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LEARN ABOUT TWO EXCITING HIV PREVENTION METHODS

• What is oral PrEP?
• What is the vaginal ring?
• How can they be used for HIV prevention?
• Why are they important for women?
1,500 women infected with HIV in Africa every day

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3. (Narrator:) Nearly 1500 women of reproductive age are infected with HIV in Africa every day. That’s 62 every hour. And these numbers are on the rise.

Spinning globe zooming in on Africa – with numbers on screen.
4. No single solution suits everyone. And not everyone is able to use condoms consistently.

A group of people, all holding condoms, with thought bubbles indicating how they feel about them.
5. Additional prevention methods are required so women can choose a product they are comfortable using and feel supported by their partner and family.

*Show diverse group of women (some P&BF) and their social circle/ support network (partners, mothers, healers)*
6. Two methods - a daily tablet called Oral PrEP and a monthly vaginal ring - could make a difference for many women.

*Show drawings of oral PrEP and ring*
7. Large studies around the world and in Africa have shown that oral PrEP and the vaginal ring are safe and can protect against HIV.
8. These methods work when the oral PrEP tablet is taken every day, or when the ring is kept in each month for the full month.
9. That’s why many countries have approved oral PrEP and are beginning to make it available, and why approval is being sought for the ring.
Both women appear one at a time and then glow. Girl A (left) glows around her whole body, and girl B glows around her pelvic region. After they appear, we zoom into girl B’s pelvic region.
11. HIV (labelled) around the CD4 T cells (labelled as ‘cells’)
Medicine travelling to the cells, represented by gold or silver diamonds.
12. They work in a similar way by preventing HIV from multiplying in the body. If the virus can’t multiply, it can’t take over the body. 

*The diamonds “lock” onto the cells, like chains.*
13. And if the virus can’t take over the body, the person won’t become infected if they are exposed to HIV – such as through sex.

The HIV cells would then bounce off the cells that are protected by medicine and attack/attach to the cells that the drug has not chained to.
15. You may have heard about Truvada as a medicine for treating people with HIV, but it is also used as Oral PrEP for preventing HIV in people who are not infected.
16. Tablets for HIV prevention must be taken EVERY DAY, just like contraceptive pills. You would collect a month's supply from a clinic BRING IT HOME AND SWALLOW one tablet every day.
17. The medicine is released in the body,
18. ...and protects against HIV infection. The tablet doesn’t have to be taken with food.
19. Now let’s talk about vaginal rings. Vaginal rings may be new for you – but they are used in many countries for contraception.
20. The ring for HIV prevention is similar to the ring for contraception, except that it contains an anti-HIV medicine instead. The medicine in the ring is called dapivirine.
21. The ring is inserted high up in the vagina, where it slowly releases the medicine during the month that it is worn and protects against HIV infection through sex.
22. Women receive a ring at a clinic, and are shown by a nurse or doctor how to insert and remove it each month. The ring can also be inserted and removed by a provider if it's easier or more convenient.
23. The ring is flexible. To insert it, it is pinched into the shape of a figure 8, and then pushed high up inside the vagina with a finger.

*Hand pinching ring into figure 8. Woman reaching under gown with one foot up.*
24. After 1 month of continually wearing the ring, it is removed and a new vaginal ring is inserted. To remove it, a woman simply reaches into her vagina and pull it out with a finger.
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26. Once in place, the ring is not felt by the user. It doesn't interfere with daily activities and doesn't need to be removed during menstruation or sex.

*Women returning from clinic.*
27. Many women forget it’s there.

*Women at the market*
28. You just heard about two exciting methods for HIV prevention - Oral PrEP and the vaginal ring - that women may want to use.
29. As with any new medication, everyone reacts differently. Health providers are available to answer questions and discuss how Oral PrEP or the vaginal ring may suit different women's needs.
30. No single prevention option will be right for everybody - that's why we need different choices.
31. The more HIV prevention options that become available, the more people are likely to be protected and live a healthy, HIV-free life.
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