



Microbicide Trials Network 2016 Regional Meeting
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DREAMS – Background

- DREAMS is a partnership between PEPFAR, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), Girl Effect (formerly the Nike Foundation), Gilead, Johnson & Johnson, ViiV Healthcare
- Announced on World AIDS Day 2014
- DREAMS is an initiative to significantly reduce new HIV infections among adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) in 10 countries
- The initiative responds to the large burden of new HIV infections among AGYW in high prevalence sub-Saharan African countries
- The name "DREAMS" reflects PEPFAR's vision that girls should be Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS-Free, Mentored and Safe in order to prevent HIV infections in AGYW
- DREAMS aims to reach the most vulnerable AGYW





DREAMS – Guiding Principles

- 40% Incident Reduction in 2 Years
- Limited time period proposal development and implementation
- Work with existing local structures and partners
- Demonstrate achievement of results...DATA...DATA...DATA!!!
- Focus on 10 key evidence-based interventions
- Layered approach leveraging existing clinical, PMTCT, combination prevention, community and OVC platforms
- Saturation in targeted geographic locations
- Integration and coordination
- Leveraging public private partnerships





Empowered

AIDS-free

Mentored,

Safe

DREAMS Countries:

Kenya

Lesotho

Malawi

Mozambique

South Africa

Swaziland

Tanzania

Uganda

Zambia

Zimbabwe

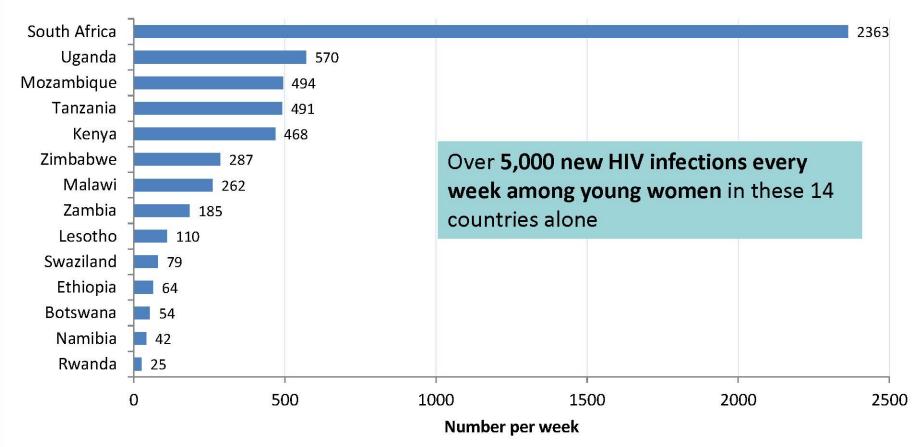


HIV Incidence among Young Women

More than 1/3 New HIV Infections Globally Occur among Young Women in Africa

Estimated number of new HIV infections *per week* among young women aged 15-24 years in East and Southern Africa, 2012

Data source: UNAIDS 2013



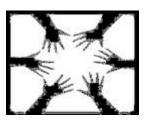


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The Right Things A Multi-Sectoral Approach



Education



Psycho -Social





Economic



Community/ Civil Society



Health

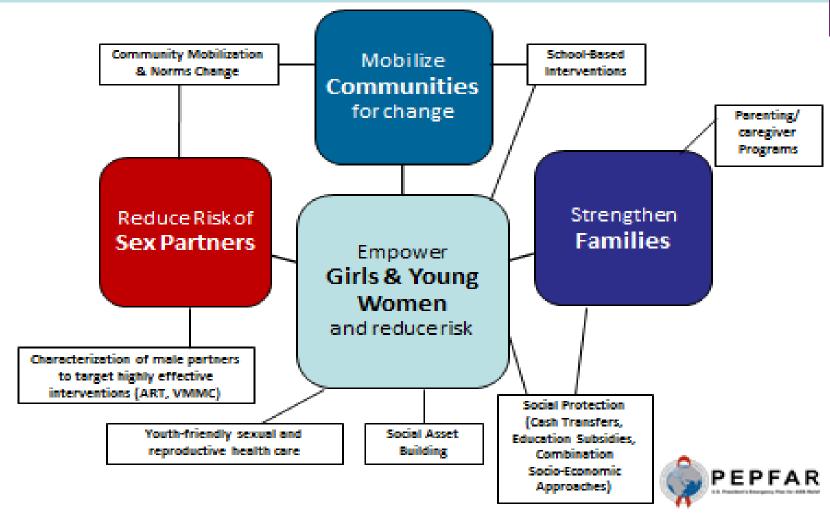
DREAMS – Core Package Delivery

1. EMPOWER GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN 3. STRENGTHEN FAMILIES · Parenting/Caregiver Programs · Promote and distribute condom use · Care Plus services to vulnerable Adolescent Girls and HIV Testing and Counselling Young Women (AGYW) and their families · Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Provide education subsidies to vulnerable AGYW · Post violence care Implement combination Socio-Economic approaches Comprehensive Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Social asset building 2. MOBILIZE COMMUNITIES 4. DECREASE RISK IN SEX PARTNERS Characterise male partners of AGYW School-based HIV and violence prevention Promotion & distribution of condoms to AGYW male partners · Community mobilization and norms change · Provide & link male partners to HIV Testing Service and Medical Male Circumcision (MMC)





Core Package of Evidence-Based Interventions HIV & Violence Outcomes



DREAMS – Core Package Delivery

- A key aspect of DREAMS is "layering" core interventions in focus areas to ensure that targeted AGYW receive the full package of interventions and services
- To achieve the layering of the interventions we all need to know who is currently working and operating in the identified DREAMS localities, e.g. ward level, know how interventions complement one another
- Critical for all to work closely together and coordinate activities in their geographic focus areas



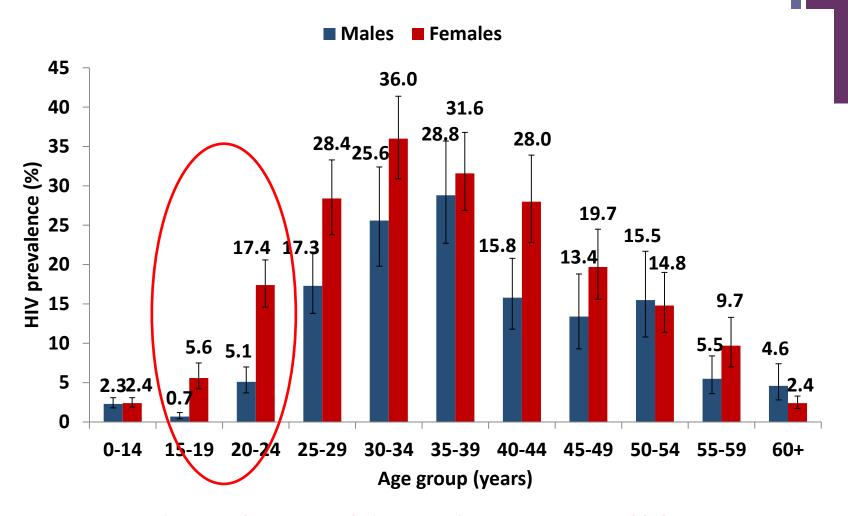






South Africa

+ HIV Prevalence by Age, Gender (2012) in South Africa



Adolescent girls 15-19 are up to 8 times, while young women 20-24 are more than 3 times, more likely to be infected with HIV than their male peers.

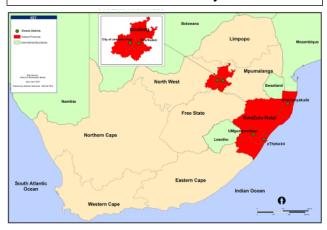


+ South Africa DREAMS

Geographic Focus Areas

- 1. eThekwini
- 2. uMgungundlovu
- **Johannesburg**
- Ekurhuleni
- uMkhanyakude

40% HIV incident reduction over 2 years



Priority subpopulations/groups

- AGYW ages 10-19 in/out of school
- Orphans and Vulnerable Children ages 10-19
- Young Women 20-24, including sex workers
- Male sex partners





DREAMS – South Africa Strategy

■ Launched: November 17, 2015

■ Geographic Focus: 5 districts in 2 provinces

- Four of the five DREAMS districts are among the top six PEPFAR priority
 districts eThekwini, uMgungundlovu, City of Johannesburg & Ekurhuleni
- The fifth district is one of the identified priority maintenance districts uMkhanyakude
- Of the **31** sub-districts within these **5** districts, DREAMS is focusing on **19** high-burden & high-transmission sub-districts
- Selection criteria included epidemiological data, demographics, level of migration, proximity to national transport routes, trading centers & economic hubs, and existence of functional sub-national coordination structures

■ Intervention: Entire Core Package

• The entire core package is being implemented in **19** sub-districts of the **5** focus districts





+ South Africa - Geographic Focus

eThekwini (KZN)	uMgungundlovu (KZN)	City of Johannesburg (Gauteng)	Ekurhuleni (Gauteng)	uMkhanyakude (KZN)
 North South West 	 Impendle Mkhambathini Mooi Mpofana Msunduzi Richmond uMshwathi uMngeni 	 Region A Region D Region E Region G 	 East 2 North 2 South 2 	1. Hlabisa 2. Mtubatuba





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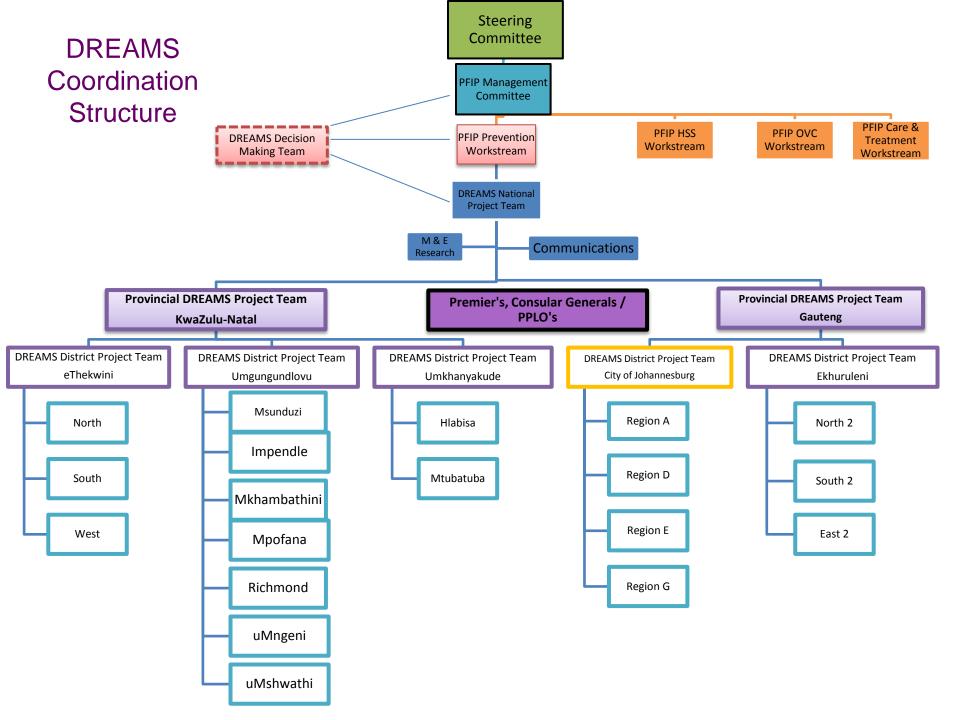
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■ Partnership: South African Government & Civil Society

- Ongoing partnerships with Departments of Health (DoH), Education (DBE), and Social Development (DSD) and coordinated efforts to align DREAMS and National Campaign for AGYW, She Conquers
- At Provincial level, ongoing leadership and coordination of DREAMS in Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal through strengthened partnerships with Provincial, District and Local AIDS Councils and Civil Society Forum
- At District/Metro and Sub-district/Region levels, DREAMS ownership and leadership by multi-sectoral steering committees to drive program on the ground
- Integrated Logic Model and indicators developed for DREAMS and *She Conquers* that align with existing systems
- Mapping of deprived and/or priority wards led by districts/regions to ensure targeted implementation
- Alignment of DREAMS to the Department of Health implementation plan (DIP) and 90-90-90









DREAMS & She Conquers

South African Context

- One third of South African teenage girls will become pregnant by the time they leave school
- 10% would have acquired HIV
- 60% of learners (girls and boys) fail to reach matric
- Social norms that emphasize dominance and control over women
- Low entry into higher and further education
- High youth unemployment
- Stand alone interventions in response to various aspects of the problem statement
- In 2015, South Africa introduced a national campaign for girls and young women called *She Conquers*
- She Conquers launched June 24, 2016







DREAMS & She Conquers

■ The national campaign is pursuing five specific goals:

- Decrease new HIV infections in girls and young women by at least 30%
- Decrease teen pregnancies by 25%
- Keep girls in school until matric (increase retention by 20%)
- Decrease gender based violence by 10%
- Increase economic opportunities for young people.







