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**Francine Nganhale**

Regional Coordinator, ICW Central Africa, Cameroon

Nominated by: **ICW**

Francine Nganhale brings more than a decade of invaluable experience to the HIV response, serving as the Regional Coordinator for ICW Central Africa. In this role, she leads a dedicated team advocating for the rights of women living with HIV. Francine also volunteers as a focal person for the Cameroonian Network of people living with HIV, furthering her commitment to community empowerment.

Beyond her organizational roles, Francine is a writer, contributing insightful blog stories on HIV, Tuberculosis, and Malaria. Her writing collaborates with advocates representing people living with HIV, amplifying their voices, and raising awareness on critical issues.

Francine actively participates in the UNAIDS Dialogue Platform, where she contributes to discussions on the rights of women living with HIV, leveraging her expertise to drive positive change at the global level.

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**Cynthia Wakuna**

HER Voice Fund Ambassador,  
Cameroon

Nominated by: **Y+ Global**

Cynthia Wakuna is a fervent advocate for the rights of young women and girls, representing Cameroon as an Ambassador for the HER Voice Fund. Her advocacy work centres around championing Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) for adolescent girls and young women, with a special focus on ensuring their voices are heard in decision-making spheres.

Throughout her journey, Cynthia has led numerous advocacy campaigns aimed at promoting SRHR for adolescent girls within educational settings. She has organized empowering workshops to educate young women on issues related to bodily autonomy and rights, conducted sensitization campaigns on menstrual hygiene management, and facilitated the distribution of sanitary pads to vulnerable girls in rural communities, prisons, and orphanages.

Cynthia's dedication to advancing the rights and well-being of young women and girls makes her a formidable force for positive change in her community and beyond.

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**Márcia Jeiambe**

HER Voice Fund Ambassador,  
Mozambique

Nominated by: **Y+ Global**

Márcia Jeiambe is a dedicated advocate for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), with more than a decade of experience in the field. Currently, she holds the esteemed position of Global Fund, HER Voice Fund Ambassador for Mozambique.

Throughout her career, Márcia has been deeply committed to championing the rights of adolescents and young people. Her diverse roles have included serving as a counsellor, trainer, program coordinator, and member of the AFRIYAN secretariat. She currently works as a PITCH and Monitoring & Evaluation Specialist at the youth organization *Associação Coalizão da Juventude Moçambicana*.

Márcia holds a degree in Mathematics and is currently pursuing a master's degree in Population and Development at the *Universidade Eduardo Mondlane*.

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**Roda Pfumo**

HIV Social Worker, Mozambique

Nominated by: **GNP+**

Roda Pfumo is deeply committed to fighting stigma and discrimination in Mozambique, following her diagnosis with HIV in 2007. Her primary focus is on supporting mothers and children living with HIV, providing them with information, assistance, and counselling. Roda conducts sessions on HIV and AIDS within communities, churches, and schools. She provides crucial information and works to dispel myths and misconceptions surrounding the virus.

Recently completing her social work degree program at *Universidade Eduardo Mondlane*, Roda's academic background and hands-on experience, position her as a valuable advocate and asset in the ongoing fight against HIV-related stigma and discrimination.

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**Marta Guiliche**

District HIV Supervisor, Mozambique

Nominated by: **PATA**

Marta Guiliche is an impassioned medical assistant from Mozambique and an advocate for the well-being of children. After completing her general medical technician course in 2018, Marta devoted herself to pediatric HIV care, further solidifying her commitment after a transformative experience at the Pediatric ART Excellence Centre in 2020.

Marta's advocacy efforts are centred around championing the rights of children, caregivers, and adolescents. Through a person-centred approach, she ensures that every individual she interacts with feels heard, supported, and valued. Beyond the clinic, Marta actively engages with stakeholders through radio discussions and collaborative initiatives. She addresses challenges with innovative solutions, such as organizing pediatric days and creating child-friendly environments to enhance the overall healthcare experience for children.

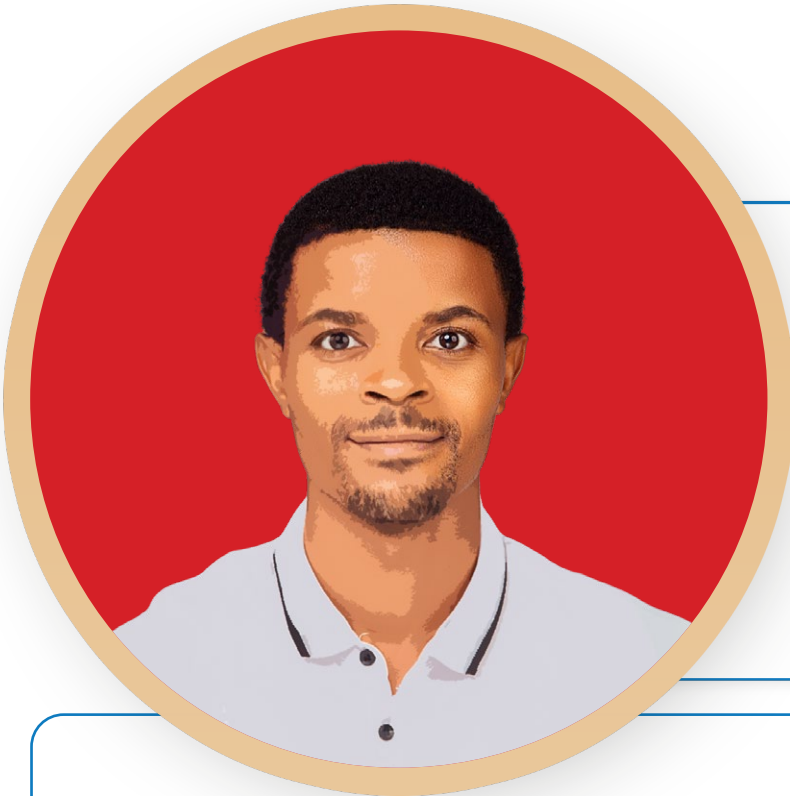
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**Dr Abdulrahman Teasop**

Principal Medical Officer, Jalingo  
Government House Clinic, Nigeria

Nominated by: **PATA**

Abdulrahman Teasop serves as the Principal Medical Officer at the Jalingo Government House Clinic, Nigeria, where he also holds the position of Coordinator for Antiretroviral Therapy (ART). In this dual role, he is tasked with supervising both clinical and administrative functions within the clinic, ensuring that all visitors have access to ART services and are supported in leading healthy lives.

Abdulrahman, a certified medical doctor with extensive clinical experience, has spearheaded initiatives like the Kidz Club and Caregivers Forum, benefiting pediatric and adolescent individuals living with HIV. His leadership and commitment are driving positive changes in HIV care and support.

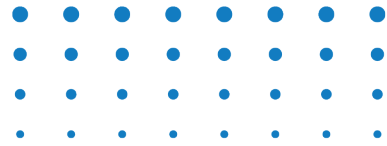
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**Faith Ebere**

Founder of Young Persons Network for Sustainable Lifestyle and Health (YOUPEN4SLAH), Nigeria

Nominated by: ICW

Onuh Faith Ebere from Nigeria is the founder of Young Persons Network for Sustainable Lifestyle and Health (YOUPEN4SLAH). Faith is a young feminist and an advocate for young people especially women and girls from diverse backgrounds. She is globally recognized for her active work in contributing to ending AIDS by 2030.

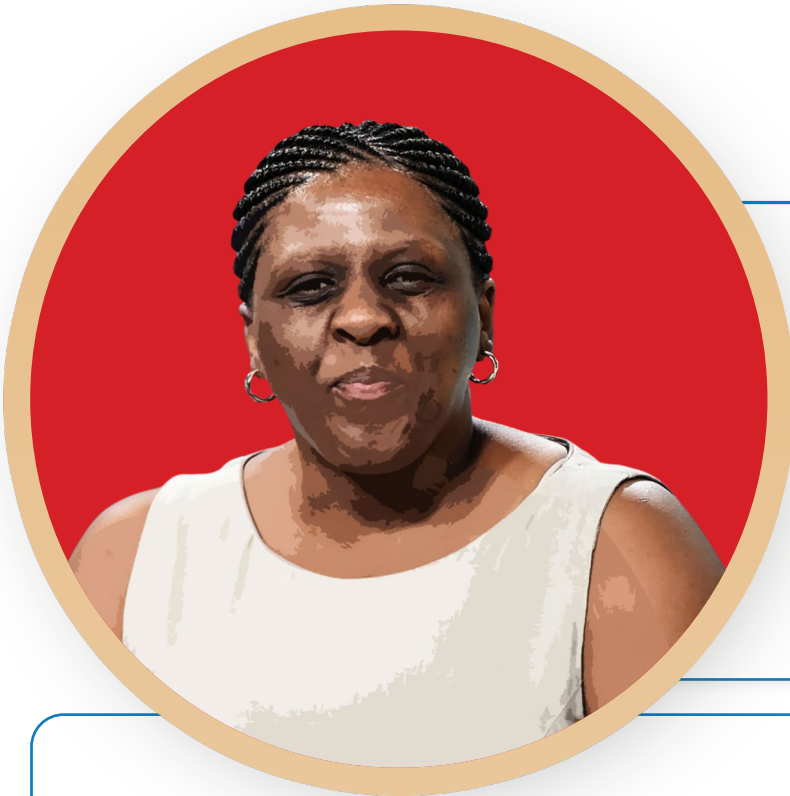
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**Babalwa Mbono**

Strategic Projects Officer,  
mothers2mothers (m2m),  
South Africa

Nominated by: **mothers2mothers**

Babalwa Mbono trains women living with HIV to serve as community health workers, known as Mentor Mothers. These dedicated individuals offer essential health services, education, and support on HIV and other crucial health matters to pregnant women, new mothers, children, and families in underserved communities.

Babalwa was one of mothers2mothers earliest Mentor Mothers. With more than 15 years of service, she brings a deep insight into the challenges faced by women and families in sub-Saharan Africa.

Babalwa was diagnosed with HIV during the peak of the pandemic in South Africa two decades ago. She has since committed herself to advocating for policy changes in community healthcare work and universal health coverage.

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**Pudensia Mbwiliza**

Member, Network of Young People Living with HIV (NYP+), Tanzania

Nominated by: **Y+ Global**

Pudensia Mbwiliza has been an active member of the Network of Young People Living with HIV in Tanzania (NYP+) since 2018. In addition, she serves as a member of Tanzania's National Coordinating Mechanism (TNCM), representing young women living with HIV. Her responsibilities include consulting and informing her constituency on all matters related to the Global Fund. Pudensia also works as a Lay Counsellor at Bugando Medical Centre, where she provides vital support for HIV awareness, pre/post/adherence counselling, HIV testing in targeted communities, and conducts Health Talks on HIV preventive measures such as PrEP, VMMC, FP, and condom use.

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**Bahati Haule**

Coordinator, Dignity And Wellbeing  
For Women Living With HIV (DWWT),  
Tanzania

Nominated by: ICW

Bahati Haule is a passionate advocate and change-maker, hailing from the vibrant country of Tanzania. With a deep commitment to addressing pressing global health challenges, she has dedicated her career to advancing the rights and well-being of people living with HIV, including women, youth, children, and other marginalized communities.

Bahati's drive and determination has led her occupy seats at national, regional and global platforms. Through her advisory roles as a commissioner at the Tanzania Commission for AIDS (TACAIDS) and a community delegation member at UNITAID, she leverages her influence to advocate for policies and activities that respond to HIV & AIDS in her home country and beyond.

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**Sheirat Namayanja**

HER Voice Fund Ambassador, Uganda

Nominated by: **ICW**

Sheirat Namayanja works for the Uganda Network of People Living with HIV and serves as a HER Voice Fund Ambassador for Uganda, advocating for policy changes and awareness. With more than five years of experience in youth-led and driven policy advocacy in Uganda and beyond, Sheirat has dedicated herself to peer-to-peer work on a voluntary basis and has spent two years engaged in advocacy and NGO activities.

Sheirat's advocacy efforts have focused on human rights, economic empowerment, and community-based rehabilitation. She also has extensive experience in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, particularly in working with individuals living with HIV in all their diversities.

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**Gloria Nawanyaga**

Founder of GILO Young Positives Foundation, Uganda

Nominated by: **GNP+**

Gloria Nawanyaga is an outspoken advocate in Uganda for HIV awareness, Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SHRH), Gender equality, and Human Rights. She is Founder of GILO Young Positives Foundation, a youth-led charity dedicated to empowering and educating young people affected by HIV that has impacted more than 10,000 individuals to date.

Gloria utilizes her expertise as a social media influencer and communication specialist to advocate for various causes including HIV/AIDS, SRHR, mental health, Gender Based Violence, Human Rights, public health, and social injustices. She holds a bachelor's degree in law from the Uganda Christian University, where she specialized in Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law.

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**Natasha Mwila**

Advocacy, Communications, and  
Research Officer with the Network  
of Zambian People Living with HIV/  
AIDS (NZP+), Zambia

Nominated by: **ICW**

Natasha Mwila is a dedicated advocate for HIV prevention, with a fervent commitment to promoting health equity and implementing innovative biomedical strategies for HIV prevention. Her goal is to witness a new generation entirely free from new HIV infections, particularly among Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW), ensuring no child is born with the virus.

Natasha's determination to support vulnerable populations, stems from her personal experiences growing up in communities heavily impacted by HIV. She embarked on her advocacy journey as an AVAC fellow in 2022, and currently serves as an Advocacy, Communications, and Research Officer with the Network of Zambian People Living with HIV/AIDS (NZP+). Natasha also contributes as a community advisory board member for an HIV testing services initiative supported by CHAI.

She holds a BA in Economics, Psychology, and Marketing from Bengaluru University, as well as an MSc in Analytical Epidemiology from the University of Zambia.

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**Bester Mullenje**

HER Voice Fund Ambassador,  
Zambia

Nominated by: **Y+ Global**

Bester Mullenje is an inspiring young woman who is dedicated to working with young women in Zambia and across its borders. She is currently pursuing a diploma in community development and youth-based community work at the Regional Psychosocial Support Initiative (REPSSI). Bester's passion for her work comes from a personal experience of losing a close relative to HIV, which has driven her to advocate for people living with HIV.

Currently, Bester runs The Foundation for Adolescent Girls and Young women in Zambia, which focuses on empowering and supporting this vulnerable group. Additionally, she serves as the HER Voice Fund ambassador for Zambia, further amplifying the voices of young women and advocating for their rights.

Bester's dedication and hard work have been recognized through two awards. She has received awards from SRHR Africa and ITP MENA under HIV and AIDS and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), respectively.

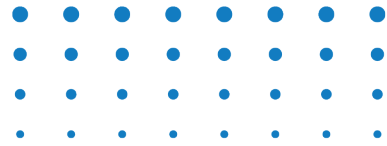
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**Bridget Mwape**

Health Worker In-charge, Chainda  
Urban Health Centre, Zambia

Nominated by: **PATA**

Bridget Mwape, a nurse by profession, is the Health Worker In-charge at Chainda Urban Health Centre in Zambia. She has over 13 years of experience in the management of HIV in pediatrics, adolescents to adults, including data collection and analysis at both facility and district levels.

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