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- Visit africangrandmotherstribunal.org to download a copy of the **Tribunal Report** or pre-order your own copy of the film on DVD or Blu-ray

For more information

- Email info@stephenlewisfoundation.org
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About the Stephen Lewis Foundation

The Stephen Lewis Foundation (SLF) works with community-level organizations that are turning the tide of HIV/AIDS in Africa by providing care and support to women, grandmothers and the orphaned children in their care, and people living with HIV and AIDS. Since 2003, it has funded over 1100 initiatives, partnering with more than 300 community-based organizations in the 15 African countries hardest hit by the pandemic.



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African Grandmothers TRIBUNAL

seeking justice at the frontlines of the AIDS crisis

a film by  the Stephen Lewis
FOUNDATION

“ We, the grandmothers of Africa, speak to you now as guardians of the future. We will not let the AIDS pandemic defeat us nor destroy our communities... Africa cannot survive without us. ”

—EXCERPT FROM THE GRANDMOTHERS CALL TO ACTION

About the African Grandmothers Tribunal

“It’s time to recognize that grandmothers at the forefront of the HIV/AIDS crisis must have our human rights respected and protected... It’s time to recognize our contribution to the survival of communities and the expertise we have developed to do so, by giving us our rightful place and voice wherever decisions are made.”

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African grandmothers are working to secure better futures for their communities. They have stepped in to care for orphaned grandchildren, putting them through school, supporting them through the loss of their parents to AIDS, and teaching them about HIV prevention and treatment. They tend to the sick, set up support groups, harvest the crops and create income-generating programmes. They are advocates for their families, and are emerging as experts and leaders, increasingly acknowledged by governments and international NGOs. But discrimination and gender inequality impose an unconscionable price.

On September 7th, 2013 in Vancouver, British Columbia, the Stephen Lewis Foundation hosted a People’s Tribunal to shine a public light on the denial of African grandmothers’ human rights, and to issue a call to action. Six grandmothers from Swaziland, Uganda, Kenya, Zimbabwe and South Africa presented their personal testimonies. Two leaders of community-based organizations in Swaziland and Uganda shared their expertise about some of the most pressing human rights challenges grandmothers are facing. All together, they sent out a clarion call for change before a panel of four Tribunal judges.

The Film

African Grandmothers Tribunal: Seeking justice at the frontlines of the AIDS crisis shines a light on the urgent need to provide better protection for the human rights of African grandmothers. The film centres on the inspiring stories of three African grandmothers who journey from their homes in Uganda and Swaziland to testify in front of the international community at a People’s Tribunal in Vancouver, Canada.

Featured Grandmother Testifiers



Thulisile Dladla, Swaziland

Thulisile is a dynamic and tireless advocate for her community. As an HIV positive grandmother and board member of SWAPOL, she runs a feeding programme for vulnerable children and provides home-based care to terminally ill community members.



Immaculate Nakyanzi, Uganda

After Immaculate lost many family members to AIDS, she assumed care for multiple grandchildren. She has become a voice for change around land rights, specifically the threat of violence and lack of legal redress associated with property grabbing and the eviction of grandmothers caring for orphaned children.



Mariam Mulindwa, Uganda

Mariam is the full-time caregiver for 24 orphaned and vulnerable children. In 2003, she joined PEFO, and quickly became a mobilizer and inspiration for other grandmothers, representing older persons on the sub-County Land Rights Committee.

Additional Testifiers

Grandmothers

Zodwa Ndlovu, *South Africa*
Magret Ongwen, *Kenya*
Mama ‘F’, *Zimbabwe*

Expert Witnesses

Robina Ssentongo,
*Director, Kitovu Mobile AIDS
Organization, Uganda*
Siphiwe Hlophe,
*Founder & Director, Swaziland
Positive Living (SWAPOL),
Swaziland*

Judges

Gloria Steinem,
*Renowned feminist author
and activist*
Joy Phumaphi,
*Executive Secretary of the African
Leaders Malaria Alliance*
Theo Sowa,
*Chief Executive Officer of the Afri-
can Women’s Development Fund*
Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond,
*British Columbia’s Representative
for Children and Youth*