

# Are you a woman living with HIV?

We are looking for women who would like to participate in an interview study about their experiences of living with HIV as a woman. The purpose of the study is to explore women's own experiences of living with HIV in Sweden with a focus on sexual and reproductive health as well as healthcare encounters. The interviews will include, for example, questions about thoughts and experiences of parenthood, sexuality, menopause, contraception and the encounter with healthcare professionals.

We are looking for adult women living in different parts of Sweden. The interview can be conducted through face-to-face meeting or over the phone and will take between 30-90 minutes. It is possible to be interviewed in Swedish, French, Swahili, Lingala or English or to be assisted by an interpreter for other languages.

In order to participate in the study you must be:

- Woman (including trans or transgender women)
- 25 years old or older
- HIV positive

Are you interested in participating and would like to get more information about the study? Then you can contact:

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The study is called “An interview study with women living with HIV in Sweden” and is approved by the Swedish Ethical Review Authority. The project is carried out by the Department of Epidemiology and Global Health at Umeå University in collaboration with the Public Health Agency of Sweden. The project leader is Professor Anna-Karin Hurtig, Department of Epidemiology and Global Health, email: [anna-karin.hurtig@umu.se](mailto:anna-karin.hurtig@umu.se).

If you contact us, it does not in any way bind you to participate in the study. Participation is completely voluntary. If you decide to participate and then change your mind, you can withdraw from the study at any time, and without explanations or consequences. The project guarantees your confidentiality and that unauthorized persons will not get access to the interview material. All collected research material will be stored and managed safely. The responsible authority of the research is Umeå University.

