

Violence & HIV

Violence and HIV are mutually reinforcing epidemics.

By the numbers



1 in 3

women worldwide have been beaten, coerced into sex, or otherwise abused in their lifetimes.



1 in 4

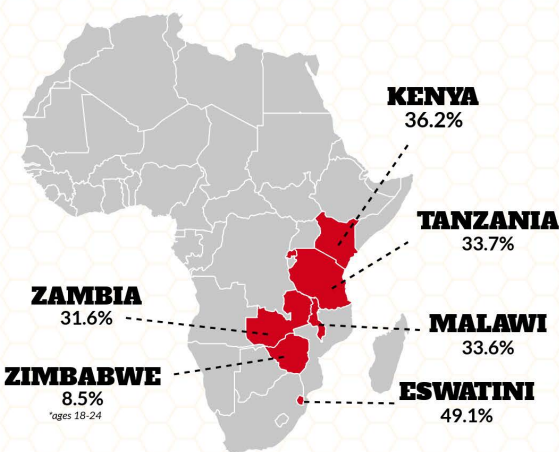
girls' first sexual encounter was unwanted.



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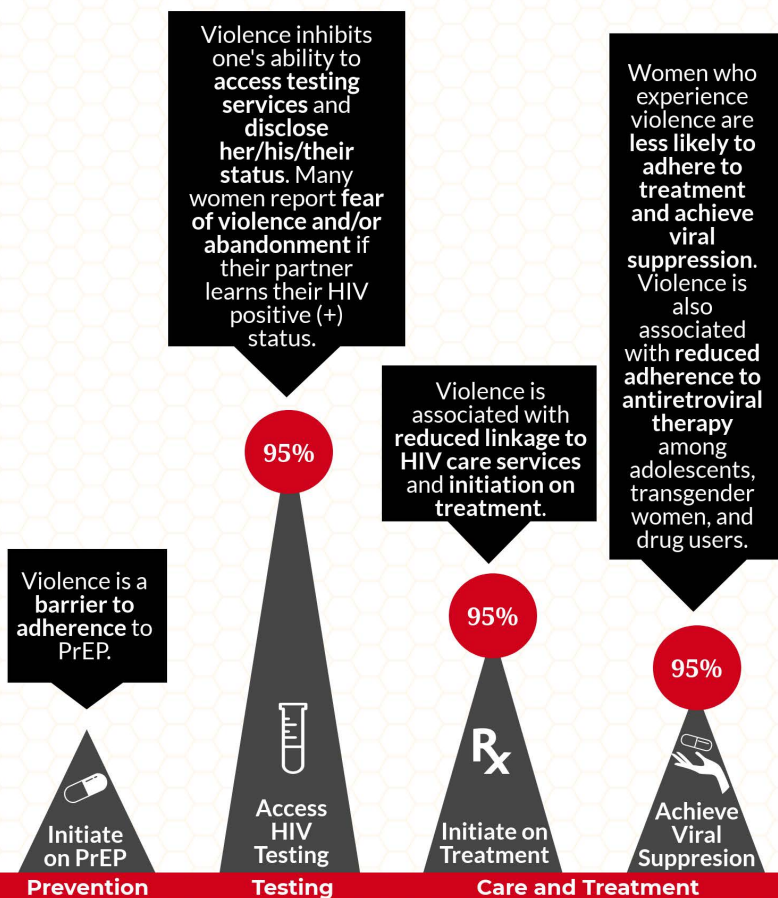
is the increased likelihood that women who experience intimate partner violence will acquire HIV.

Sexual Violence among females 13-24 within the past 12 months



Exposure to violence is associated with lower use of antiretroviral treatment, half the odds of self-reported treatment adherence, and significantly worsened viral suppression among women.

Violence & the Clinical Cascade



Sources:

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