

## **Tamil Kendall**

Tamil Kendall has more than twenty-years' experience working as a community-based researcher and advocate in HIV and AIDS. She is an expert in sexual and reproductive health and rights, gender, and HIV who has worked extensively with networks of women living with HIV, transwomen, and sex workers. For over 15 years of her career, she held different roles as a community-based, academic researcher and policymaker working in Latin America and the Caribbean (including living in Mexico for 12 years). In 2015, she returned home to Canada. After working as the Director of Women's, Maternal and Early Childhood Health for the government of British Columbia, she went back to her true loves of research and evidence-informed advocacy.

Currently, she is the Director of the Partnership for Women's Health Research Canada ([www.pwhr.org](http://www.pwhr.org)), an alliance of Canada's leading women's+ health research institutions, including the Women's Health Research Institute and Women's Health Research Cluster (BC), the Women and Children's Health Research Institute (Alberta), the Women's College Research Institute at Women's College Hospital (Ontario) and IWK Health (Maritimes). Tamil also works as a researcher and consultant with international organizations, the United Nations, and global and local civil society networks to promote and protect sexual and reproductive health and rights, prevent and respond to gender-based violence, and promote equity and defend human rights. Tamil is also an adjunct professor at the School of Population and Public Health at the University of British Columbia.

Tamil holds a Master's degree in Communication from Simon Fraser University and a doctoral degree in Interdisciplinary Studies (Anthropology and Health Sciences) from the University of British Columbia. She completed her post-doctoral research fellowship (2013-2015) with the Women and Health Initiative at the Harvard School of Public Health where she was also a Takemi Fellow in International Health. Tamil joined the ICASO board in 2020 and is currently the Treasurer.