

[Physicians for Human Rights](#) (PHR) was selected as a presenter at the XVI International AIDS Conference in Toronto. Senior Research Associate Karen Leiter will discuss the results of PHR's population-based research on discrimination against women as a driver of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in southern Africa. The study was designed to understand the impact of inequalities affecting women in relation to HIV/AIDS prevention and care, assess current attitudes and policies, and propose pragmatic solutions to promote women's health and human rights in Botswana and Swaziland.

Following the report's release in August, PHR will raise awareness among U.S. and international policymakers of the urgent need to support legal reforms, public education campaigns, and civil society mobilization to combat gender and HIV/AIDS-related discrimination. PHR also will organize training workshops for in-country partner organizations in Botswana and Swaziland to strengthen their capacity to conduct targeted advocacy around the reports' findings.