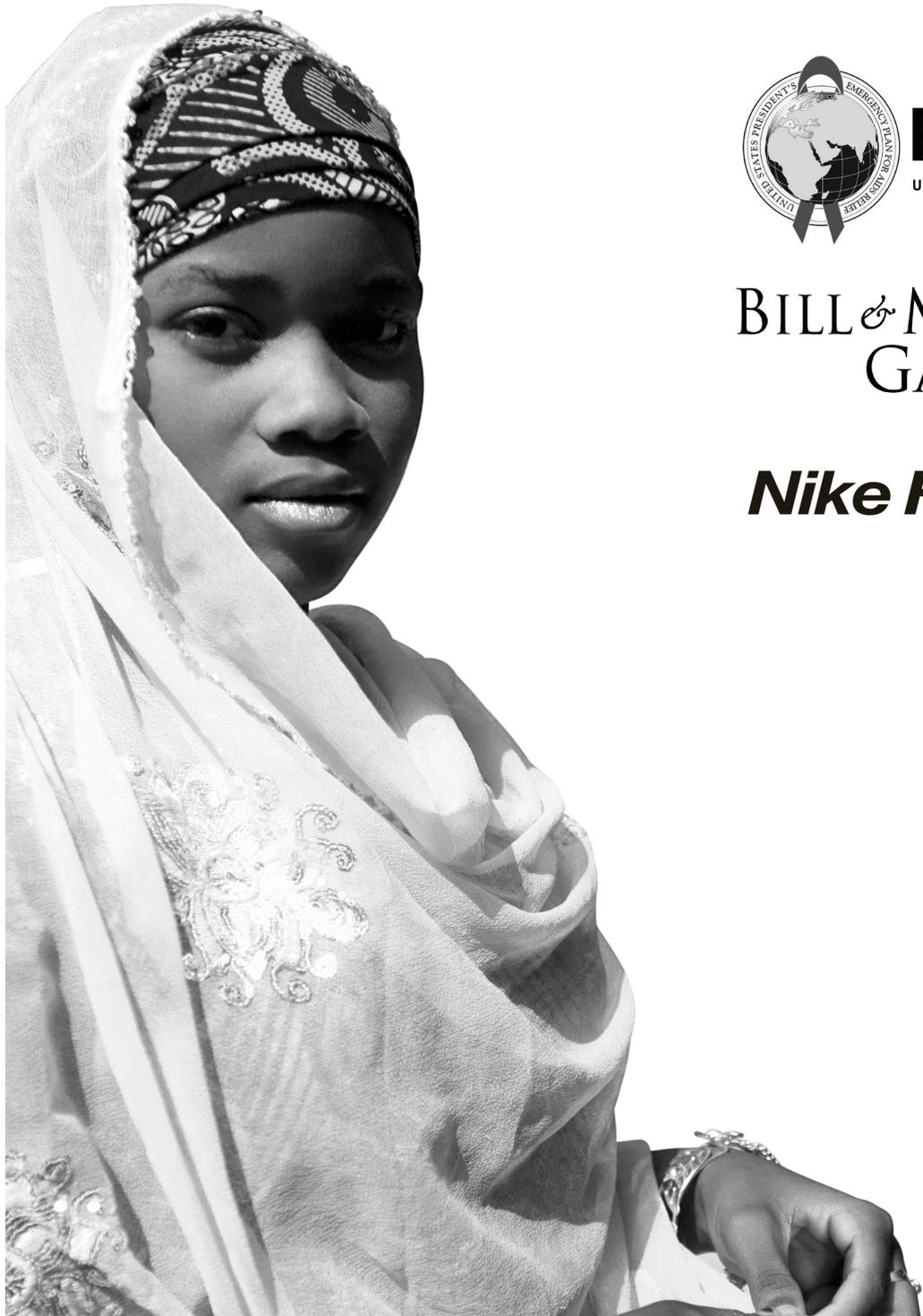


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Taking a bold step forward, the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), the Nike Foundation, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation seek to share their respective resources, strengths and experience to drive change and impact for girls and young women.

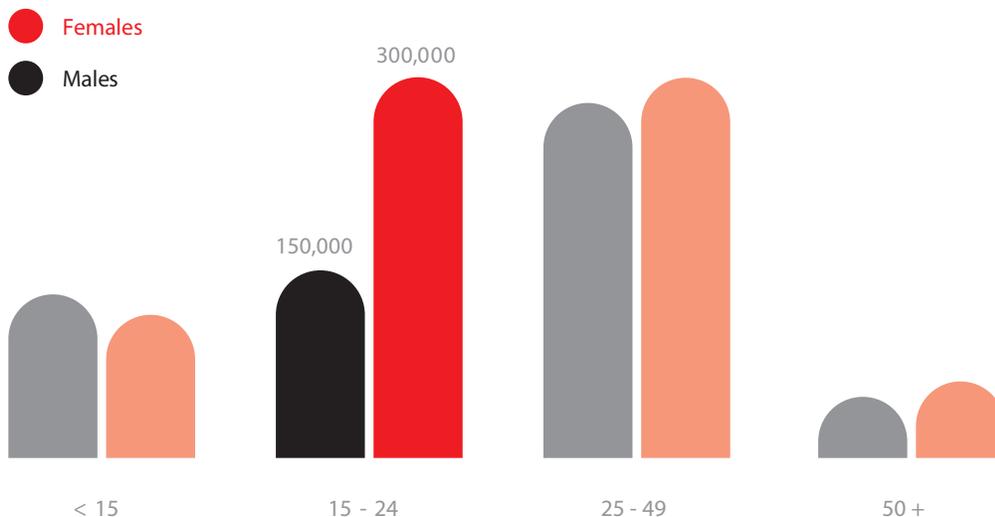
When a girl has access to health services, is included in economic investments, is given a choice over when she marries and starts having children, and has the opportunity to realize her full economic and social potential, she isn't the only one who escapes poverty. She brings her family, community and country with her.

This partnership is about more than one solution. It's a platform to discuss, collaborate, and tackle the problem head on. We will work with partners to combine interventions that when delivered as a package, in addition to challenging and changing perceptions and norms, will transform a girl's life and accelerate efforts to achieve an AIDS-free future for girls.

## AN URGENT CALL TO ACTION

In 2013, over 80 percent of new HIV infections among adolescents in the hardest hit countries occurred in girls. Globally, 15 percent of women living with HIV/AIDS are aged 15-24, with 80 percent living in sub-Saharan Africa. Despite considerable progress in the overall global HIV/AIDS response, gender and age disparities in high-HIV burden sub-Saharan African countries remain almost unchanged. In fact, 380,000 adolescent girls and young women were infected with HIV last year. An urgent response that supports a shift in programming is needed now.

New HIV infections in Sub-Saharan Africa by Age & Sex, 2013



## **PARTNERSHIP OVERVIEW**

PEPFAR, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the Nike Foundation will collaborate on the design of girl-centric strategies in up to ten high HIV prevalence countries. Our goal is to significantly reduce HIV infections among adolescent girls and young women in selected countries.

The new adolescent girls and young women initiative is based on PEPFAR's vision of ensuring that girls are determined, resilient, empowered, AIDS-free, mentored, and safe. It is also aligned with the Nike Foundation's mission to make girls visible and change their social and economic dynamics by providing them with specific and integrated resources, as well as the Gates Foundation's vision of putting girls and women at the center of development. The new initiative includes a core package of interventions to keep girls AIDS-free. These interventions, from a variety of sectors, when scaled and targeted to the most vulnerable adolescent girls have the potential to change the course of the global HIV epidemic.

Interventions supported by PEPFAR will include gender-based violence prevention and response, including the Centers for Disease Control supported Violence Against Children Surveys (VACS); adolescent-friendly health services, such as HIV testing and post-rape care; and strengthening of families and communities, such as through parenting/caregiver programs and safe spaces for girls. The partners will support various elements of the package, such as demand creation, communications, and rigorous evaluation.

## **WHAT WILL EACH OF THE PARTNERS CONTRIBUTE?**

Together, partners will invest \$210 million over two years. PEPFAR will support \$180 million in programming that improves access to critical assets for girls, focusing on the supply side of quality programs designed to empower girls and strengthen their families and communities. PEPFAR commits to using its infrastructure, platforms, programs, networks, and relationships to reach vulnerable adolescent girls. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will provide \$25 million in resources to support both evaluation and program implementation. The Nike Foundation will work with PEPFAR and the Gates Foundation as a global strategic partner, providing expertise, girl-centered strategies, program design, communications, and innovative evaluation approaches.