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DREAMS Partnership

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“DREAMS is just about that – encouraging girls to dream.”

Ntokozo, Young Woman,
South Africa DREAMS Ambassador

The Challenge

- Every day, about 1,000 **adolescent girls and young women** are infected with HIV.
- Girls and young women account for 74 percent of new HIV infections among adolescents in sub-Saharan Africa.
- Today there are nearly 100 million more 15- to 24-year-olds in sub-Saharan Africa than in 1990.

DREAMS' Impact

- PEPFAR, along with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Girl Effect, Johnson & Johnson, Gilead Sciences, and ViiV Healthcare, implements the ambitious DREAMS public-private partnership to help girls develop into Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS-free, Mentored, and Safe women. The complementary **DREAMS Innovation Challenge** supports innovative approaches to meet their complex needs, which specifically put them at risk for HIV infection.
- In the 10 African countries (63 districts) implementing PEPFAR's DREAMS partnership, the majority (65 percent) of the highest-HIV-burden communities or districts achieved a 25-40 percent or greater decline in new HIV diagnoses among young women, and new diagnoses declined in nearly all DREAMS intervention districts.
- DREAMS is not a moment, it is a movement. The government of South Africa created *She Conquers*, a national campaign that will extend DREAMS beyond the five PEPFAR-supported districts. Swaziland has expanded its DREAMS interventions for adolescent girls and young women to reach near national coverage. Malawi is also expanding beyond DREAMS districts.
- DREAMS activities have been integrated into country operational plans in all 10 DREAMS countries, and DREAMS-like activities were added to 5 additional countries: Botswana, Cote D'Ivoire, Haiti, Namibia, and Rwanda.

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