An AIDS vaccine will be transformative for millions

Millions of people with HIV continue live beyond the reach of today’s prevention and treatment tools or are facing barriers in adhering to these tools. A proven health tool that has been effective in environments where even basic healthcare has been made difficult or impossible, a vaccine can be administered prior to exposure to the virus and confidentially, provide lasting protection and help overcome access and adherence issues.

## WOMEN
- AIDS is the #1 killer of women of reproductive age – driven by the epidemic in Sub-Saharan Africa
- In South Africa, almost 1 in 4 women lives with HIV, and new infections among young women (15-24) were two-and-a-half times infections in young men in 2015
- Gender inequity limits women’s access to education, health care and their ability to negotiate safe sex

## MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN (MSM)
- Stigma and criminalization prevent many MSM from accessing prevention, testing and treatment
- MSM are up to 24 times more likely to have HIV than the general population
- Compared to people having heterosexual sex, MSM are twice as likely to contract multiple strains of HIV

## YOUTH
- 4.3 million young people under the age of 24 in Sub-Saharan Africa are living with HIV
- Young people represent 63% of the population in Sub-Saharan Africa
- 1.8 million children live with HIV globally, but only 49% are accessing treatment

## DIFFICULT-TO-REACH POPULATIONS
- Mobile communities in developing countries often lack basic health care and are at high risk of HIV infection
- In Uganda, HIV prevalence among people living on the shores and islands of Lake Victoria can be more than 4 times higher than in the general population
- A study found 1 in 3 women in Ugandan fishing communities is HIV positive
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