

## WHAT WORKS FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

Evidence for HIV/AIDS Interventions

- > Women and girls are uniquely affected by HIV and AIDS.
- Addressing HIV/AIDS in women and girls requires evidence of successful interventions.

That evidence is in one place >www.whatworksforwomen.org

What Works for Women & Girls: Evidence for HIV/AIDS Interventions is a comprehensive website (<u>www.whatworksforwomen.org</u>) documenting the evidence for effective HIV interventions to guide donors, policymakers, and program managers in planning effective HIV/AIDS polices and programs for women and girls. This comprehensive review spans more than 2,000 articles and reports with data from more than 90 countries. It contains—in one centralized, searchable location—the evidence of successful gender-specific programming from global programs and studies, with a focus on the Global South.

In designing HIV/AIDS programs, policymakers and program planners are faced with a wide array of possible programming. With scarce resources and growing demand for services, priorities must be based on effective interventions. *What Works* serves the unique function of bringing all of these topics together to provide a full range of successful gender-sensitive programming for women and girls.

What Works is a one-stop shop of successful strategies for women and girls on a range of topics, including:

- Prevention for women, including condom use, partner reduction, treatment of sexually transmitted infections, and treatment as prevention
- Prevention for key affected groups of women such as sex workers, drug users, prisoners, migrants, and transgendered women and men
- Prevention for young people, including behavior change and access to services
- HIV testing and counseling
- Treatment provision, access, adherence, and support
- Meeting of the sexual/reproductive health needs of women living with HIV

- Safe motherhood and prevention of vertical transmission
- Prevention, detection and treatment of coinfections such as TB, malaria, and hepatitis
- Strengthening of the enabling environment, including transforming gender norms, legal norms, advancing education, reducing violence against women, promoting women's employment, reducing stigma and discrimination, and promoting women's leadership
- Care and support for women and girls, and orphans and vulnerable children
- Structuring of health services to meet women's needs

*What Works* complements existing guidelines from international agencies and is designed to spur national governments, donors, and civil society to consult the evidence base when designing programs and to set a research agenda based on critical gaps for women and girls.

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