

## A quick snapshot: PrEP, the vaginal ring and the REACH Study

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Meeting the HIV Prevention Needs of Adolescent Girls and Young Women

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## The Need

- Nearly 1,000 young women are infected in Africa every day – that's 34 every hour.
- These numbers are on the rise, including in Kenya
  - One-third of those newly infected with HIV in 2015 were girls ages 15-24 – a 22% increase from 2013.
  - Girls are 3-4 times more likely to acquire HIV than their male counterparts
- Prevention methods for young women and adolescent girls are especially needed
  - Nearly half of all girls have had sex by age 18
  - Condoms work but getting a partner to use one isn't easy

## What about PrEP? What about a vaginal ring?

- Two methods could make a difference for young women:
  - PrEP: Daily use of an ARV called Truvada
  - Vaginal ring: Used continuously for a month at a time







• That's why we're conducting REACH:

Reversing the Epidemic in Africa with Choices in HIV Prevention