



# The Choice Manifesto

**Translating HIV Prevention Option into Choices –  
and Impact**

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# Language Check

- Options
  - ❑ Biomedical methods that are safe and effective
  - ❑ Requires R&D of additional options to add to the “method mix”
- Choice
  - ❑ The ability for an individual to select from an array of options
  - ❑ Requires policy makers, donors, governments & implementers to make the “mix” available, accessible & affordable



# Women's HIV Prevention Choice Manifesto



- ❑ Developed by African women in their diversity, feminists, and HIV prevention advocates across Southern and Eastern Africa who are united in calling for continued political and financial support for HIV prevention choice – which includes the introduction and roll-out of safe and effective options, including long-acting HIV prevention tools.
- ❑ Biomedical prevention is at a historic turning point, but only if countries and funders heed evidence-based demands that programs must emphasize choice – not individual products – and that research and development of new choices (both user-dependent and long-acting) must continue.

# The Choice Manifesto Guiding Principles

A future that includes CHOICE daughters and women in Africa.

epidemiological evidence to make options

options and prevention programs for agenda that puts women and girls African women to prevent HIV

and prioritizes An HIV adolescent girls prevention and young choice agenda

center – not only for research but also for

that is conceptualized by the community and

# Call to Action

## Center People & Communities

- ❑ Prioritize key and marginalized populations and scale interventions targeting them while addressing stigma and discrimination, and criminalization
- ❑ Ensure that R&D and delivery are informed by communities in alignment with the [Good Participatory Practice Guidelines](#) –it is imperative that communities inform the ongoing and future pipeline from the onset, design, and formulation, as well as the introduction of proven interventions.

## Choice Is Key

- ❑ Ensure massive scale-up and increased access to all safe and effective HIV prevention methods
- ❑ Ensure women have control over their health and their bodies and access to the full range of safe and effective options so that they can choose what works best for them at different times of their lives

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## Programs That Deliver

- ❑ Integrate HIV prevention into existing information and service packages such as family planning, cervical cancer prevention, antenatal care, and postnatal care to ensure easy access and availability of prevention methods
- ❑ Support, prioritize and finance interventions to prevent sexually transmitted infections among adolescent girls and young women who are especially vulnerable due to anatomical makeup, and cultural and traditional constraints that hinder negotiation for safer sex and adequate protection against STIs

## The Future

- ❑ The current options are good, but not sufficient – prioritise R&D of additional systemic and non-systemic options
- ❑ All stakeholders need to strategize, staff, budget and procure for choice-based HIV prevention

# Call to Action (continued)

Adopt a Human Rights approach to choice.

- ❑ Finance the Choice Agenda.
- ❑ Integrate HIV prevention into already existing information and service packages such as family planning, cervical cancer prevention, antenatal care, and postnatal care to ensure easy access and availability of prevention methods for adolescent girls and young women.
- ❑ Finance and prioritize interventions to prevent sexually transmitted diseases among adolescent girls and young women who are especially vulnerable due to anatomical makeup, and cultural and traditional constraints that hinder negotiation for safer sex and adequate protection against STIs.



# Next Steps

*Ultimate Goal: Urgent and quick sign-on to the Manifesto by decision-makers, scientists, civil society, global regional donors*

- We call more Organizations and stakeholders to sign on to the Choice manifesto.
- Organizations and other stakeholders that have signed on, should display it on their websites as a form of commitment.
- Dissemination of the choice manifesto in other countries and other Key Stakeholders to sign on.



Thank you!

Natotela! Asanteni! Zikomo!

Enkosi!

Mmwebare nyyo!

