



Empowering and Supporting Women and Girls

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Through the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), the U.S. government **will invest nearly \$2 billion in direct bilateral support this year for women and girls** to be healthy and achieve their dreams in more than 50 countries globally.

PEPFAR **empowers and protects women and girls across their entire life cycle**. We prevent girls from HIV infection at birth, keep them HIV-free through their adolescence, support female orphans and vulnerable children and their female care-givers, and provide lifesaving treatment to HIV-positive women. We address key structural drivers of girls' vulnerability – helping them stay in school, prevent sexual violence, and find economic opportunities. We screen HIV-positive women for cervical cancer, the leading form of cancer killing women in sub-Saharan Africa. Perhaps most importantly, girls and young women are at the center of every effort, so they are meaningfully engaged on issues impacting their lives and able to reach their full potential.

Through **PEPFAR's flagship DREAMS public-private partnership, over the last four years we have invested over \$800 million across 15 countries** in Africa and the Caribbean with remarkable results. DREAMS has enabled millions of adolescent girls and young women to be Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS-Free, Mentored, and Safe and lifted up their families and their communities all through an innovative partnership model with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Girl Effect, Johnson & Johnson, Gilead Sciences, and ViiV Healthcare.



PEPFAR **supports HIV treatment for 9.3 million women and girls***



The DREAMS Partnership has **reduced new HIV diagnoses among adolescent girls and young women by over 25%** in the majority of its intervention regions; 85% of these regions showed additional declines in 2018



PEPFAR **supports 2 million female orphans and vulnerable children** ages 0-17 years so they can survive and thrive*



PEPFAR has **enabled over 2.4 million babies** to be born HIV-free to HIV-positive mothers and kept these mothers alive with treatment**



PEPFAR is investing \$30 million to **reduce cervical cancer incidence by 95%** among the roughly 3.5 million women living with HIV in eight African countries.

PEPFAR believes that every girl, every woman deserves equality, health, and the opportunity to reach her dreams.

* Through March 30, 2019
** Through September 30, 2018

