

# BREAKTHROUGH GRANTS

**Positive Action** exists to further ViiV Healthcare's mission of ensuring **no person living with HIV is left behind**. In 2019, ViiV Healthcare announced its renewed commitment to Positive Action and vision for the next decade:

## HEALTHY COMMUNITIES IN A WORLD FREE OF AIDS

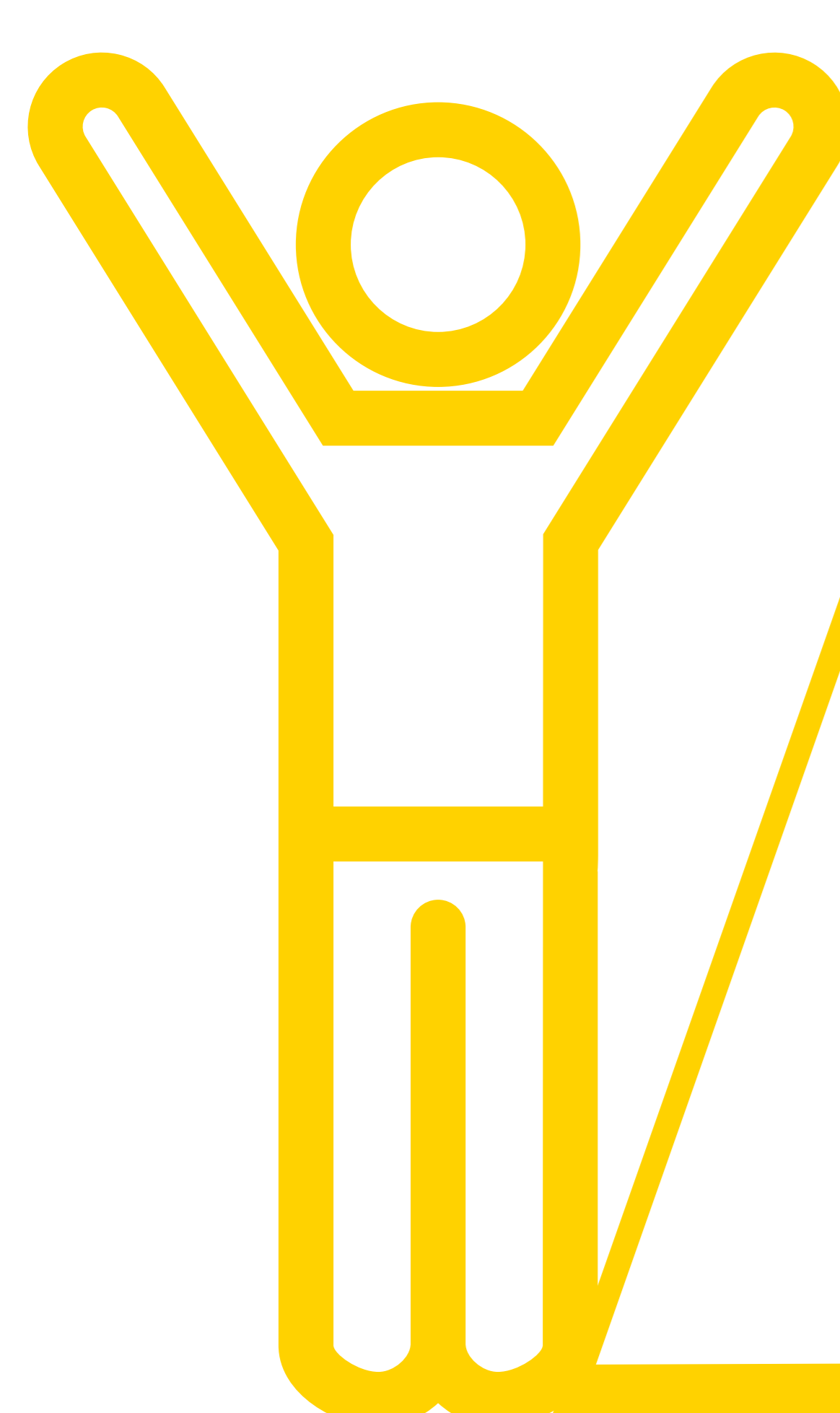
Two new funding streams support innovative interventions that drive towards the **UN target to end AIDS by 2030**:<sup>1</sup>

- Community Strategic Initiatives
- Breakthrough Grants

### THE POSITIVE ACTION BREAKTHROUGH GRANTS

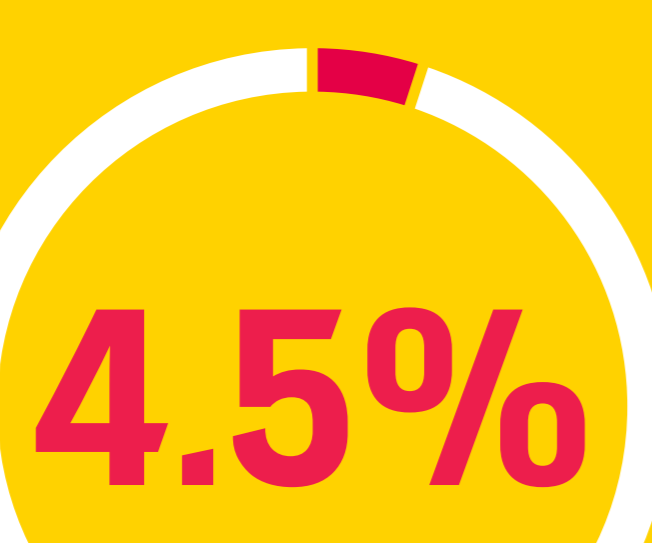
Support stakeholders to scale-up HIV efforts in specific settings in order to achieve HIV-related targets including **ending paediatric AIDS by 2030**

Advance strategic partnerships that can drive concentrated and measurable impact that help meet these targets more effectively and efficiently



### THE REMAINING CHALLENGES

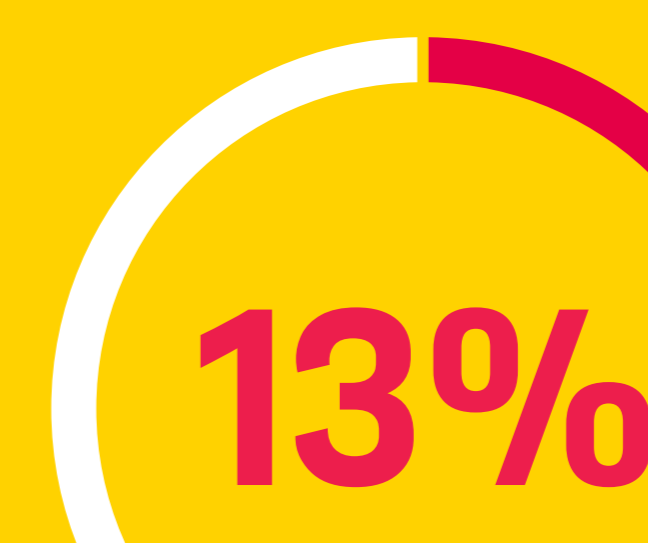
Globally, children under the age of 15 account for:



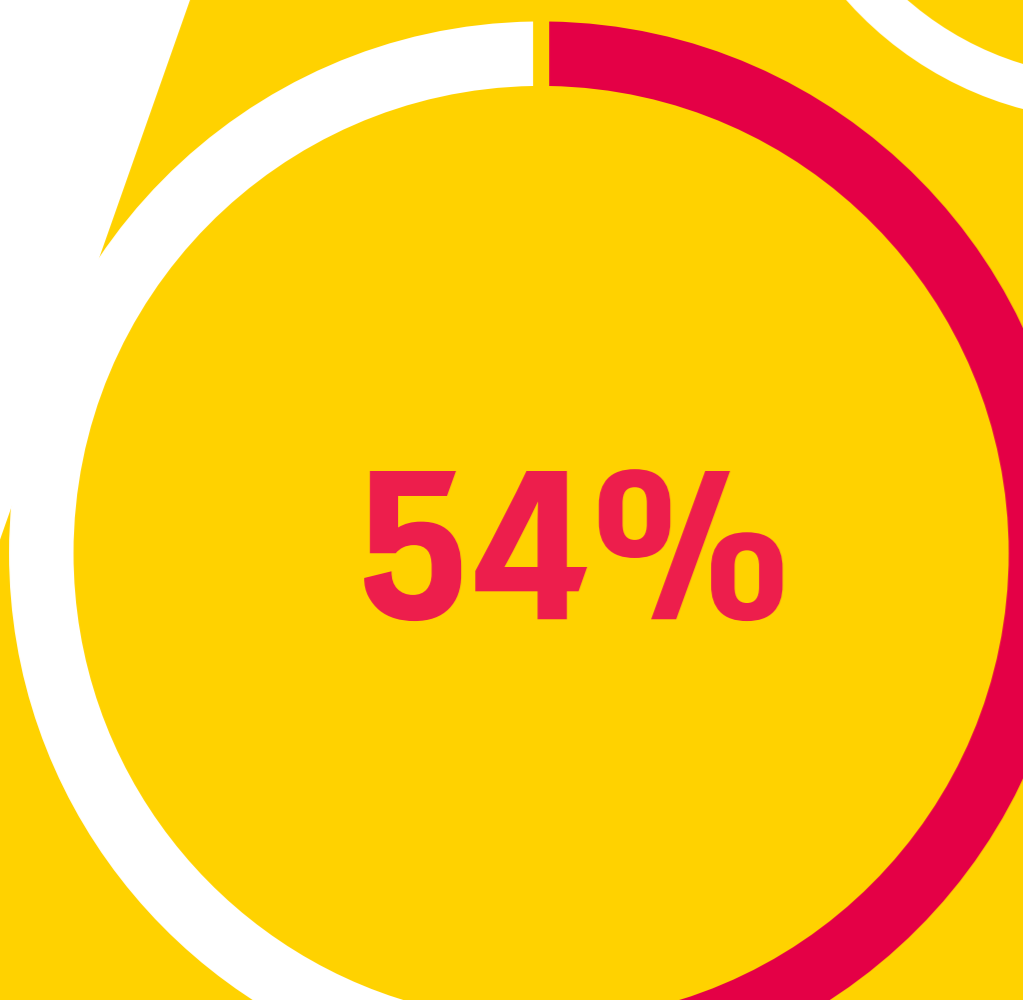
of all people living with HIV<sup>2</sup>



of new HIV infections<sup>3</sup>



of all AIDS-related deaths<sup>3</sup>



of the estimated 1.7 million children living with HIV aged 0–14 years are on treatment<sup>2</sup>

Out of 21 high burden countries, **12 countries account for 80% of this treatment gap** (equating to 700,000 children needing treatment), including **Nigeria, Mozambique, Uganda, Malawi, Kenya and Zimbabwe**. Yet, there has been considerable progress:<sup>4</sup>

- more than 90% of pregnant women living with HIV are accessing antiretroviral medicines in countries including **Kenya, Uganda and Zimbabwe**, rising to 95% or higher in countries including **Malawi** and **Mozambique**<sup>5</sup>
- this has resulted in a 41% drop in new HIV infections among children, with particularly impressive reductions in countries such as **Malawi** (76%) and **Uganda** (65%) since 2010<sup>5</sup>



The Paediatric Breakthrough Grants strive to close the gaps and help drive regions which are close to ending paediatric AIDS cross the 'finish line'

## PAEDIATRIC HIV BREAKTHROUGH PARTNERS



### THE PROGRAMME:

Prioritises activities in seven countries: **Cameroon, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Uganda and Zimbabwe**

Informed by 'Improving HIV Service Delivery for Infants, Children and Adolescents: A framework for country programming' - a service delivery tool developed by **Unicef** and partners

A 'link and learn' approach utilises insights from existing programmes to:

- catalyse understanding
- strengthen quality implementation
- demonstrate the value of genuine collaboration between partners and national stakeholders

Seeks to support comprehensive care interventions that are:

- sustainable and replicable
- suitable for adoption in national guidelines
- able to drive down HIV incidence among women and children and end mother-to-child transmission

The partnership will take place over three years:

- **Year 1** (present – June 2021): focus on Mozambique, Uganda and Nigeria
- **Year 2** (July 2021 – June 2022): continued implementation and expansion in Year 1 countries; review and feasibility assessment for the remaining countries (Cameroon, Kenya, Malawi and Zimbabwe)
- **Year 3** (July 2022 – June 2023): further implementation, evaluation and recommendations for scaling up and knowledge sharing across all seven countries

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