

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**:¹

- 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 HIV²



of new HIV infections³



of all AIDS-related deaths³



of the estimated 1.8 million children living with HIV aged 0–14 years are on treatment²

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:⁴

- 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**⁵
- 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 2010⁵



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 three countries: **Mozambique, Nigeria and Uganda**

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
- **Year 3** (July 2022 – June 2023): further implementation, evaluation and recommendations for scaling up and knowledge sharing

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