

Two smiling women in traditional Indian attire standing outdoors. The woman on the left is wearing a bright pink top and a red headscarf, while the woman on the right is wearing a colorful patterned top and a green headscarf. They are both smiling broadly and looking towards the camera. The background shows a clear blue sky and some green trees.

Accelerating the fight against HPV and cervical cancer

The Global HPV
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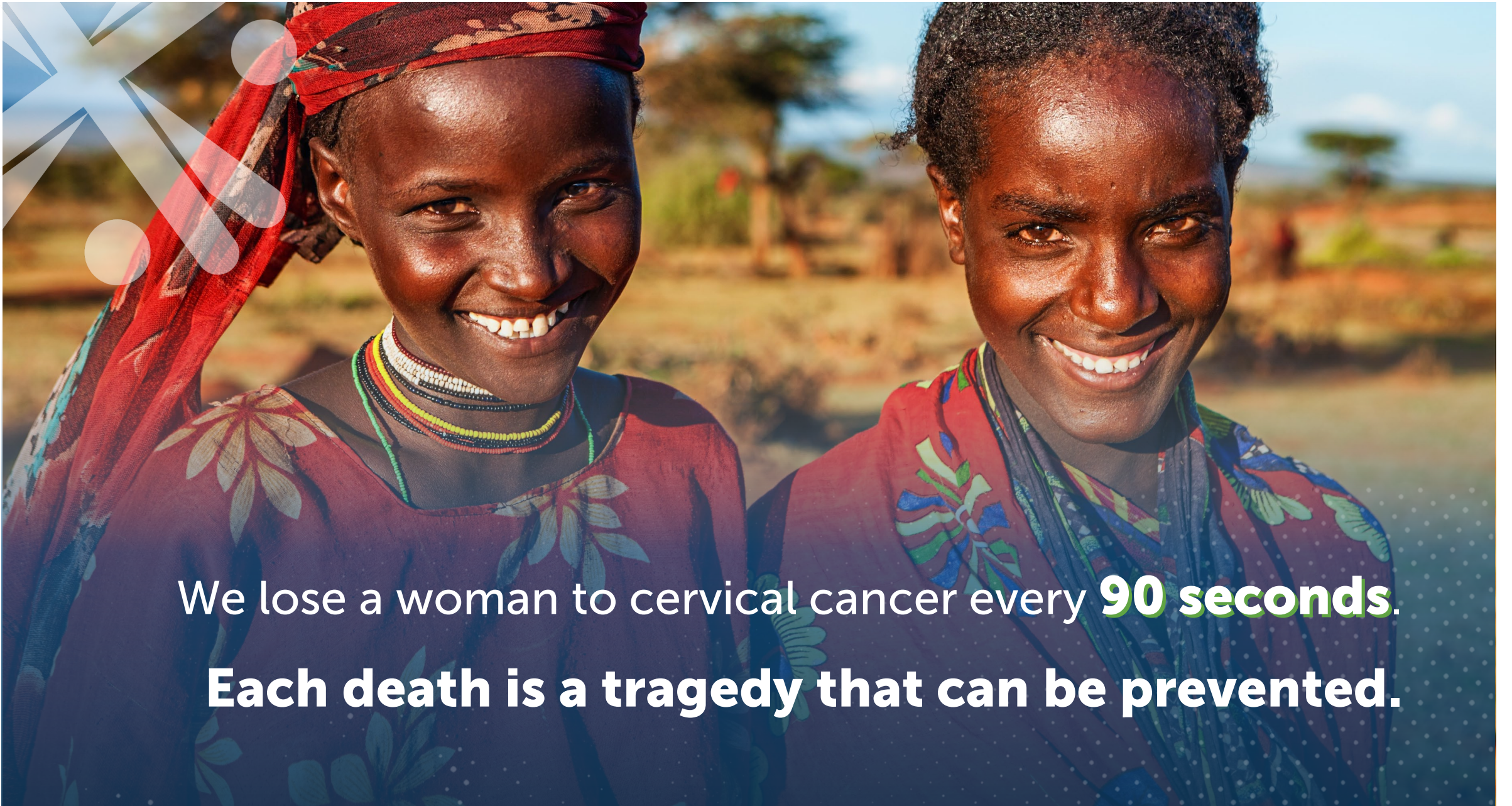


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Why Now?

In 2020, there were an estimated **600,000 new cases and 340,000 deaths** due to cervical cancer

Incidence of cervical cancer is **rising** among young women aged 15-49 years

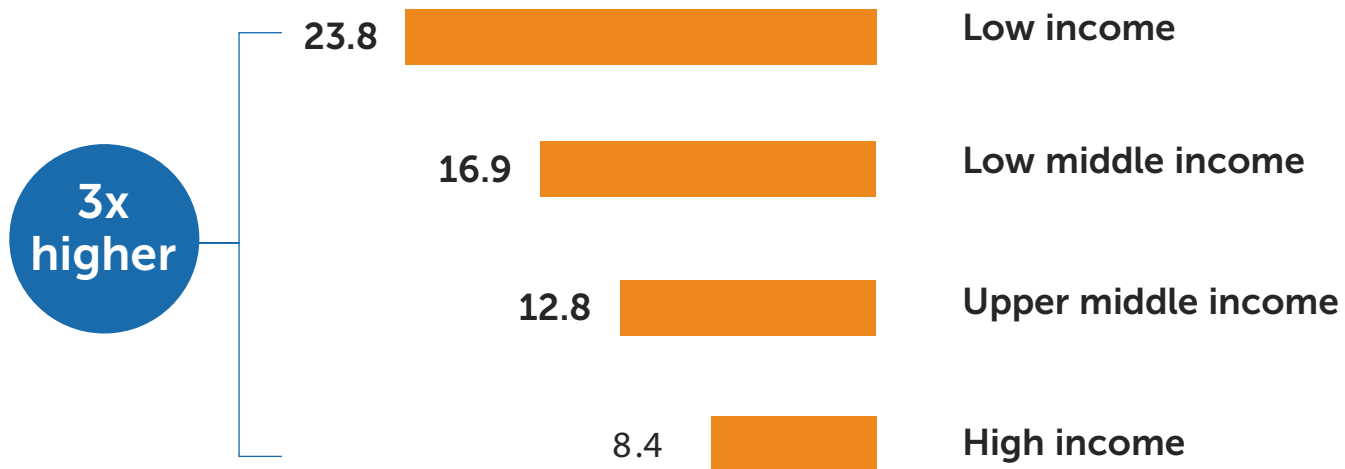


We lose a woman to cervical cancer every **90 seconds**.
Each death is a tragedy that can be prevented.

Inequities exacerbate cervical cancer

Estimated age-standardized rates, per 100 000 by country income category in 2020, cervix uteri, females, all ages

Incidence rates

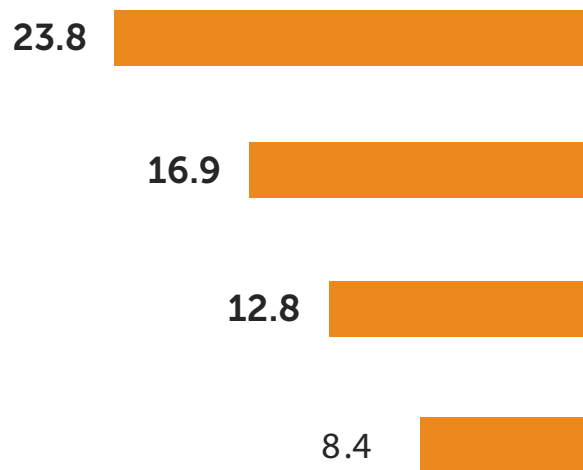


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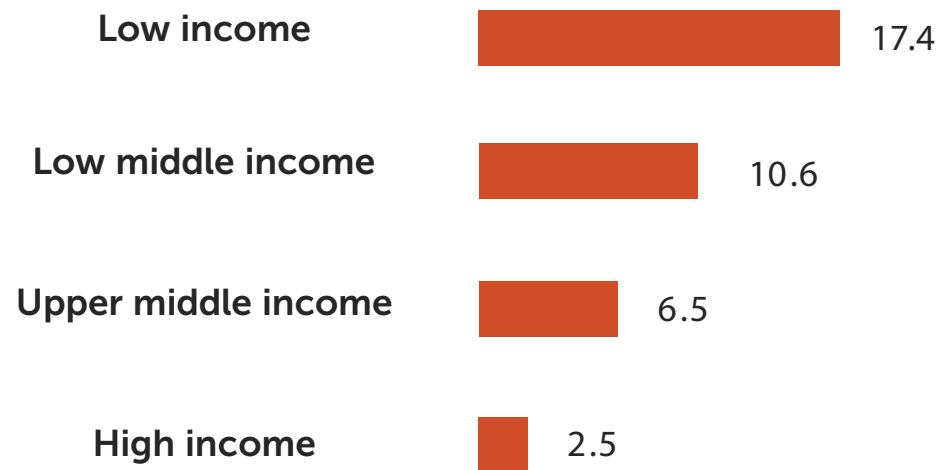
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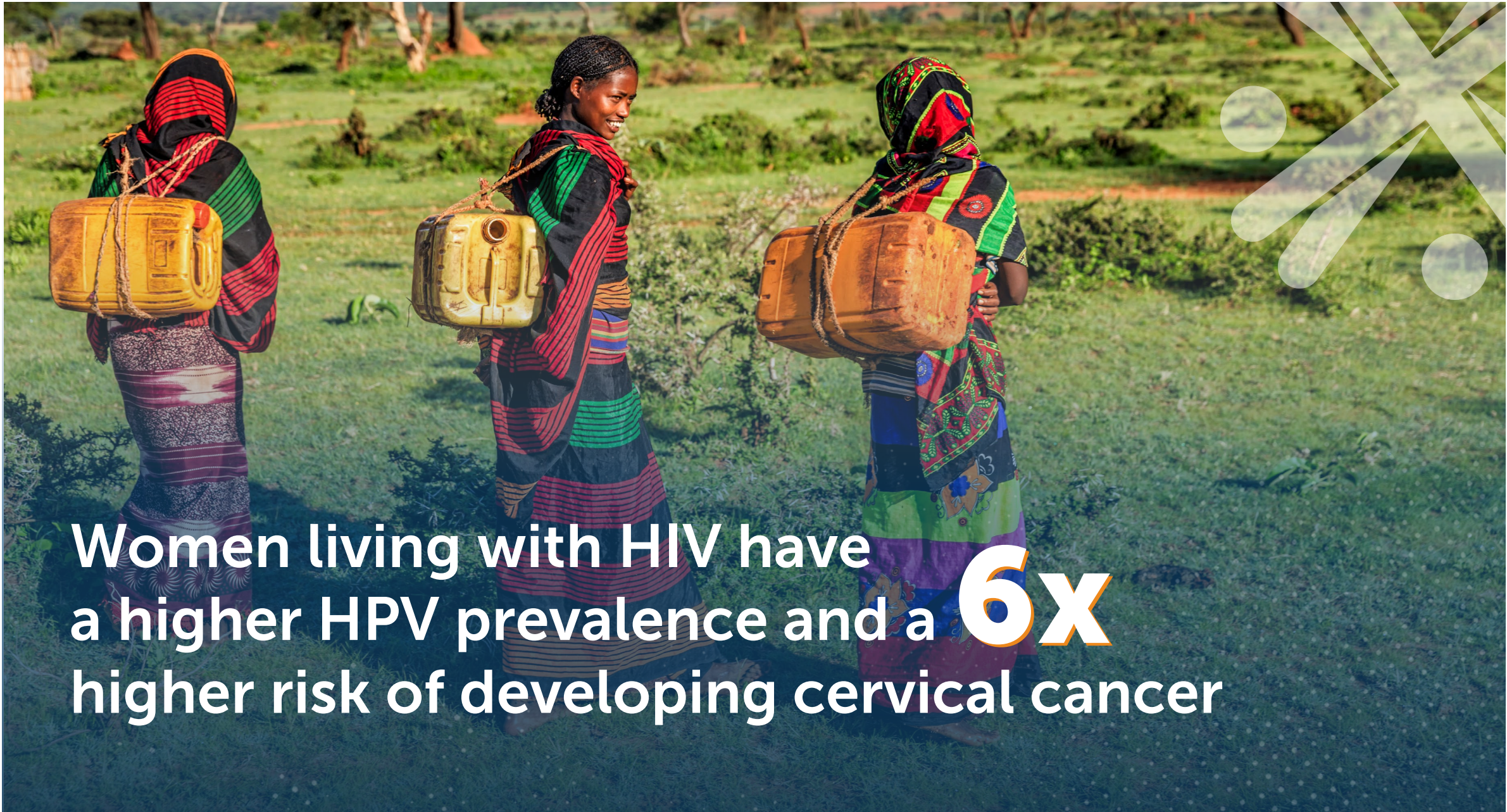
3x higher



Mortality rates

8x higher





Women living with HIV have
a higher HPV prevalence and a **6x**
higher risk of developing cervical cancer

We have an increasing set of tools to prevent HPV and cervical cancer



Vaccines



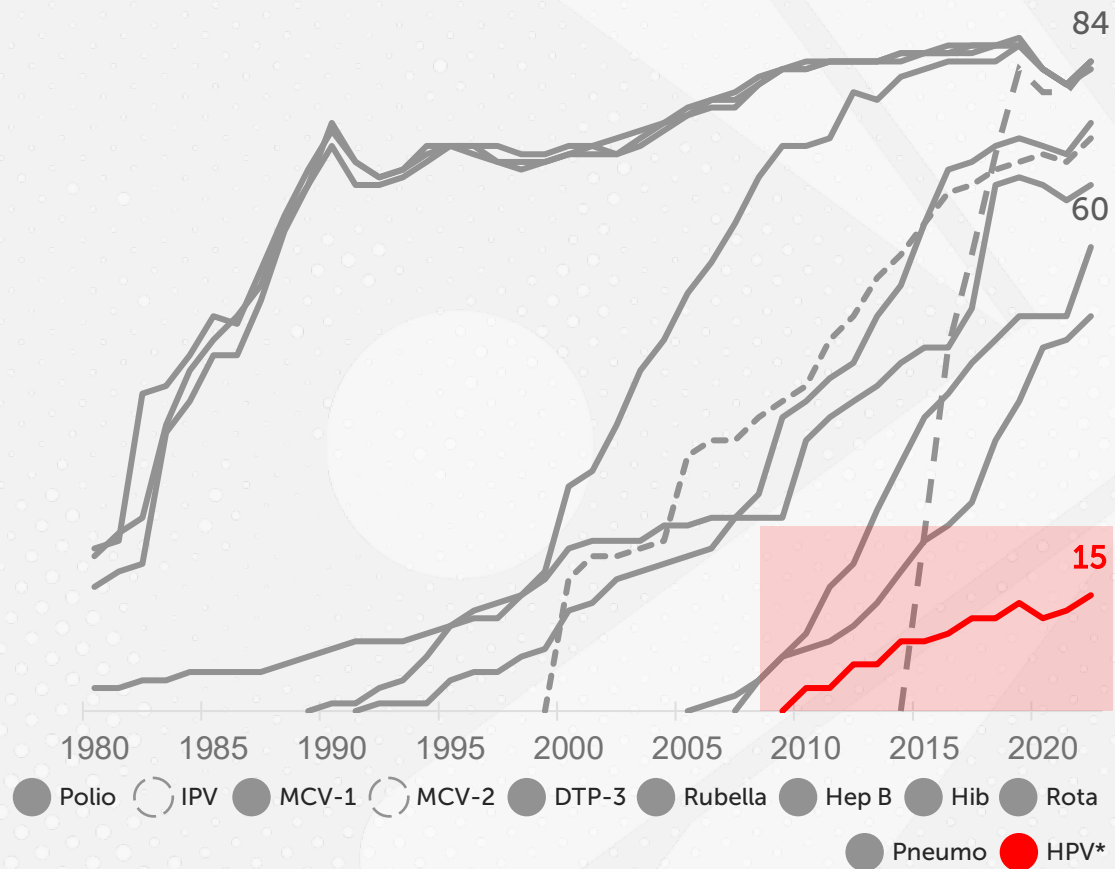
Diagnostic tests



Treatment of precancerous lesions

However, HPV vaccination rates lag 14 years after introduction

% global coverage of WHO recommended vaccines, 1980-2022



Only **1** in **7** eligible girls received HPV vaccine in 2022

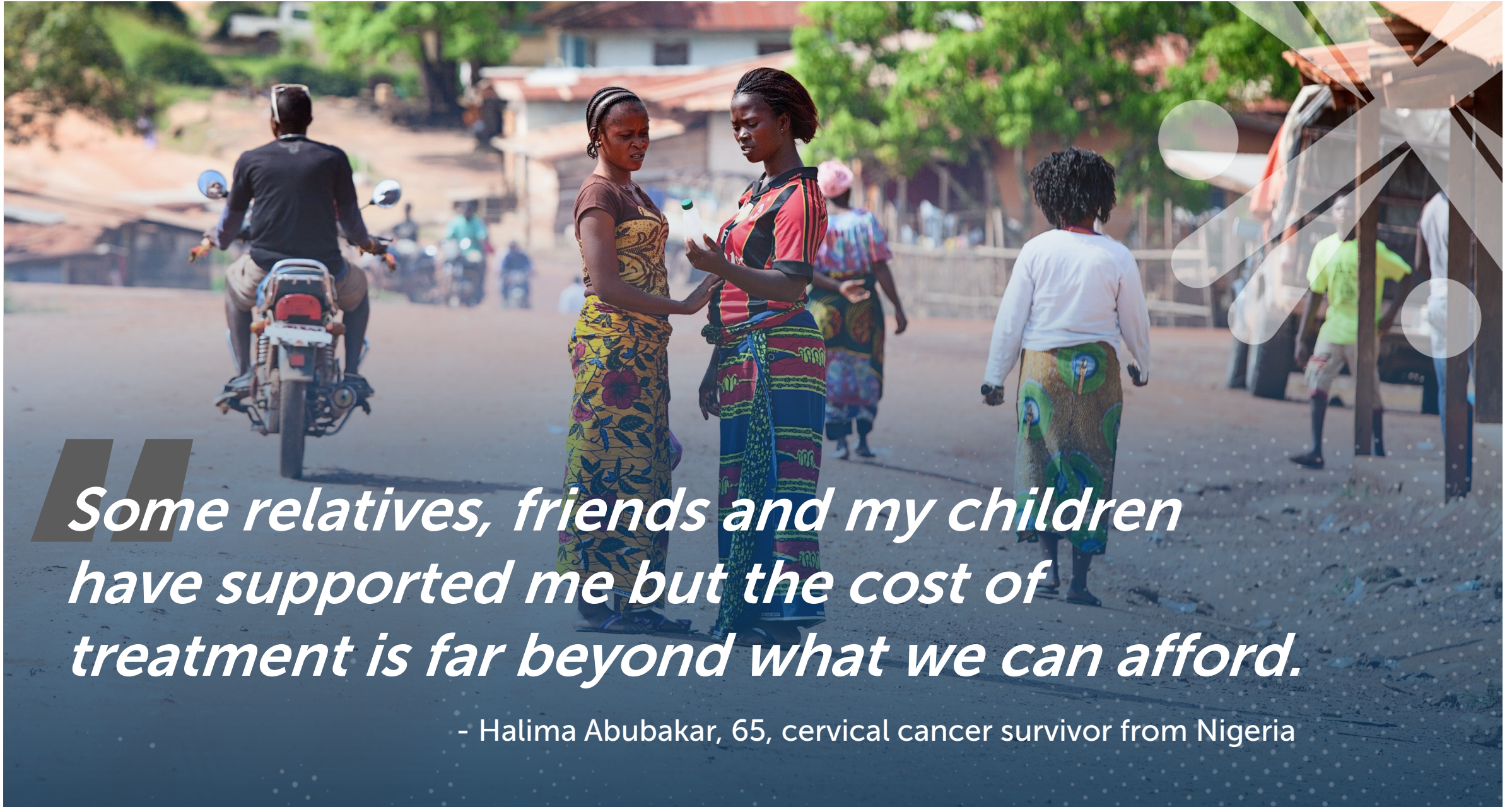
Countries with nearly **60%** cervical cancer burden are yet to introduce the HPV vaccine



Only **44%** of women in LMICs are ever screened for cervical cancer

An aerial photograph of a densely populated city, likely in South Asia, showing a mix of multi-story residential buildings and some commercial structures. The city is built on a hillside, with a valley in the background. A blue gradient overlay covers the bottom portion of the image, featuring a pattern of small white dots. In the top right corner, there is a stylized graphic of a sun or starburst with rays and two overlapping circles.

Inaction will mean that the global economy
will lose **\$28 billion** by 2030



*Some relatives, friends and my children
have supported me but the cost of
treatment is far beyond what we can afford.*

- Halima Abubakar, 65, cervical cancer survivor from Nigeria



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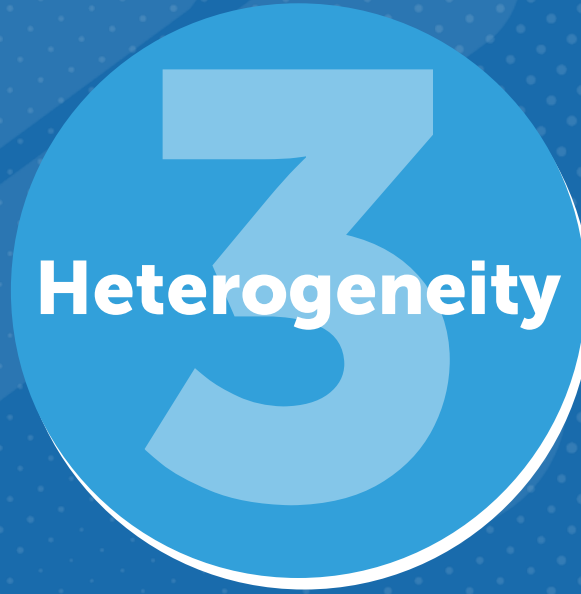
What can we do?

A photograph of three women in traditional Middle Eastern attire, including colorful dresses and headscarves, laughing joyfully together outdoors. The background shows a building with a window and palm trees. The image is overlaid with a dark blue gradient at the bottom containing white text.

2020 was the first time that the world united to eliminate a cancer.

Today, we have an opportunity to accelerate the fight.

Guiding principles





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Integrate primary and secondary prevention



of girls fully vaccinated with the HPV vaccine by age 15.



of women are screened with a high-performance test by 35 and 45 years of age.



of women with pre-cancer treated and with invasive cancer managed.

Build a unique transdisciplinary alliance

Unifying agendas

Cancer

HIV

Non-communicable diseases

Gender equity

Adolescent health

Reproductive health



Unifying changemakers

Researchers and academics

Women and youth advocates

Private sector and industry

Civil society organizations

Implementation partners

Policy makers

Consortium partners are diverse and continue to grow

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Focus on equity

- Countries with high burden of HPV and cervical cancer
- Populations with high risk of disease and mortality
- Marginalized communities lacking access to services
- Groups affected by gender norms and stereotypes



Embrace heterogeneity

- Move away from one-size approach: countries and communities are heterogeneous
- Spur, share and scale-up local solutions
- Foster global, regional, national and local connections and cross learnings
- Invest in community-centered behavioral and social research
- Synthesize data and evidence to support tailored approaches



Promote sustainability

- Build strong political will
- Achieve sufficient and smart domestic financing
- Introduce cost effective, community-owned, and integrated service delivery models
- Foster adaptive leadership at all levels
- Develop a skilled and motivated workforce



**Engage in the
discussions.**

Build an action plan.



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