Adolescent Girls and Young Women & HIV
Protection from HIV and positive living throughout life journeys
Risk and challenges and UNAIDS contribution to reduce them in 2020-2021

Every week, 4900 adolescent girls and young women become infected with HIV

More than 100 countries require parental consent before an adolescent may be tested for HIV

Advocated to remove legal barriers to improve availability and access to HIV services for adolescents

One third of young women are still not receiving education, employment or training, and only 1 in 3 young women in sub-Saharan Africa has comprehensive HIV knowledge

Launched the Education Plus for the empowerment of adolescent girls and young women in sub-Saharan Africa

At least 40 countries do not address the specific needs of women and girls in their national HIV strategies

Promoted gender equality and the leadership of women living with HIV in the design, implementation and review of national HIV strategies in at least 35 countries

Promoted and fostered the movement of women in leadership and decision-making on HIV

71 countries implementing WHO guidelines and tools for responding to intimate partner and sexual violence

Women living with HIV have a 6-fold increased risk of cervical cancer compared to women without HIV

Supported 12 countries in scaling up screening and treatment for cervical cancer, integrated with HIV services

Financial and food insecurity hinders access to HIV services and adherence to treatment

Guided more affordable and accessible HIV services and HIV-sensitive social protection

Lack of access to adequate antenatal care and HIV services for adolescent and young pregnant women and mothers living with HIV as services are mainly designed for adults

Technical support to 67 countries to improve strategies for mother-to-child transmission elimination and validation efforts incl. revision of guidance and review of progress and gaps. 15 countries achieved validation

Universal and affordable access to condoms remains a major challenge in an increasing number of countries

UNAIDS Condom Needs Estimation Tool used by almost 80 countries

Harmful gender norms, and forced and early marriage heighten the risk of HIV infection

Promoted initiatives to end child marriage, and engage with boys and men on healthy gender norms

Violence against women increases women’s risk to HIV by 50%

Supported maintenance and adaptation of services for survivors of gender-based violence in 60 countries