominated individuals to be awarded.

The justification and profiles of the nominees will be shared with the secretariat; [awards@icwea.org](mailto:awards@icwea.org) by 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.

We look forward to your quick and positive response