JOINT UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME ON HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

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GENDER EQUALITY IN THE CONTEXT OF HIV/AIDS

Women made up more than half of all new global HIV infections.

~5,000 new infections among AGYW every week.

In 2020, Women constituted 54% of adults living with HIV.

With adolescent girls living with HIV outnumbering adolescent boys living with HIV 2 to 1.
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New HIV infections in Eastern Europe and Central Asia and Middle East and North Africa continue to climb, including among women.

In sub-Saharan Africa, girls account for 6 out of 7 HIV infections among 15-19-year-olds.

1 in 2 women reported they or a woman they know experienced violence since the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Testing and treatment coverage has doubled and is higher among women.

Yet,

HIV/AIDS remains a leading cause of death among women of reproductive age.

Unavailability of services during COVID-19 pandemic left women and girls more vulnerable to HIV.

COMMITMENTS TO GENDER EQUALITY IN THE CONTEXT OF HIV

**UN GA’s 2021 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS**
- Commits to end gender inequalities
- Reaffirms a target to reduce new infections in AGYW

**HRC Resolution on Human Rights in the Context of HIV and AIDS**
- Urges States to address the needs of AGYW
- Encourages development of quality health services, including SRHR and GBV
- Tailored services for women living with or affected by HIV

**CSW Resolution 60/2 on Women, the Girl Child and HIV/AIDS**
- Supported South Africa Development Community to pilot gender-responsive oversight model
- Model rolled out and adapted across 5 countries
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- 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
- Upscaling what works in transforming unequal gender norms to prevent HIV and mitigate its impact

Addressing intersection between HIV and VAW
Promoting women’s economic empowerment
Realizing legal rights and ending gender-based stigma
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13 AIDS coordinating bodies increased knowledge of gender dimensions of HIV and implemented gender-responsive actions.

In Indonesia, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria funding request included actions and budgetary allocations to address HIV-stigma and discrimination and violence against women and girls.

UN Women implemented community-level evidence-based initiatives in 15 countries to transform unequal gender norms and increase uptake of HIV testing and treatment.

In South Africa, our HeForShe community-based initiative engaged 115,000 women and men in dialogues on unequal gender norms, violence against women, and HIV prevention. In 2 years, 62% participants also got tested for HIV and all those who tested positive are linked to HIV treatment and care.
Across **35 countries**, over **28,000** women living with HIV enhanced leadership skills and participated in decision-making.

In Tajikistan, UN Women successfully ensured that a **woman living with HIV** chaired the National HIV Programme working group and spearheaded actions on the prevention of cervical cancer and violence against women living with HIV.

UN Women harnessed **digital technology** with and for women living with HIV to advance gender equality in the HIV response.

In Uganda, a **new online app** helps young women and girls access accurate information to make informed choices about HIV prevention, care and treatment services and other sexual and reproductive health needs.
A Toolkit for Action: Making the HIV response work for women through film is based on the award-winning feature film ‘Pili’ about a woman living with HIV from Tanzania and supported national efforts in Zimbabwe, Nigeria and Tanzania.

Financing for gender equality in the HIV response is a series of papers which resulted in a set of policy recommendations and evidence that influenced the new 2025 UNAIDS social enablers targets.

Gender Equality and HIV/AIDS web-portal contains cutting-edge research and resources on gender equality and HIV epidemic.
KEY JOINT INITIATIVES

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

29 countries

Completion of quality secondary education

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

5 countries

Access to CSE

Economic Security

Fulfillment of SRHR

Freedom from SGBV

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WAY FORWARD

GLOBAL AIDS STRATEGY BEYOND 2021

New UNAIDS Global AIDS Strategy beyond 2021

• Ambitious result area on gender equality and gender-responsive actions, indicators and resources
• UN Women programming informed evaluation on VAWG and UN Women led management response

UN Women’s New Strategic Plan

• Prioritizes HIV work through impact indicator, outcome indicator on women’s bodily autonomy, two dedicated output-level indicators under Outcome 1 and 5 and through the principle of ‘leave no one behind’

Leadership of AGYW in the HIV Response

• New partnership to empower and mentor young women to prevent HIV and mitigate its impact