DREAMS

WORKING TOGETHER FOR AN AIDS-FREE FUTURE FOR GIRLS & WOMEN

Determined | Resilient | Empowered | AIDS-Free | Mentored | Safe

# DREAMS INNOVATION CHALLENGE

PEPFAR U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief

Bill & Melinda Gates foundation

GirlEffect

Johnson & Johnson

ViiV Healthcare

GILEAD

GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN ACCOUNT FOR

# 71%

OF NEW HIV INFECTIONS AMONG ADOLESCENTS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

MORE THAN

# 1000

NEW INFECTIONS A DAY

## WHAT IS DREAMS?

DREAMS is an ambitious partnership to reduce new HIV infections among adolescent girls and young women in 10 sub-Saharan African countries. The goal of DREAMS is to help girls develop into **Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS-free, Mentored,** and **Safe** women.

Despite considerable progress in the global response to the epidemic, AIDS is the leading cause of death among women of reproductive age. DREAMS is responding to the alarming fact that, every year, 390,000 adolescent girls and young women are infected with HIV—7,300 every week, more than 1,000 every day.

**DREAMS is about multiple solutions surrounding one problem.**

The 10 DREAMS countries account for nearly half of all the new HIV infections that occurred among adolescent girls and young women globally in 2014. **This must change.**

DREAMS is supported by the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Girl Effect, Johnson & Johnson, Gilead Sciences, and ViiV Healthcare. The DREAMS Partnership is delivering a Core Package of evidence-informed approaches that go beyond the health sector, addressing the structural drivers that directly and indirectly increase girls HIV risk, including poverty, gender inequality, sexual violence, and lack of education.

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## INNOVATING FOR AN AIDS-FREE FUTURE FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN

Through the DREAMS Innovation Challenge, the DREAMS Partnership has selected 56 organizations to implement innovative solutions that further DREAMS' commitment to reduce HIV infections. These solutions will infuse new thinking and high-impact approaches to meet the urgent, complex needs of adolescent girls and young women in the DREAMS countries.

### WINNING SOLUTIONS

PEPFAR, Janssen Pharmaceutica, NV, one of the Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson, and ViiV Healthcare are investing $85 million to support solutions to address unmet needs not covered by the DREAMS Core Package.

DREAMS selected solutions that:

- Introduce innovations yet to be applied to the six Challenge focus areas or implemented in the 10 DREAMS countries
- Offer sustainable solutions that may be scaled or replicated to lead to long-lasting change
- Demonstrate readiness for rapid implementation within two years

The Challenge generated ideas from new and community-based partners. As a result, nearly half of the 56 winners are new PEPFAR partners, who previously never received PEPFAR funding. 64 percent of winners are small, community-based organizations.

### Challenge winners will implement solutions in six focus areas:

**STRENGTHENING CAPACITY FOR SERVICE DELIVERY**

Strengthening leadership and capacity of community-based organizations, such as non-profits, indigenous, and/or grassroots organizations, to support the expansion of interventions included in the DREAMS Core Package

**KEEPING GIRLS IN SECONDARY SCHOOL**

Ensuring girls' transition and access to enrollment in secondary school and addressing underlying retention issues

**LINKING MEN TO SERVICES**

Pioneering new ways to engage young and adult men and link them to HIV testing and counseling, treatment, and voluntary medical male circumcision services

**SUPPORTING PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS (PrEP)**

Supporting PrEP interventions by identifying adolescent girls and young women appropriate for PrEP initiation and adherence services

**PROVIDING A BRIDGE TO EMPLOYMENT**

Providing a post-secondary school bridge to employment for young women (ages 19-24) to decrease their risk for transactional sex and HIV

**APPLYING DATA TO INCREASE IMPACT**

Increasing the availability and use of data for DREAMS to inform policy, increase program impact, and help identify and support innovative solutions

# KEY STATS

More than **800 ideas** submitted from 684 organizations

**56 winners** selected from 143 semi-finalists

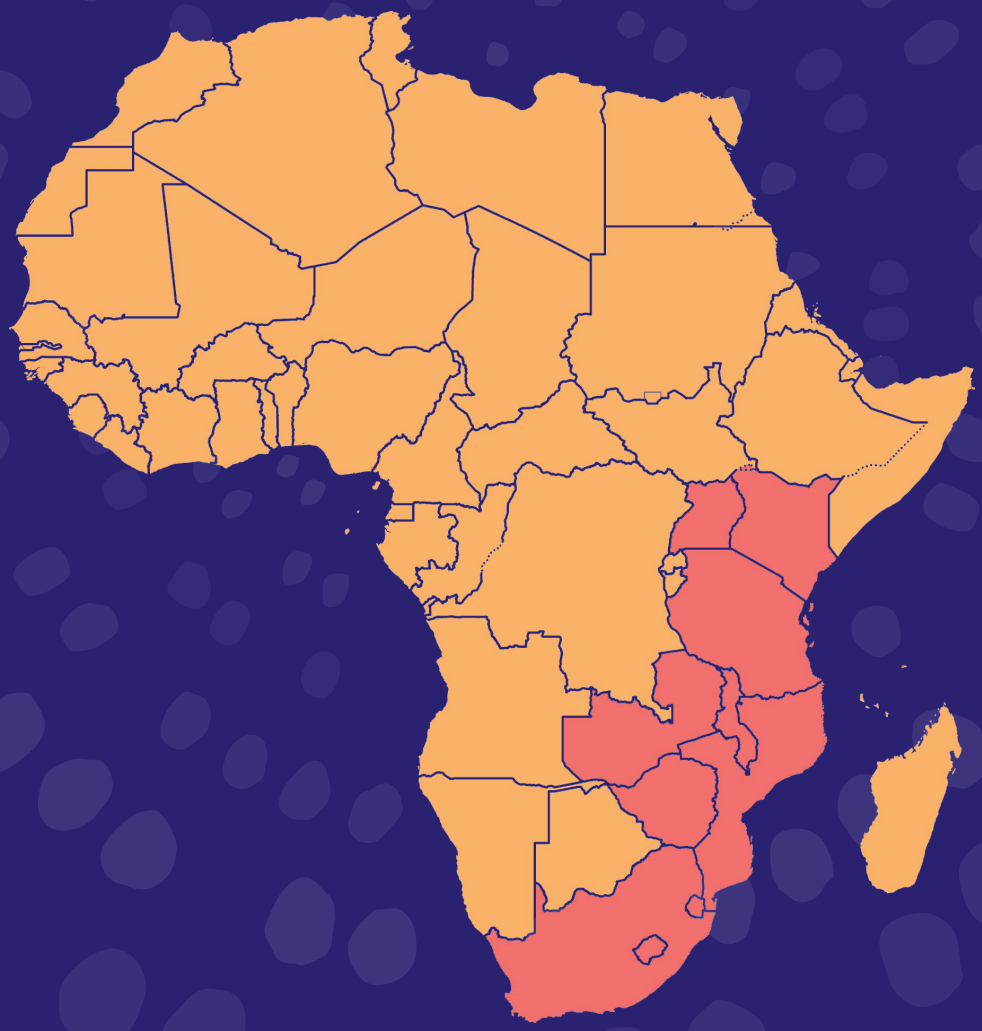
Winning ideas selected in all **10 countries** and **six focus areas**

More than **60%** of winners from **small, community-based organizations**

## 10 DREAMS COUNTRIES

Solutions will be implemented in one or more of the 10 DREAMS countries:

- Kenya
- Lesotho
- Malawi
- Mozambique
- South Africa
- Swaziland
- Tanzania
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe



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## HOW CAN I GET IN CONTACT

For all enquiries, please email DREAMSInnovation@state.gov

Visit the Challenge website (www.dreamschallenge.org) for more details about the Challenge. Note that all winners are considered provisional until further notice.

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