Salamander Trust
ON THE RIGHT(S) TRACK
What do we do?

Salamander aims to protect, promote and enhance the health and rights of people marginalised by their gender, HIV status or sexual and reproductive health.
How do we do this?
We work to improve lives from a gendered, human-rights perspective, in the context of violence against women, HIV & sexual & reproductive health.
we support COMMUNITIES to identify their strengths, build resilience, develop THEIR OWN SOLUTIONS and to tell their own stories to the world
...and then we help to change **GLOBAL POLICIES** relating to their issues
Why sexual and reproductive health (SRH)?
Some girls can’t afford sanitary towels so miss out on school – even in the UK
Many women find it hard to negotiate condom use, so they may get pregnant.... and may acquire HIV.... and other STIs...
? Why Violence Against Women?
Violence against women increases women’s chances of getting HIV (and other STIs) by a factor of 1.5
Women with HIV also face (more) violence, once diagnosed
Why HIV?
There are now over 18.6 million women living with HIV globally - over half the adults with HIV. AIDS is the leading cause of death globally for women aged 30-49.
Young women are twice as likely to acquire HIV as young men - through gender violence & SRH inequities.
And many young people are born with HIV & are orphaned through AIDS.
But with the right access to care, treatment & support, women can now live long, productive lives - & have HIV-free children too.
So how do we do all this?
through

Rights-based
Training
Research and
Advocacy, based on
Community
Knowledge

Salamander Trust: on the RIGHT(S) TRACK
TRACK stands for Training

We have 3 rights-based training programmes to support people at different stages in their lives.

Our approach concurs with UNAIDS’ life-course approach.
TRACK stands for Training
“Start Free”
4M and 4M+

My health, my choice, my child, my life:
we train women living with HIV as ‘Mentor Mothers’
to support others through their pregnancy journey
Designed for **adolescents and adults**, it is recognised as one of the few community-based programmes known globally to **reduce gender-based violence**.

It has been used by many organisations worldwide since it was first published in 1995.

**TRACK** stands for Training “Stay Free”

*Stepping Stones & Stepping Stones Plus*
TRACK stands for Training “AIDS Free”

Stepping Stones with Children

This supports orphans & vulnerable children aged 5-8, 9-14 & their caregivers.

The programme is holistic, rights- and gender-based & child-centred.

It builds resilience, reduces violence against children & improves children’s health.
TRACK stands for Research

We have conducted 3 large research projects with UN agencies to bring local realities to global policy.

1) For WHO we led a big global survey on the sexual & reproductive health & rights of women living with HIV.

This was to support WHO’s new Consolidated Guideline on this topic.

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2) We worked with the partners below to conduct the first Global treatment access review of women living with HIV for UN Women.

We found that women globally experience a lot of violence when deciding if, when and for how long to take anti-retroviral therapy.

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3) We worked with the ATHENA Network, HEARD at the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal and others to conduct research for UNAIDS.

This is to help understand better ‘how’ and ‘why’ community programmes on violence and HIV best work for women’s rights.

We call this the ALIV[H]E Framework

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TRACK stands for Advocacy

We have conducted 5 participatory film-making workshops with women living with HIV and their families, in Malawi, Namibia, Tanzania, Uganda and England, to enable them to bring their own local realities to global attention.
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We also....

• write articles in peer review journals
• make presentations at conferences
• blog for openDemocracy
• post on facebook
• create posters
• run 2 websites: Salamander Trust & Stepping Stones
• host webinars
• write reports
• tweet as Salamander, Stepping Stones & 4M
• and more...
TRACK stands for Community Knowledge

All our work is based on local grassroots Community Knowledge. It forms the basis of our understanding and is the touchstone for our assessment of whether global policies are fit for purpose or not.

Community Knowledge is how we keep On the RIGHT(S) TRACK
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How about you?

Would you like to support our work, so you can be too?

If so, please donate now

Thankyou!
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