The State of Trans* and Intersex Organizing Globally

The following graphics depict the findings of a survey of 340 groups promoting the rights of trans* and intersex people conducted in 2013. The full report can be found at www.transactivists.org/documents/funding-report/

**THIS YEAR’S BUDGET**

- Less than $10,000
- $10,000 - $250,000
- Over $250,000

More than half of trans* and intersex groups operate on less than 10,000 US$ per year, while only 5% have more than 250,000 US$ at their disposal. These movements are clearly underfunded.

“**As we are ‘T’ specific, it is difficult to access LGBT funding.”**

— Survey Respondent

**MOST OR ALL STAFF / CONSTITUENTS IDENTIFY AS**

- Trans* men
- Trans* women
- Intersex
- Other gender
- Local term
- Cisgender/not intersex
- People living with HIV
- Sex workers
- Unemployed
- Low-income background

**BUDGET AND LEADERSHIP IDENTITY**

- Europe: 64% of 56 groups
- North America: 56% of 94 groups
- Caribbean, Central America and South America: 76% of 49 groups
- Middle East/North Africa: 40% of 5 groups
- Sub-Saharan Africa: 54% of 50 groups
- Asia: 71% of 49 groups
- Pacific, Australia, New Zealand: 62% of 13 groups

Trans*/intersex groups that are located in high income countries don’t necessarily have access to more resources than trans*/intersex groups in low income countries. Trans* and intersex-led groups have significantly less access to funding than those that are not self-led.
3. Mentoring
   1. Networking with other trans*/intersex groups
   2. Skills training
   4. Political advocacy

2. Program strategy and development

3. Budgeting and financial management

4. Political advocacy

5. Community organizing

Wish List for Non-Financial Support

1. Networking with other trans*/intersex groups
2. Skills training
3. Mentoring

Wish List for Skills Training

1. Fundraising
2. Program strategy and development
3. Budgeting and financial management
4. Political advocacy
5. Community organizing

Budget, Savings, and Staff by Leadership Demographics

- Groups with budget over $10,000
  - Trans*-led: 39%
  - Intersex-led: 30%
  - Not self-led: 31%

- Groups with some financial savings
  - Trans*-led: 22%
  - Intersex-led: 15%
  - Not self-led: 63%

- Groups with some paid staff
  - Trans*-led: 44%
  - Intersex-led: 30%
  - Not self-led: 84%

Work Areas

- Working to improve social attitudes towards trans* people
- Advocacy around laws & policies affecting trans*/intersex people
- Support groups
- Patients’ rights advocacy
- Providing social services to trans*/intersex people
- Safety/anti-violence work
- HIV/AIDS prevention services
- Provision of health care
- Arts/culture work

“It’s very hard for us to identify funding organizations with criteria that we meet... intersex isn’t on their list.”
—Survey Respondent

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