



The Power of Partnership – Working Towards an HIV/AIDS-free Generation

Narrator 1

An HIV positive mother can give birth to an HIV negative baby. That means – with awareness, testing and treatment – an entire generation can be born free of HIV.

It is true. Today in Nigeria, a unique partnership of businesses, non-governmental and international organizations, and governments are preventing mother-to-child-transmission of HIV – one mother at a time.

Narrator 2

The women in my village have so much responsibility. We feed our families. We work in the market. We worry for the health of our children.

But we also worry for the health of every child in the village.

This is because, in my country, more than a million and a half women are infected with HIV. One of our worst fears is passing HIV to our newborn babies.

I am afraid too, as soon I will have my baby and I don't know my HIV status.

So I went to the village meeting run by people in our community. They helped us understand the importance of testing. And that even a woman with HIV could have an HIV negative baby.

And each baby born without HIV brings our village closer to the dream of future generations of children free of HIV.

I traveled to our clinic. The health worker encouraged me to get tested and I did because I want a healthy baby.

My test showed that I am HIV positive. Though saddened by the news, I was truly frightened for my baby.

But they told me my baby could be born healthy. By taking medication, I can prevent passing the HIV virus to my baby.

I had hope.

After I gave birth to my beautiful son I had him tested. This test came back negative. I am so happy my child is HIV free.

We know now that no baby has to be born with HIV. And today our village – and our country – is one baby closer to a generation born without HIV.

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No single organization alone can make the dream of an HIV-free generation a reality. It takes a collaborative partnership of businesses, NGOs, international organizations and governments.

Partnerships like ...

Born Free Africa, which helps governments focus efforts on preventing mother-to-child transmission of HIV.

The Global Fund, providing grants that fund prevention, testing and treatment.

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Pact, which works with local organizations to increase community awareness of HIV/AIDS prevention; and governments in Nigeria to administer services.

All brought together and supported by Chevron, who understands that healthy communities are necessary for healthy businesses to thrive.

Already we are seeing such partnerships build understanding, take action and deliver hope.

We see a future for all children that is strong and healthy, and HIV free.

This is the power of partnership.