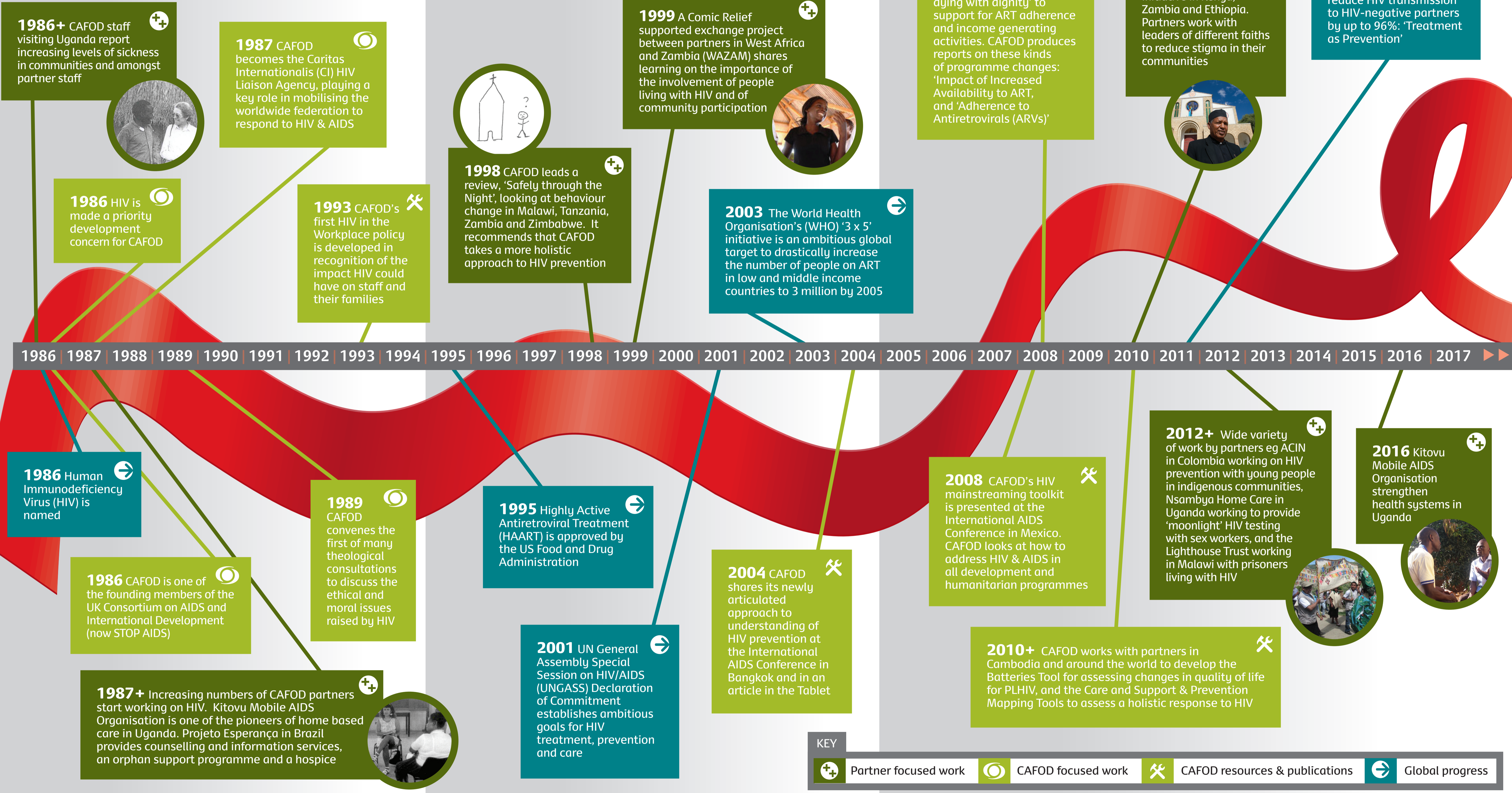


# CAFOD's response to HIV and AIDS

CAFOD has been working together with partner organisations to respond to HIV and AIDS for over 30 years. From the early days CAFOD established a leading role as a faith based organisation in the global response, linking in with local, national and international actors. Significant progress has been made worldwide, but today HIV and AIDS remain far from over. Millions of people do not know they are HIV positive, many cannot access lifesaving treatment and stigma and discrimination still pose significant barriers to seeing an end to AIDS. This timeline gives a snapshot of the response and how it evolved over time.



**1986+** Work in these early days focuses on supporting a growing number of sick and dying people through counselling and basic medical and palliative care. There are increasing numbers of orphans in communities and stigma is a huge challenge.

**1995+** This period sees effective treatment becoming available – but it is too expensive for many countries and individuals to afford it. CAFOD continues to develop its holistic approach (care and support, prevention and advocacy) and share learning with, and learn from, partners and external HIV networks.

**2005+** Treatment is increasingly available. Stigma remains a massive challenge. CAFOD focuses on the broader quality of life, as HIV is not just a medical issue. There is an increased focus on working with those people most affected by, and vulnerable to, HIV. HIV is being integrated into other development themes although there is still often a need for a stand alone response.

**KEY**

- Partner focused work
- CAFOD focused work
- CAFOD resources & publications
- Global progress