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LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Welcome to the 2024 Annual Impact Report of MPact Global Action. It's been five years since I stepped into this role and the whole world has changed. Thinking about the many successes of 2024 strengthens me. Considering the challenges we are experiencing in 2025, these reminders are necessary.

In 2024, MPact was critical in supporting new networks of gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men in Africa, Middle East and Latin America and the Caribbean. We distributed over \$2 million USD to LGBTQ organizations in every part of the world in over 30 countries. Our communications platform continues to grow and we have a higher engagement than ever (follow us @mpact.global on Instagram). Our presence at AIDS 2024 in Munich was provocative and showcased how sex positivity could happen in community (and how vital it is).

We collaborated with our partner GDL+ to host a Besoton Sidoso (kiss-in) in Guadalajara for World AIDS Day. Witnessing the passion, the defiance and the tenderness amidst the robust crowd of queer people living with HIV embracing each other and kissing in the public square was amazing. The media appeared and did interviews. The crowd marched together down the street, continuing to kiss until gathering at a local bar to celebrate.

Last year, some of our hard-fought battles had, finally, borne fruit. MPact worked in a coalition to get financial and policy commitments for key populations (gay and bisexual men, transgender people, sex workers, people who use drugs, and people in prison settings) at multiple agencies and funding portfolios. This took years of strategizing, negotiating and standing firm as a coalition for all key populations.

Yes, I am writing this from 2025 where so many of these gains have been threatened or wiped out completely. Navigating this year has meant flexibility and transparency with our partners. In all the years I've been involved in the HIV movement and LGBTQ organizing, I have seen us survive, resist and win. We need to band together now more than ever.

Thank you for your support.

-Andy

Andrew Spieldenner, PhD

Executive Director

OUR WORK

In 2024, MPact has made significant strides in three primary areas of work: advocacy, community organizing, and resource mobilization. We had an extraordinary presence and community gather at the International AIDS Conference in Munich. Here are some key achievements and milestones:

ADVOCACY

We have helped our partners resist anti-gay legislation in Kenya and Zimbabwe. We have ensured that gay and bisexual men are prioritized in the global HIV response.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

We have brought together communities of queer people living with HIV across the United States, Mexico, Colombia and Brazil, leading to community mobilization events about stigma, homophobia, pleasure, and rights.

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

We have strengthened regional networks in Sub-Saharan Africa, Middle East and North Africa, Latin America and Eastern Europe with direct funding.

INFOGRAPHICS & STATISTICS

COUNTRIES REACHED:

MPact has extended its influence to over 30 countries, advocating for LGBTQ rights on a global scale.

NUMBER OF ACTIVISTS SUPPORTED:

We have provided support to over 500 activists, helping them amplify their voices and drive change in their communities.

POLICY CHANGES INFLUENCED:

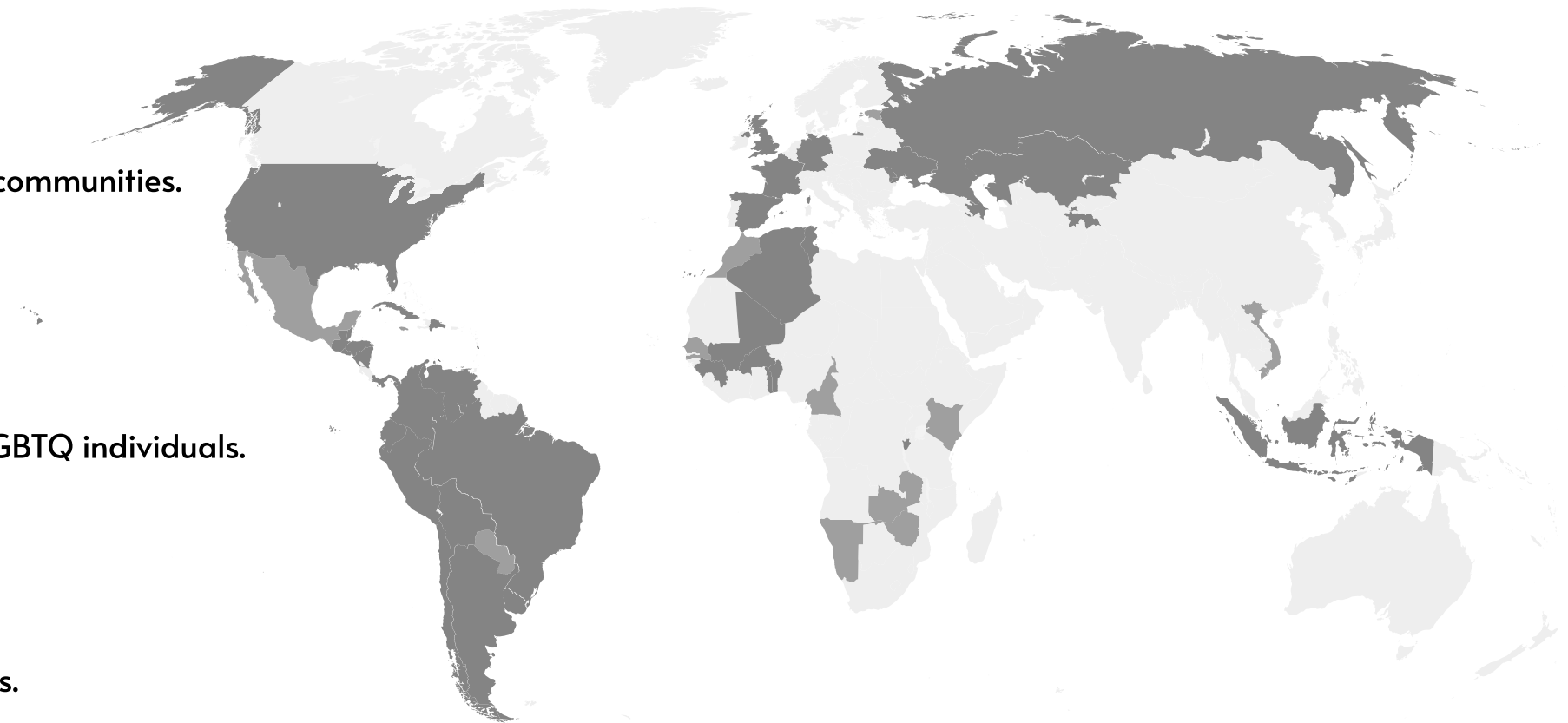
Our advocacy efforts have led to significant policy changes in 15 countries, improving the lives of countless LGBTQ individuals.

FUNDING MOBILIZED:

We have successfully mobilized over \$2 million in funding to support our initiatives and empower our partners.

COMMUNICATION PLATFORMS:

Our reach on social media continues to expand by over 50%





TESTIMONIALS

Aaron Rojas, Executive Director, Inspira Cambio, AC

“For us, the partnership with MPact means increase our possibility of learning to improve the way how are we working to create a safer world for GBMSM community and contribute to strengthening the LGBTIQA+ movement in general, be linked to the MPact gave us a projection and increased the visibility of or organization.”

Tung Doan, Executive Director, Lighthouse

“The partnership with MPact has been instrumental in amplifying our efforts to support the gay bisexual men community in Vietnam, providing us with the resources and platform to drive impactful change.”

Vitaly Djuma, Executive Director, ECOM

“To ECOM, Partnership with MPact means global solidarity, sharing experiences and expertise between LGBT networks in different parts of the world, strategizing together about protecting our community.”

PHILANTHROPY

MPact's investments in gay, bi, and queer men's movements worldwide have been instrumental in driving change and fostering liberation. Our approach to philanthropy is not just about providing financial support; it's about being a strategic ally committed to queer liberation and queer healthcare access worldwide.

GRANTMAKING DISTRIBUTION:

Our grantmaking efforts have been distributed across various regions and issues, ensuring that support reaches those who need it most. Here are some key statistics:

Regions: 40% of our grants were distributed in Africa, 30% in Asia, 20% in Latin America, and 10% in other regions.

Issues: 50% of our funding went towards HIV prevention and care, 30% towards human rights advocacy, and 20% towards capacity building and community mobilization.



STRATEGIC SUPPORT

MPact's far-reaching support for movements is a meaningful investment in our community. Our approach to resource distribution emphasizes unrestricted funding and direct support to grassroots movements. Rather than imposing donor-driven priorities, we invest in self-determined queer organizing by ensuring our activist partners have the flexibility to lead their own work. This strategic resourcing fuels sustainable, and community-led liberation.

FUNDRAISING AND CULTIVATION EVENTS

In 2024, we hosted awareness-raising events in New York and in Washington, D.C., with nearly 200 attendees. These events were designed to engage potential donors and raise awareness about our mission and the importance of supporting queer movements.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

MPact has also been at the forefront of thought leadership in HIV philanthropy. We have actively participated in the Council for Global Equality and Funders Concerned About AIDS (FCAA). Our involvement in these platforms has allowed us to share our insights and advocate for better funding models and policies.

AIDS WATCH 2024

Our participation in AIDS Watch 2024 was another significant milestone. This event provided us with an opportunity to advocate for the rights and needs of gay men living with HIV, and to highlight the importance of continued investment in HIV prevention and care.

PROGRAMS

MPact's strategic initiatives and advocacy campaigns are designed to challenge power structures and disrupt systemic injustice. Here are some profiles of our key initiatives:

Pleasure: Reclaiming Health & Joy

Our Pleasure program focuses on expanding access to life-saving HIV prevention tools, integrating sex positivity, and ensuring communities have the knowledge and resources to thrive. Key initiatives include:

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Outlast/HIV, Pleasure & Action:

Presented at the Collaboration in Care Conference, this initiative highlights the intersection of HIV prevention, pleasure, and activism.

Mpox Education

Providing educational content and hosting Instagram Live sessions with LGBT Rights Ghana to raise awareness about Mpox and its impact on the LGBTQI+ community.

COMMUNICATIONS: SHIFTING CULTURE, AMPLIFYING QUEER REALITIES

Our Communications uses multimedia storytelling, campaigns, and research to dismantle harmful narratives, make queer lives visible, and drive policy and social change. Key initiatives include:

Multi-media Campaigns

The Amaricon Beauty podcast celebrates queer identities and demonstrates what it means to be queer and Latinx and live in the US. Our Right To/ Prazer para Pessoas HIV+ campaign is a celebration of the sexuality and community of queer people living with HIV in Brazil.

Social Media Engagement

Collaborations to create content with social media influencers from Brazil, Mexico, Colombia, Ghana, Japan, Turkey, and Indonesia amplifies queer voices and stories.

Queer Migrant Experience Video Series

Documenting the experiences of queer migrants to highlight their struggles and resilience.

Queer Data Project

Conducting research to gather data on queer communities and inform policy and advocacy efforts.

AIDS 2024

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Revenues	Amount	Percentage	
Restricted grants & contributions	\$2,518,599	71.00%	
Unrestricted contributions	\$1,026,962	28.95%	
Other Revenue	\$1,804	0.05%	
Total Revenue	\$3,547,401	100.00%	
Expenses	Amount	Percentage	Comments
Direct Staff	\$614,822	20.36%	
Subgrants	\$891,740	29.53%	
Professional & Contracted Services	\$473,827	15.69%	
Staff Development & Travel	\$412,122	13.65%	
Communications	\$73,540	2.44%	aka "Promotion & Outreach"
Overhead	\$31,443	1.04%	
Account & Legal	\$373,672	12.37%	
Event Production	\$101,767	3.37%	NEW ADD
Other Program	\$46,654	1.55%	
Total	\$3,019,587	100.00%	

The Global Forum on MSM & HIV (MMSGF)
d/b/a Mpact Global Action for Gay Men's Health and Rights
Statement of Activities
Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Without Donor restrictions	With Donor restrictions	Total
Revenues, Gains and Other Support			
Contributions of cash and other financial assets	\$ 1,026,962	\$ 419,049	\$ 1,446,011
Grant revenue	\$ 2,099,550	-	\$ 2,099,550
Other revenue	\$ 1,840	-	\$1,840
Net assets released from restrictions	\$ 840,360	\$ 840,360	-
Total revenues, gains and other support	\$ 3,968,712	\$ 421,311	\$3,547,401
Expenses & Losses			
Program services	\$ 2,161,428	-	\$ 2,161,428
Management and general	\$ 645,056	-	\$ 645,056
Fundraising	\$ 211,357	-	\$ 211,357
Total Support Services	\$ 856,413	\$ 840,360	\$ 856,413
Foreign Exchange Loss	\$ 1,749	-	\$ 1,749
Total Expenses and Losses	\$ 3,019,590	-	\$3,019,590
Change in Net Assets	949,122	(421,311)	527,811
Net Assets (Deficit), beginning of year	(254,581)	771,623	517,042
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 694,541	\$ 350,312	\$ 1,044,853

PUBLICATIONS

MPact believes in community-owned knowledge and research. These are the MPact publications of 2024.

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OUR FUNDERS

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Global Fund

Elton John Aids
Foundation

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Gilead

AHF

Bavarian Nordic

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UNAIDS

Elizabeth Taylor
Aids Foundation

