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## **Brazil's HIV/AIDS Policies Proved a Success. But Here Are the New Challenges.**

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Today is **World AIDS Day**. This year's theme, "Communities make the difference," recognizes how support at the grass-roots level is critical to HIV/AIDS programs worldwide, providing advocacy, education and support.

About 37.9 million people are living with HIV around the world, and many marginalized groups face discrimination or receive inadequate care. With AIDS programs in many countries **under attack**, community advocacy plays a critical role in tackling the AIDS epidemic.