

Organizations of people living with HIV partnering in this project

The project will be carried out in coordination with local organizations of people living with HIV, who will be responsible for actions in a specific region. These include the civil association Positivo Goya in northeastern Argentina, the civil association Promoción de la Salud and the YacuYas Foundation in the northwest of Argentina.

It should be noted that the three organizations, were funding from Gilead, to carried out training sessions for people with HIV in their provinces in March 2025.

Below is a brief presentation of each of them.

Civil Association Positivo Goya

Positivo Goya is a community-based organization founded in 2002 in the province of Corrientes, Argentina. Since its inception, the organization has served as a space for support, accompaniment, and defense of the rights of people living with HIV and key populations, promoting actions from a comprehensive approach to health and human rights.

Its main areas of work include psychosocial support, promoting sexual health care, coordinating with the health system and other institutions, training and educating health and community teams, and advocating for equitable access to health care. One of its pillars is the strengthening of peer groups, which function as safe spaces for listening, information, and empowerment.

Throughout its more than 20 years of experience, Positivo Goya has established itself as a regional leader in the community response to HIV. Among its main achievements are the implementation of support mechanisms in several localities, the training of community agents, the reduction of stigma in local contexts, and effective coordination with provincial and national health programs. Its sustained work has contributed to improving treatment adherence, promoting timely diagnosis, and fostering a better quality of life for people with HIV in Corrientes.

Civil Association Promoción de la Salud

The Civil Association Promoción de la Salud was established on September 12, 2017, as a non-profit organization with its registered office in the city of San Salvador de Jujuy, Province of Jujuy, Argentina. Since its founding, its mission has been to promote health as a human right and a central aspect of community life, promoting actions that contribute to improving the quality of life of citizens throughout their entire life cycle. The Association expressly excludes any type of political, religious, racial, or union affiliation from its activities.

Among its institutional goals, it highlights the promotion of health through awareness campaigns, the promotion of scientific research, the training of professionals, and coordination with local, national, and international organizations. In this vein, the Association actively participates in networks such as the Global Alliance Against HIV and AIDS Stigma and Discrimination (since 2020), the National Commission on HIV, Hepatitis, STIs, and Tuberculosis of the Ministry of Health (2023–2024), and the Latin American and Caribbean Network for Health Promotion and Education.

Throughout its history, it has worked in partnership with municipalities, universities, and social organizations. With the support of the Ministry of Culture and the Global Alliance, it implemented the EN-RED-ANDO project, working to coordinate everything necessary to implement National Law 27.675 in seven municipalities in Jujuy that signed the Paris Declaration. These processes led to the creation of municipal health areas, the creation of two municipal programs in response to HIV, STIs, and tuberculosis.

Since 2023, it has provided advice and support for the management of retirement and pensions for people with HIV and hepatitis. In addition, it maintains face-to-face and virtual support spaces, with monthly meetings and a WhatsApp group with more than 170 people living with HIV, in which resources, key information, and support are shared. Together with the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the UNJu, it organizes continuing education activities, notably the Latin American Seminar on HIV Response and the Conference on the Exchange of Experiences in Health Promotion and Education, one of the most recognized events in the region.

YacuYas Foundation

Fundación Yacu Yas is a community-based organization located in Chuquis, La Rioja, committed to promoting human rights, comprehensive health access, and social justice.

From an intersectional and territorially grounded perspective, we develop initiatives focused on people living with HIV, historically marginalized populations, children, youth, and trans communities.

Our main areas of work include:

- rights-based education and advocacy

- positive activism

- community-based research and archival work

- cultural production and social economy initiatives

We currently lead the Raíces Trans Riojanas archival project, the Infancias Libres y Posithivas (Free and Posithive Childhoods) line of action, and Sistema de Vida Positiva (Positive Life System), a digital game designed to support adherence to antiretroviral treatment in Latin America.

As part of our commitment to improving the quality of life for people living with HIV, we coordinated and implemented in La Rioja and Catamarca the national project “Improving the quality of life of people with HIV in Argentina: from information to action”, in collaboration with other grassroots organizations from northern Argentina. This experience included: conducting training workshops for people living with HIV, developing tools for legal empowerment and access to healthcare, producing rights-based educational materials, systematizing community needs, and leading advocacy and accountability actions with public institutions.

This initiative, recognized by UNAIDS, the Argentine Society of Infectology (SADI), the Argentine Public Health Association (AASAP), and the Ministry of Health of Argentina, has strengthened the integral health approach and community leadership in high-vulnerability settings.

Among its outcomes, the creation and consolidation of the International Seminar on Stigma Reduction stands out as a reference space for training, memory, and political action from the Global South.

Rooted in Diaguita ancestry and territorial activism, we work toward a future free from stigma—sustained by health, memory, dignity, and tenderness.