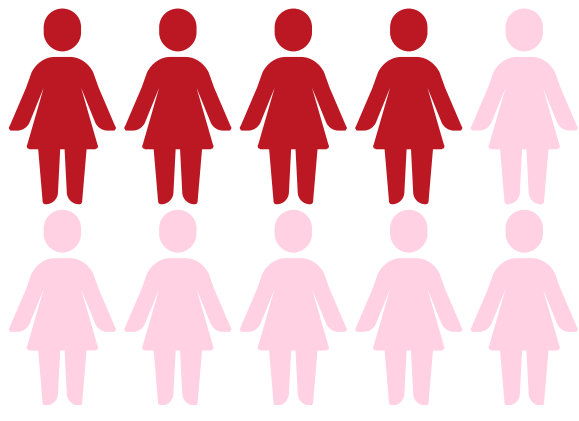


Over 106,000 Lives at Risk: The Impact of Trump Administration's Foreign Aid Suspension

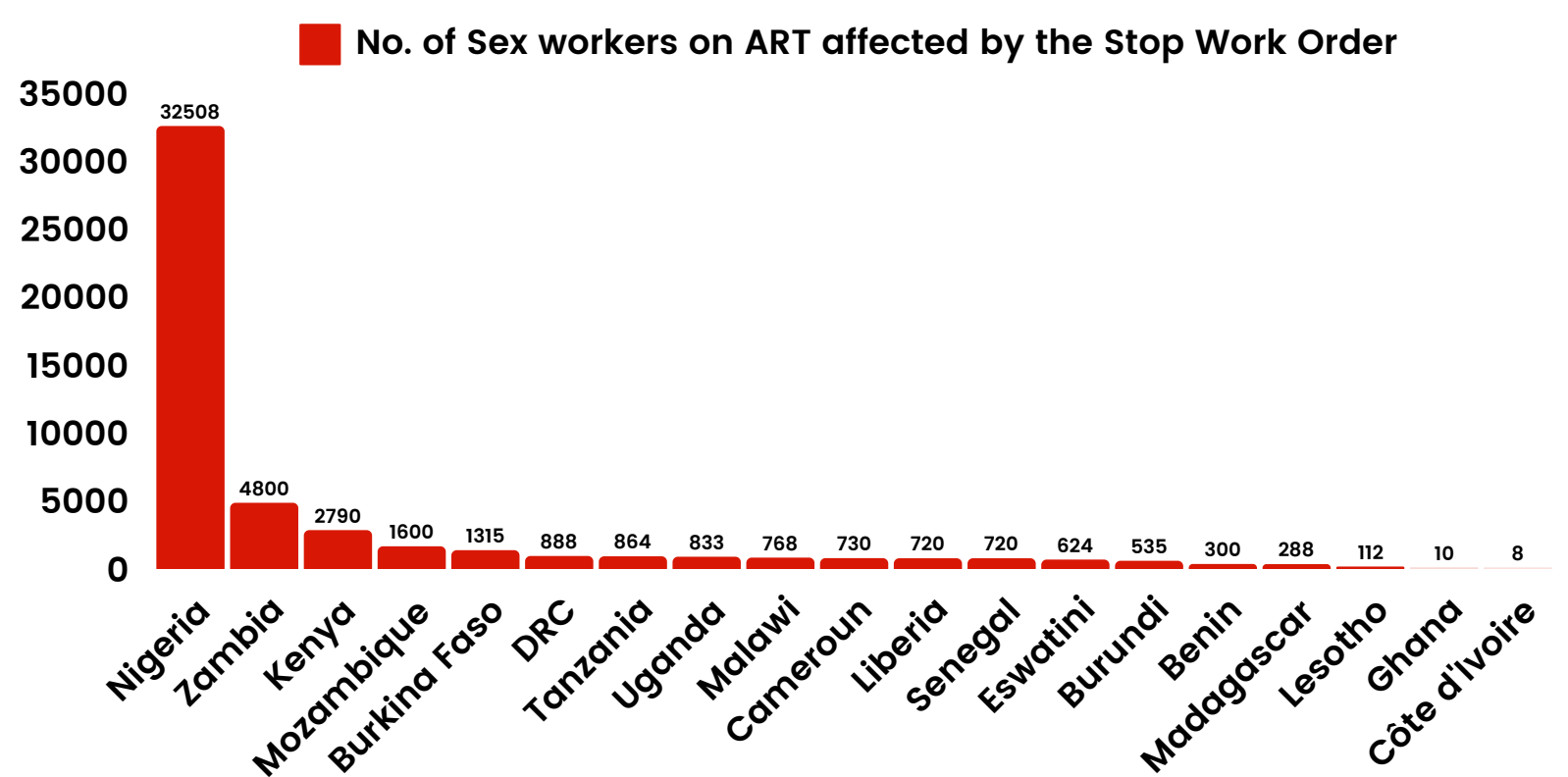
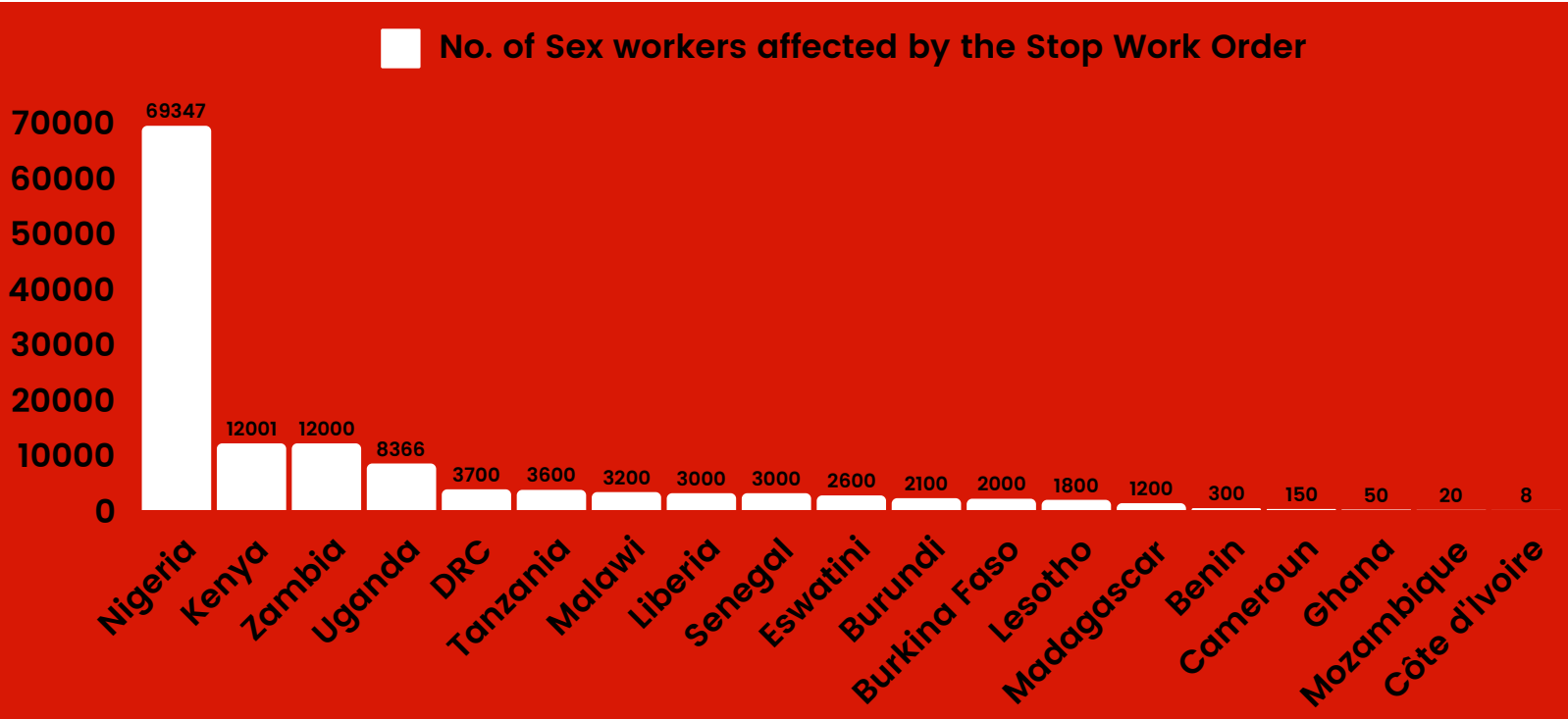
This assessment by the African Sex Workers Alliance (ASWA) sought to evaluate the impact of Trump administration's suspension of foreign aid and stop work order on programs designed to support key populations, specifically sex workers in Africa.



34 out of 38 Sex worker-led organizations surveyed were sub-recipients of PEPFAR, USAID, or CDC grants, highlighting their significant vulnerability to the funding suspension.



4 in 10 Sex workers affected by the stop-work order rely on ART. Each day this pause continues, 45,061 Sex workers are left without life-saving HIV medication.



Impact of Funding Suspension

- Reduced supply of condoms, lubricants, and ART services.
- Closure of drop-in centers and outreach programs.
- Job losses among staff and volunteers.
- Increased health risks due to service disruptions.
- Rising anxiety and depression driven by fears of treatment interruptions, drug resistance, and job insecurity.

Alternatives Implemented

- Seeking alternative funding sources.
- Mass distribution of prevention supplies.
- Establish emergency reserves.
- Partnering with local governments for emergency support.
- Multi month dispensing for both ARVS and PrEP.

Recommendations Based on ASWA's Assessment of the Impact of the Trump Administration's Foreign Aid Suspension

- **Establish Emergency Funding Mechanisms**
Create a Sex Worker Resilience Fund to sustain critical health services, including HIV treatment, PrEP access, and harm reduction programs, ensuring continuity despite funding disruptions.
- **Strengthen Financial Stability for Community-Led Organizations**
Provide alternative funding sources for sex worker-led initiatives to prevent shutdowns, allowing continued delivery of peer outreach, legal aid, crisis response, and advocacy.
- **Advocate for Multi-Month Dispensing of ARVs and PrEP**
To mitigate service interruptions, governments and health partners should implement policies allowing longer prescription duration, ensuring continuous access to HIV prevention and treatment.
- **Mobilize Global and Regional Support**
Build coalitions with international human rights organizations, feminist funds, and progressive donors to fill in the gap and advocate for sustainable financing of sex worker-led programs.
- **Enhance Policy and Media Advocacy**
Amplify the human impact of funding cuts through strategic media engagement and policy dialogues, ensuring sex workers are represented in decision-making spaces and pushing governments and funders to uphold health rights commitments.
- **Strengthen Partnerships with Local Governments**
Collaborate with national and regional governments to secure emergency funding and integrate sex worker-led health services into national healthcare systems to reduce dependency on external aid.



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