

Mission Statement

The AIDS Law Project (ALP) is a human rights organisation that seeks to influence, develop and use the law to address the human rights implications of HIV/AIDS in South Africa, regionally and internationally. In particular, it uses legal and policy processes and litigation to protect, promote and advance the rights of people living with HIV/AIDS, as well as to change the socio-economic and other conditions that lead to the spread of infectious diseases and their disproportionate impact on the poor. In addition, it conducts and publishes research in order to assist with policy formulation and the development of appropriate legal and regulatory frameworks needed to respect, protect, promote and fulfil human rights.

Although the ALP maintains a focus on HIV/AIDS, it recognises that the progressive realisation of a set of human rights – and socio-economic rights in particular – is fundamental to sustainable progress in tackling the epidemic. Developing content and a better understanding of the duties of the public and private sectors regarding the right of people to health care is a particular objective of the ALP.

The ALP believes that empowering vulnerable people living with or affected by HIV/AIDS with knowledge of the law and human rights is effective and sustainable in tackling the epidemic. To this end, we work in partnership with other human rights organisations – particularly the Treatment Action Campaign (TAC) – to educate and train people about law, human rights and how they can use the legal framework.

The ALP is committed to the highest level of professionalism, accountability, transparency and respect for people's equality, dignity, privacy and autonomy.



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