



The **Stephen Lewis Foundation** supports community-based organizations working to turn the tide of AIDS in Africa. Since 2003, we have funded more than 300 grassroots projects in 15 countries. Our funding model is based on a simple but powerful idea: when you put money directly into the hands of communities, great things can happen. We've worked to create a new way of funding that is sensitive, flexible, responsible and avoids bureaucratic red tape. Here are just a few examples of the projects we fund:



In eight intense years, **Consol Homes Orphan Care** in Malawi leapt from a tiny preschool centre to a vast network of 107 child care centres serving 30,000 children in 1,200 villages. Working with 500 community volunteers, Consol Homes regularly conducts home visits, distributes food packages, pays children's school fees, and provides spaces for thousands of children to come together to play, learn and work through their grief. Through Consol Homes' peer-elected youth councils, young people learn the skills to become future leaders.



Grandmothers Against Poverty and AIDS (GAPA) started with a few South African grandmothers coming together daily to talk, grieve, sew and make crafts to sell. They shared a common bond – each of them had lost children to AIDS, and all were raising their grandchildren. Today, GAPA includes 25 support groups, 10 income-earning cooperatives and an after-school programme. More than 900 grandmothers have participated in GAPA's grandmother-led training workshops. "When we are together, it gives us the strength to cope," says one granny.



In Kabwe, Zambia, where a severe shortage of doctors and nurses has crippled the health care system, home-based health care has become a lifeline for people living with HIV. A dozen full-time caregivers from **Ranchhod Hospice** travel from house to house to distribute medication, counsel families, feed and wash the sick, and refer households to other forms of support. Ranchhod Hospice's caregivers make over 4,000 home visits each year to rural areas that wouldn't otherwise have access to health care. They mother the community.



In a country where one in four people is living with HIV, **Swaziland Positive Living (SWAPOL)** has become a major force for change. SWAPOL works in rural areas to counsel and educate the public about HIV. At their Neighbourhood Care Points, they provide daily meals to vulnerable children and distribute food packages and supplies to families. SWAPOL is a vocal advocate for universal access to treatment and currently supports over 4,500 HIV-positive clients in 46 communities with counselling, food packages and regular home visits.