



# JOINT UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME ON HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

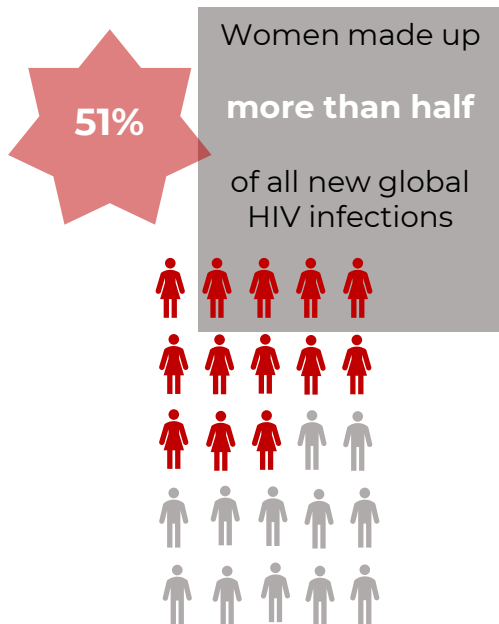
**UN WOMEN'S KEY UPDATES ON  
IMPLEMENTATION OF UNAIDS PROGRAMME  
COORDINATING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS**



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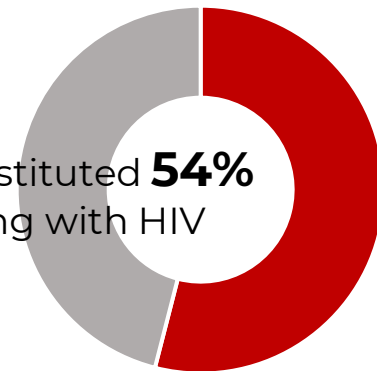
# GENDER EQUALITY IN THE CONTEXT OF HIV/AIDS



~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**

# GENDER EQUALITY IN THE CONTEXT OF HIV/AIDS

New HIV infections continue to **decline** globally



Yet,

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



# GENDER EQUALITY IN THE CONTEXT OF HIV/AIDS



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



# UN WOMEN IN THE 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
- 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



# UN WOMEN IN THE JOINT PROGRAMME

## 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



# UN WOMEN IN THE JOINT PROGRAMME

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

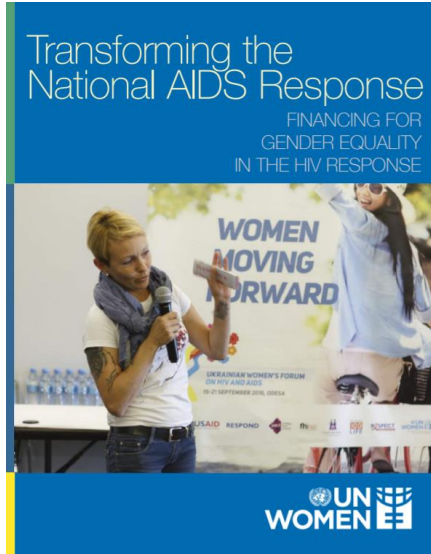
In Uganda, a **new online app** helps young women and girls access accurate information to make informed choices about HIV prevention, care and treatment services and other sexual and reproductive health needs

# KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

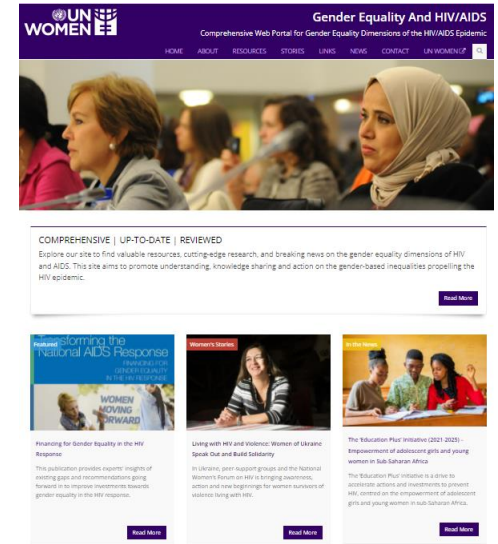


**A Toolkit for Action: Making the HIV response work for women through film** is based on the award-winning feature film 'Pili' about a woman living with HIV from Tanzania and supported national efforts in Zimbabwe, Nigeria and Tanzania

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**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

29 countries



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

5 countries



Access to CSE

Economic Security

Fulfillment of SRHR

Freedom from SGBV

Completion of quality secondary education



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

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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 Strategic Plan

2022-2025

Building a Gender-Equal World

5  
GENDER  
EQUALITY

### 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