



JOINT UN PROGRAMME ON HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

**UN-Women's follow-up to recommendations
of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board**

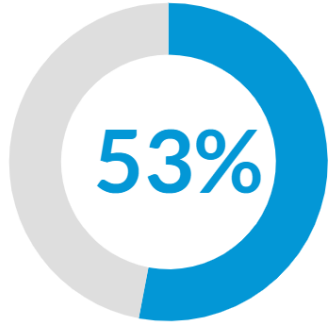


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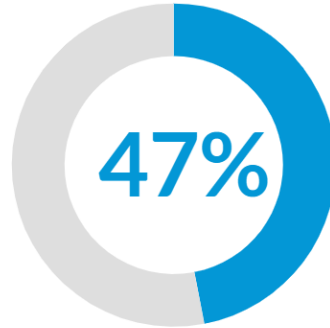
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GENDER EQUALITY IN THE CONTEXT OF HIV/AIDS

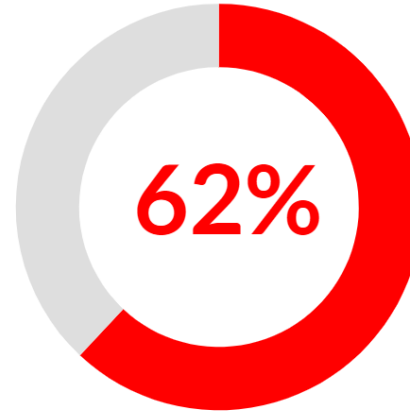
Globally, there are more women (15+) living with HIV



Women (15+) constituted nearly half of new HIV infections



Adolescent girls & young women (15-24) make up 62% of new HIV infections

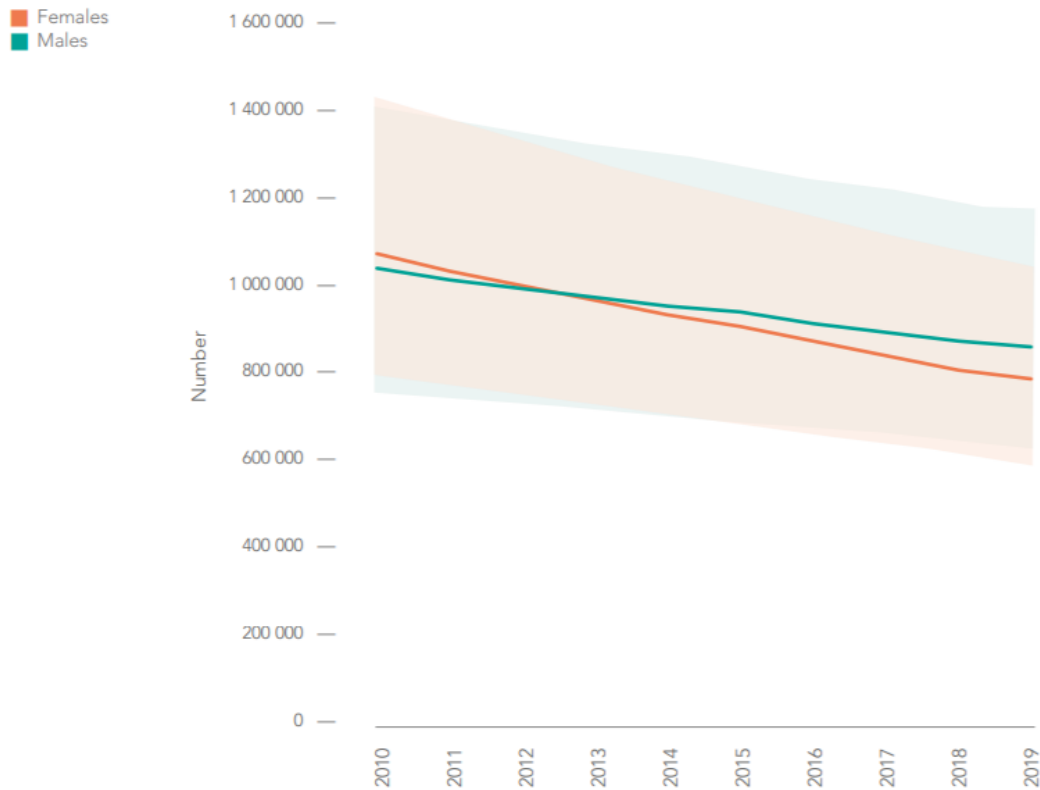


Women who have experienced violence are **50%** more likely to acquire HIV

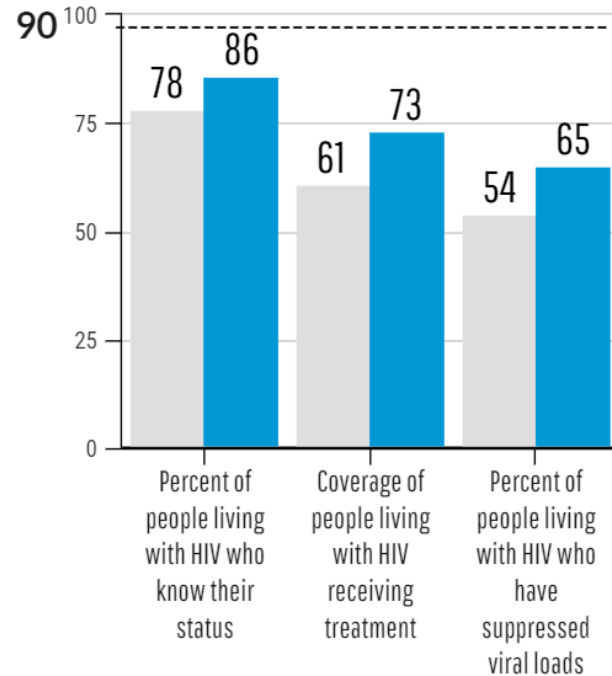
COVID-19 is worsening gender inequality & violence against women, increasing women's risk to HIV infection & their ability to mitigate its impact

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Number of new HIV infections by sex, global, 2010–2019

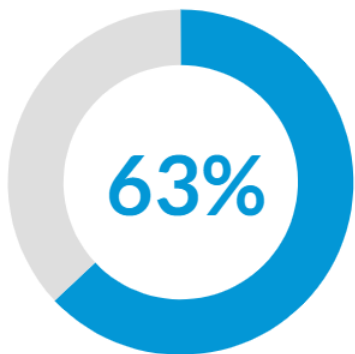


Women (15+) have generally better outcomes across 90-90-90 continuum

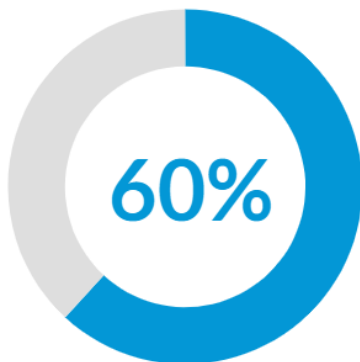


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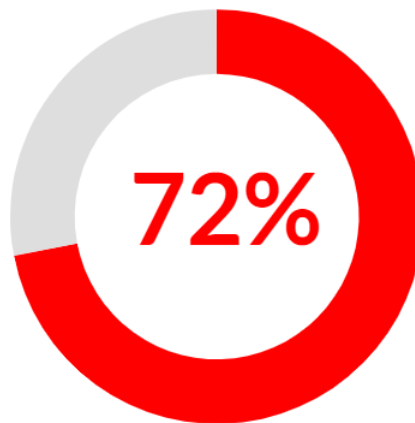
In sub-Saharan Africa, women (15+) constitute more than half all people living with HIV



There were more new HIV infections among women (15+)



Adolescent girls & young women (15-24) make up the majority of new HIV infections



Only 55% of married or in-union women (15-49) make their own decisions regarding sexual & reproductive health & rights

Only
1/3

of adolescent girls & young women (15-24) have comprehensive HIV knowledge

Every year,

12 million

girls are married before the age of 18, limiting their ability to prevent HIV

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Involve young people in prevention –
come and enter our world.

**We do not want to be passive recipients
of interventions.**

”

Annah Sango

International Community of Women Living with HIV (ICW)



| UN-WOMEN IN UNAIDS JOINT PROGRAMME

- Integrating gender equality into the **governance of the HIV response**.
- Amplifying **voice and leadership of women** and girls in all their diversity, to meaningfully engage in decision-making.
- Up-scaling what works in **transforming unequal gender norms** to prevent HIV and mitigate its impact:
 - addressing the intersections between HIV and violence against women,
 - promoting women's economic empowerment, and
 - realizing women's legal rights and ending gender-based stigma and discrimination.

| UN-WOMEN IN UNAIDS JOINT PROGRAMME

To date, UN-Women has supported the integration of gender equality issues in national HIV responses in

48 countries, benefitting approx.

13.5 million

women (15+) living with HIV – nearly 70% of all women living with HIV globally

UN-Women's support has amplified voices & enhanced the leadership of women living with HIV in formal mechanisms &

fora across **30** countries – in just two last years, over

10,000 women

living with HIV have directly benefited from this work

Adaptation of the UN-Women's *HeforShe* approach resulted in transforming of harmful norms among men in South Africa, with

62% of participating women & men testing for HIV, &

36% returning and adhering to their antiretroviral treatment

To prevent violence against women & HIV, UN-Women scaled up implementation of the evidence-based *SASA!* community-based initiative: in just one year, over

20,000 women

& men at the grassroots level reported improved attitudes & behaviors in Zimbabwe



| KEY JOINT INITIATIVES

Global Partnership for Action to Eliminate All Forms of HIV-Related Stigma & Discrimination



Education Plus Initiative: Empowering Adolescent Girls & Young Women in Africa

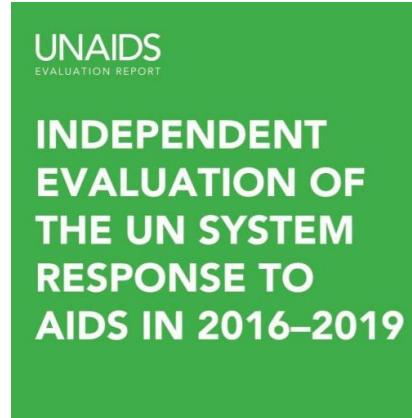


UNAIDS PCB DECISIONS & IMPLEMENTATION



Global Partnership for Action to Eliminate All Forms of HIV-related Stigma & Discrimination

- Providing technical assistance to countries & generating cutting-edge knowledge
- Ensuring engagement & voice of women living with HIV



Evaluations & Joint Inspection Unit recommendations

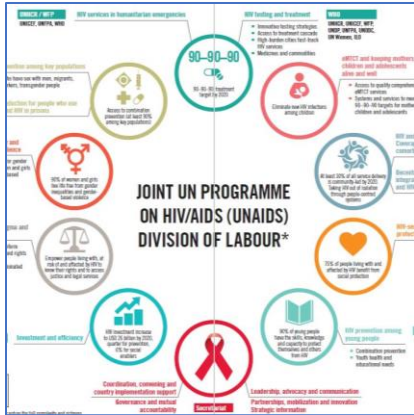
- Learning from UN Women programming
- Informing UNAIDS evaluations & management response



UNAIDS Strategy Beyond 2021 & Unified Budget, Results & Accountability Framework

- Prioritizing a stand-alone gender equality results area & integrating gender equality across the strategy & results framework
- Designing a robust gender-responsive indicators and resources framework

WAY FORWARD



Cosponsorship in the UNAIDS Joint Programme

- Leading on Gender Equality & GBV in the UNAIDS Division of Labour
- New cosponsorship principles

UN General Assembly High-Level Meeting on HIV/AIDS

- Providing technical advice to Member States & civil society
- Making linkages with the Generation Equality & Action Coalitions

New UN Women Strategic Plan

- Influencing governance of HIV response & promoting leadership of women living w/HIV
- Focusing on 'leave no one behind' principle & transforming unequal gender norms