

**We are starting a new project and invite you to come along with us.**

## **She Leads, she decides: Shaping policy and driving access to HIV-prevention**

Good news for global health, the HIV comprehensive response & for the autonomy of women and girls in all of our diversity. We are thrilled about Lenacapavir (LEN) breakthrough. Twice-yearly subcutaneous injections of LEN have demonstrated 96% - 100% efficacy in preventing HIV among adolescent girls and young women in clinical trials.

We stand firm: women and girls, especially AGYW and those most at risk and in vulnerable settings, deserve access and the right to choose from all HIV available prevention methods, like oral PrEP, CAB-LA, condoms, Dapivirine Ring, and others!

We salute the roll-out of LEN and commit to closely monitoring its accessibility, affordability, and availability for women and girls in all their diversity. Innovation must go hand in hand with communities: with knowledge-sharing, community ownership, strengthening health systems, tackling stigma and discrimination, and dismantling gender inequalities in the process. That is what we mean by empowerment and autonomy over women and girls' health.

That is why we are proud to be part of the AIDSfonds EmpowHer Initiative, through our programme 'She Leads, She Decides: shaping policy and driving access to HIV-prevention. And we are doing this alongside powerful partners: Foundation of Adolescent Girls and Young People in Zambia FAPEZA (Lusaka and Cooperbelt) and Fundação Hixikanwe in Mozambique (Gaza and Maputo), with a regional reach across East and Southern Africa.

Together, we are working so that more women and girls can access, adopt and choose HIV prevention options according to their needs and preferences; that health systems are strengthened with and for us; that women and girls are meaningfully participating in decision-making spaces and influencing how policies create and distribute equal opportunities. We lead programmes to sustain long-term champions for advocacy and policy change in the HIV response.

We invite you to follow us on this journey, and if you believe we can collaborate, we welcome you to reach out.

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