

# L'esperienza di **DREAM**

**Dai programmi di cura alla ricerca  
operativa**

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# La presenza di DREAM oggi in Africa

DREAM program è presente in 10 paesi

50 centri di cura

28 laboratori di biologia molecolare



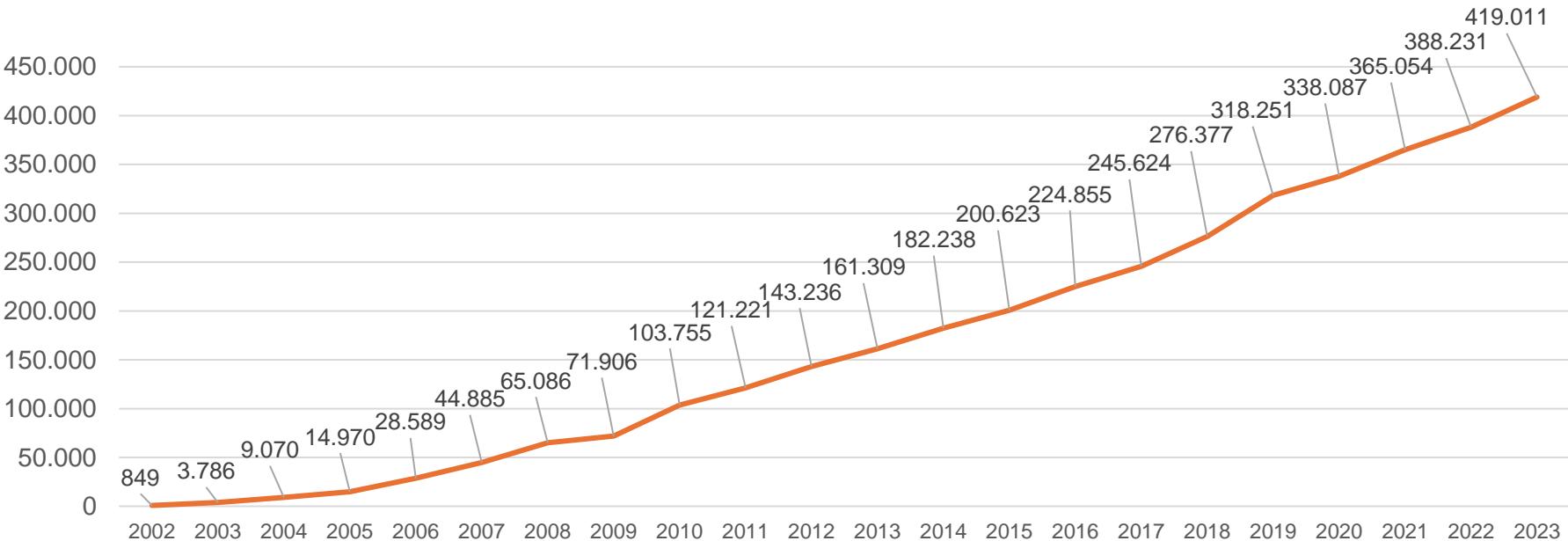


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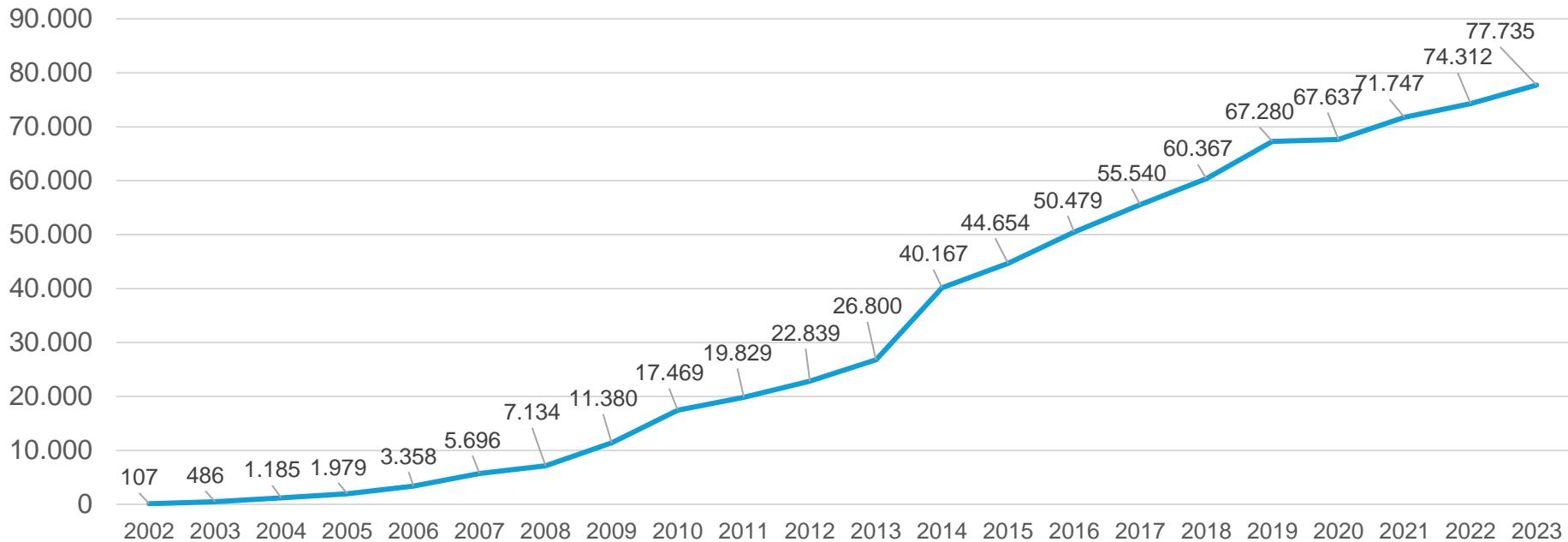


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# DREAM Program: Patients in care



# DREAM Program: HIV+ pregnant women enrolled

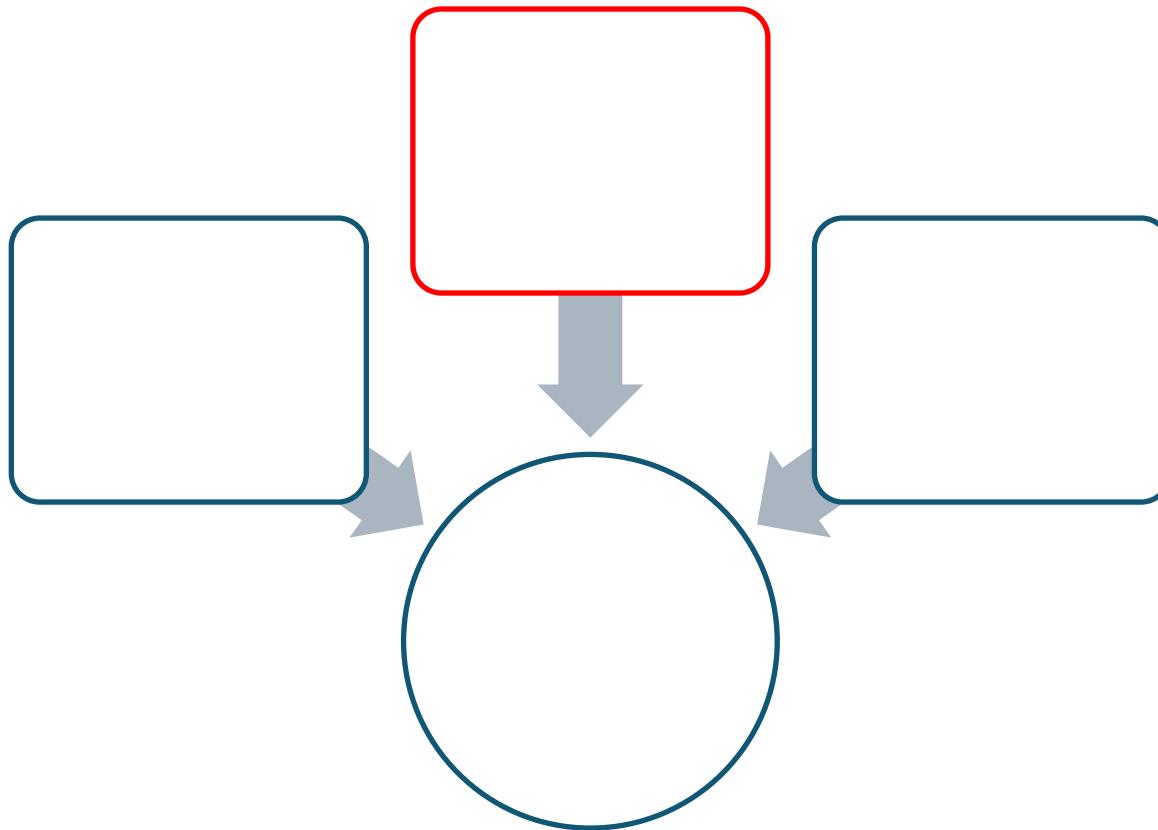


# Patients with TB in care in DREAM program

Country	TB pts in care
Mozambique	14.208
Malawi	1.108
Kenya	2.652
Tanzania	879
Repubblica di Guinea	878
RDC	1.246
Cameroon	393
Nigeria	155
Swaziland	198
Centrafrica	68
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# Le caratteristiche di DREAM



# Le sfide di oggi

**Il cancro della cervice uterina**

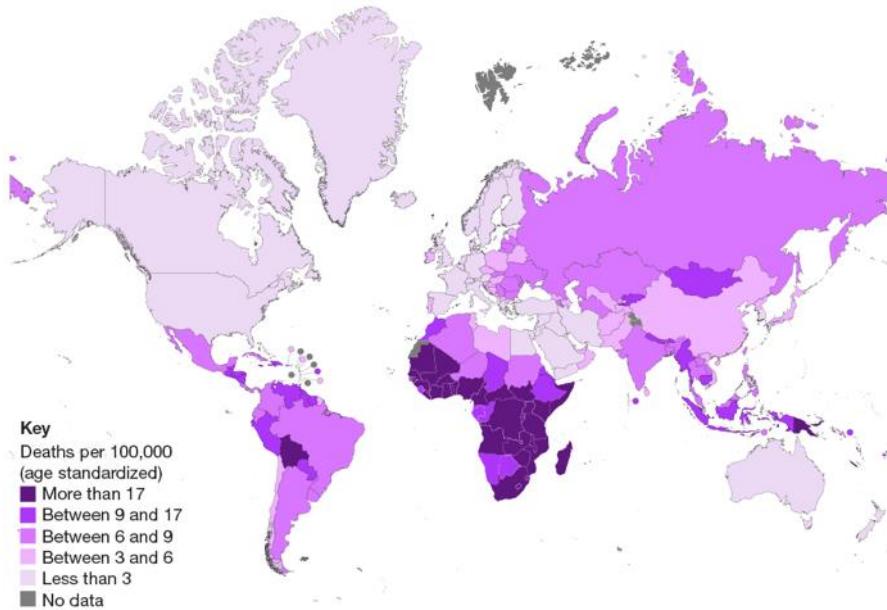


# Il cancro del collo dell'utero nel mondo

- è il quarto tumore più diffuso tra le donne di tutto il mondo
- Circa 650 000 nuovi casi per anno
- Nell'Africa Sub Sahariana è la causa più comune di morte per cancro tra le donne
- 342.000 morti nel 2022(WHO)

## Cervical cancer deaths in 2018

Incidence and mortality rates for women in Africa are up to 10 times higher than other continents



Source  
WHO

# WHO Global Strategy 2030 Targets to eliminate the Cervical Cancer : 90-70-90

Figure 1

The architecture of the WHO Global Strategy to Accelerate the Elimination of Cervical Cancer.

## Proposed Elimination Threshold and Targets

Threshold for Elimination as a Public Health Problem:  
Age-adjusted incidence rate < 4 / 100,000 women

### 2030 Targets



SDG 2030 Target 3.4:  
30% reduction in mortality from NCDs

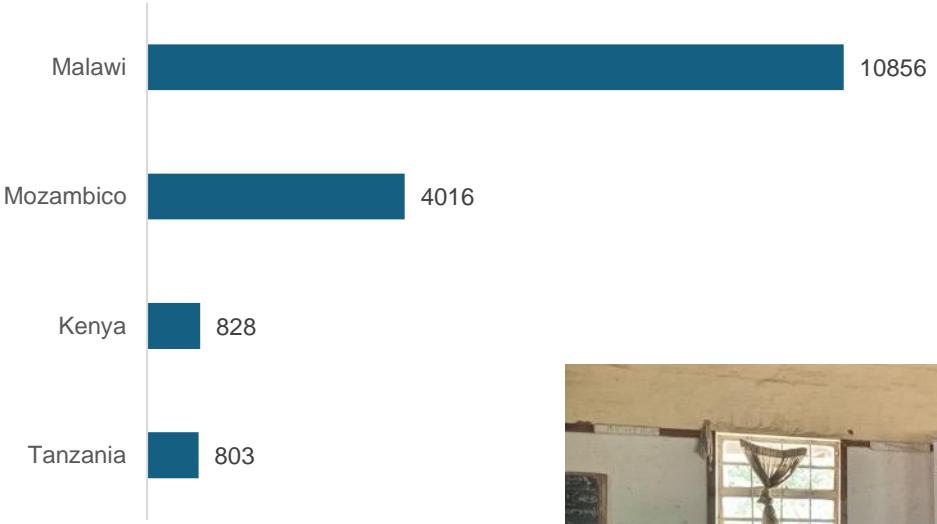


SDG: Sustainable Development Goals; NCDs: Non-Communicable Diseases

# Prevenzione



# Vaccinazioni HPV



# HPV DNA Testing in Mozambique

**Table 1 General characteristics and screening results in the total sample and in HIV positive and negative women**

	Total		HIV positive		HIV negative		OR [CI] (positive vs negative)
	n.	% / IQR	n.	% / IQR	n.	% / IQR	
N. patients	1207		577		630		
Median age, years	43	38–48	43	38–47	44	37–48	
VIA result							
Negative	1083	89.7	513	88.9	570	90.5	1.19 [0.82–1.72]
Positive	124	11.4	64	11.1	60	9.5	
<75%	111	10.2	58	10.1	53	8.4	
>75%	1	0.1	1	0.2	0	0.0	
Cancer suspect	12	1.1	5	0.9	7	1.1	
hrHPV test result							
Negative	881	73.0	365	63.3	516	81.9	2.65 [2.04–3.46]
Invalid	1	0.1		0.0	1	0.2	
Positive	325	26.9	212	36.7	113	17.9	
HPV-16 alone	32	2.7	21	3.6	11	1.7	
HPV-16 + other serotypes	32	2.7	25	4.3	7	1.1	
HPV-18 alone	12	1.0	8	1.4	4	0.6	
HPV-18 + other serotypes	22	1.8	16	2.8	6	1.0	
HPV-16 + HPV-18	3	0.2	3	0.5	0	0.0	
HPV-16 + HPV-18 + other serotypes	3	0.2	2	0.3	1	0.2	
Other serotypes	221	18.3	137	23.7	84	13.3	

CI, confidence interval; HPV, human papillomavirus; hrHPV, high-risk HPV; IQR, interquartile range; OR, odds ratio; VIA, visual inspection with acetic acid.

## SECONDARY PREVENTION & SCREENING

### Screening approaches for cervical cancer in Mozambique in HIV positive and negative women

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**65 out of 124 VIA (Visual inspection with acetic acid) -positive women (52.8%) were HPV-uninfected, hence unnecessarily treated with cryotherapy or referred for colposcopy; at the same time, 267 out of 1083 VIA -negative women (24.7%) were HPV-infected, but referred for further control in 1–3 years according to HIV serostatus.**

# Impatto di STI sullo screening cancro cervice

Clamidia Trachomatis e  
Neisseira Gonorreae presenti  
in 9.4% delle donne con test  
VIA+

52% avevano CT, NG o HPV

Original Research Article

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Impact of STIs on cervical cancer screening:  
Prevalence of *Chlamydia trachomatis* and  
*Neisseria gonorrhoeae* in visual inspection  
with acetic acid (VIA) positive women in  
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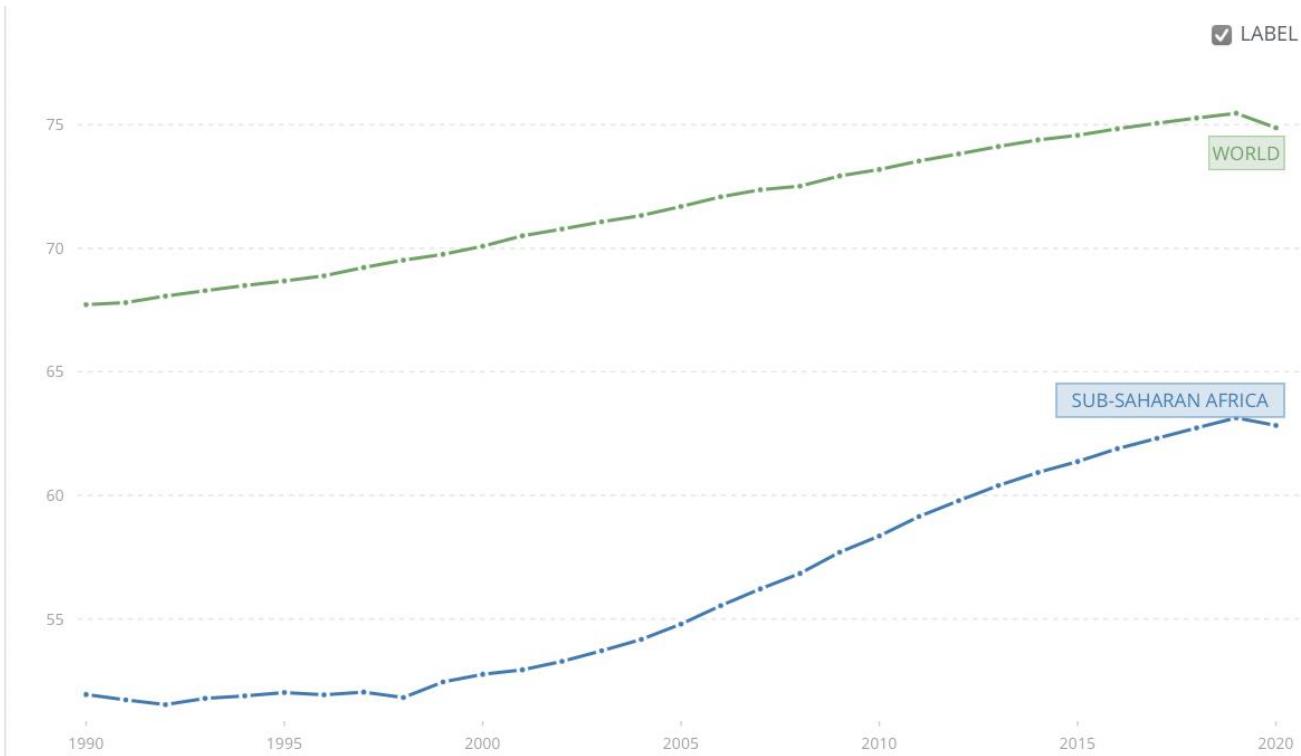
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# Le sfide di oggi

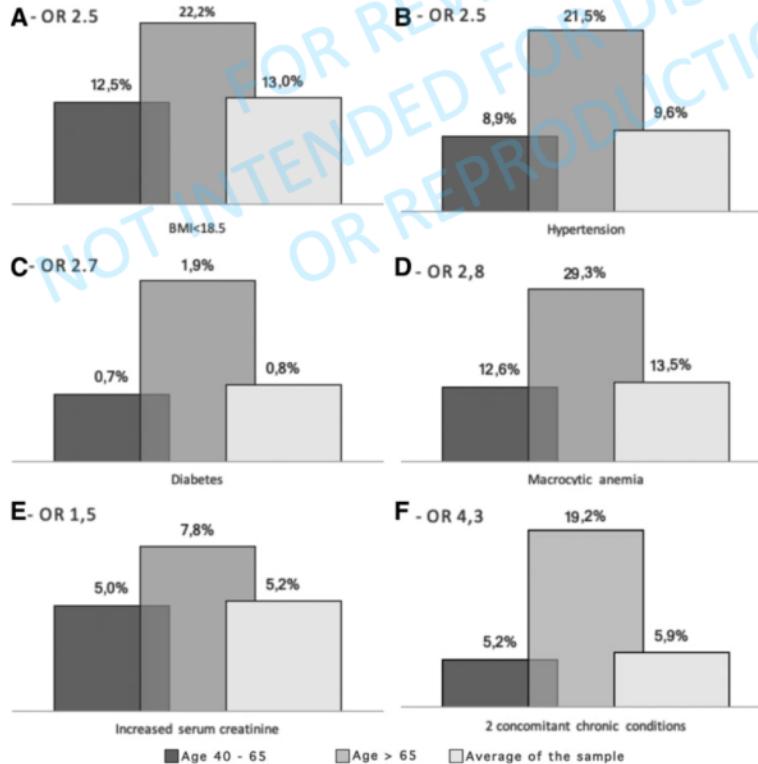
**Invecchiamento e HIV, nuove sfide**



# Life expectancy in Africa



# NCDs comorbidities in HIV adults/elderly in Malawi



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## Noncommunicable Diseases Burden and Risk Factors in a Cohort of HIV+ Elderly Patients in Malawi

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**FIG. 1.** Comorbidities according to age groups. (A) Malnutrition, (B) hypertension, (C) diabetes, (D) macrocytic anemia, (E) increased serum creatinine, (F) 2 concomitant chronic diseases.

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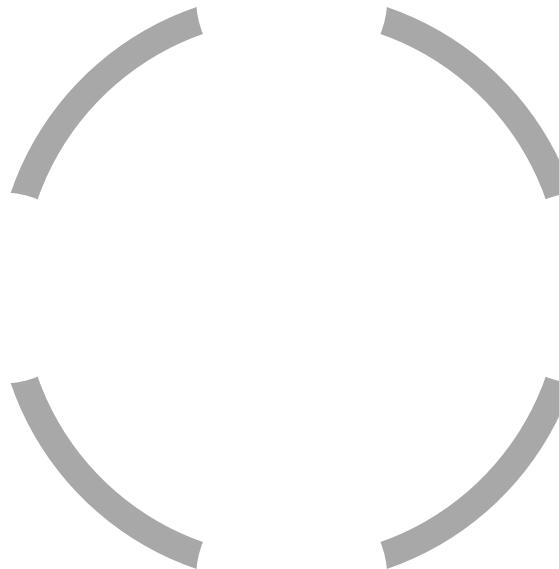
**Gli adolescenti**



# Differentiated Service Delivery - Adolescenti

Incontri dedicati solo agli adolescenti alcuni esempi:

- Aderenza
- rete di supporto, stigma
- Paura
- rapporto con la famiglia e la scuola
- rifiuto e abbandono



# Differentiated Services Delivery ( DSD) for HIV+ adolescents: Malawi

Malawi:

- **425 pazienti HIV+ 10-19 anni**
- Centro DREAM Blantyre
- Da dicembre 2016 servizio specifico per adolescenti:
  - Special day per adolescenti
  - Involgimento di youth leaders (peer-to-peer)
  - Attività non cliniche incluse nel centro (teatro, teen clubs...)

**Dopo 1 anno dall'inizio del servizio:**

- **Retention in care 94.8%**
- **50.6% hanno migliorato lo stato nutrizionale (BAZ) (70.2% di pz inizialmente malnutriti)**
- **79.0% avevano VL undetectable**

*«Data from the DREAM programme show the effectiveness of a public health approach to HIV-positive adolescents' health in Malawi. The results in terms of nutritional rehabilitation, HGB level increase, retention in care, and viral suppression highlight that specific adolescent-friendly interventions are urgently needed to reduce the burden of HIV infection in African adolescents..»*

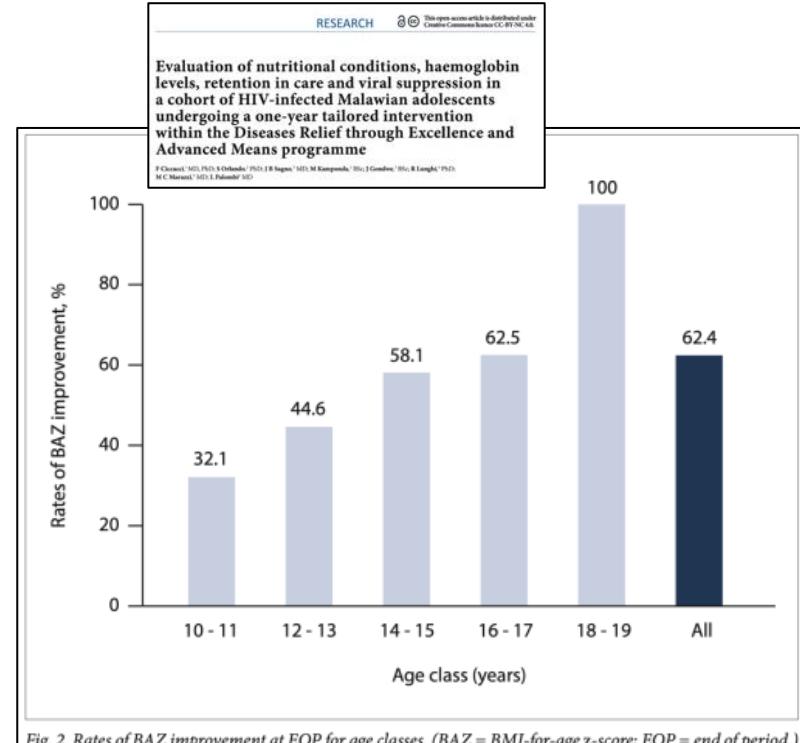


Fig. 2. Rates of BAZ improvement at EOP for age classes. (BAZ = BMI-for-age z-score; EOP = end of period.)

# Differentiated Services Delivery ( DSD ) for HIV+ adolescents: Espaco Aberto Mozambique

Mozambico, Espaco Aberto (AICS 5%):

- **2,575 pazienti HIV+ 11-19 anni**
- 7 centri DREAM
- Osservazione mar 20 – mag 22
- Da marzo 21 servizio specifico per adolescenti:
  - support groups for adolescents
  - the use of young men and women aged 19–24 years as counsellors
  - specific training for healthcare workers about adolescents
  - online group sessions with a psychologist.

>>> Retention in care 94.2% -> 99.9%

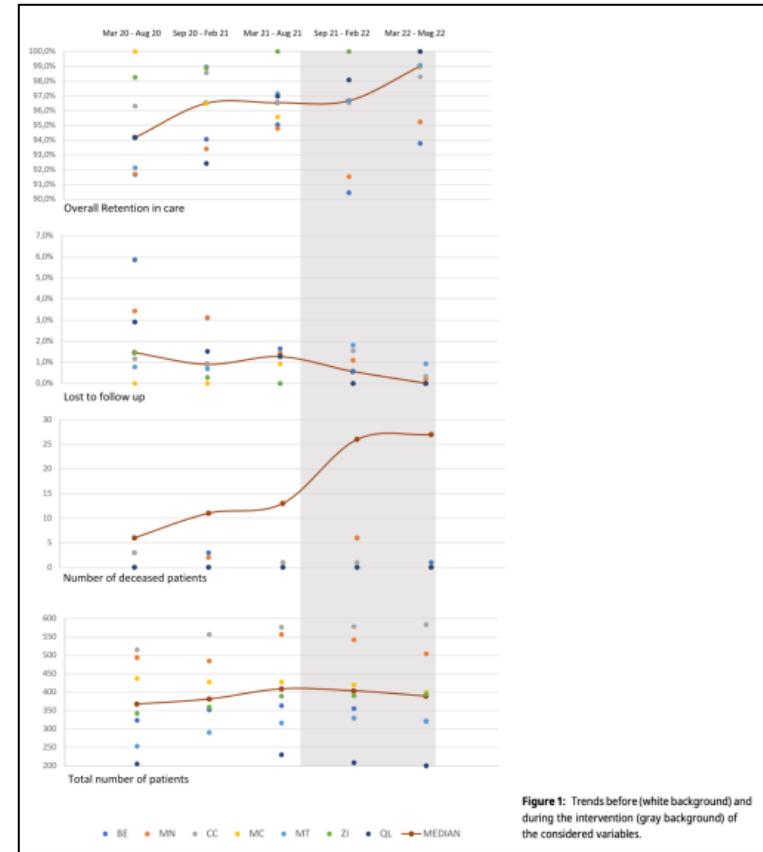
«HIV care for adolescents was affected by the (SARS-CoV-2) pandemic and its impact on health and social systems in many sub-Saharan African countries. However, our data show that specific interventions could be effective and resist external shocks.»

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**Enhancing retention in care in HIV-infected adolescents during COVID-19 in Mozambique: results from the DREAM program**

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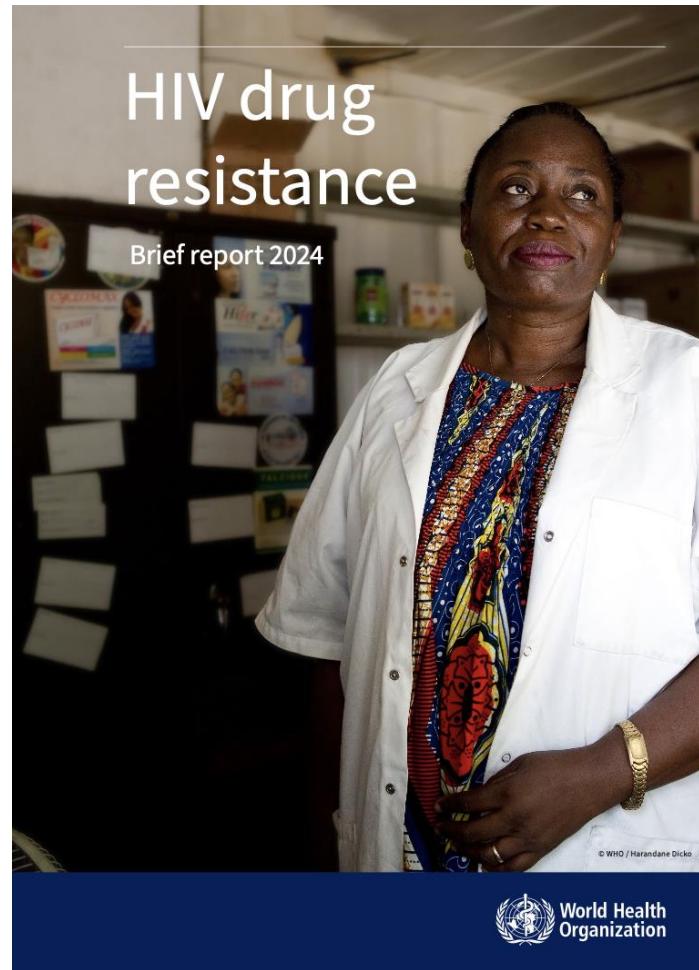


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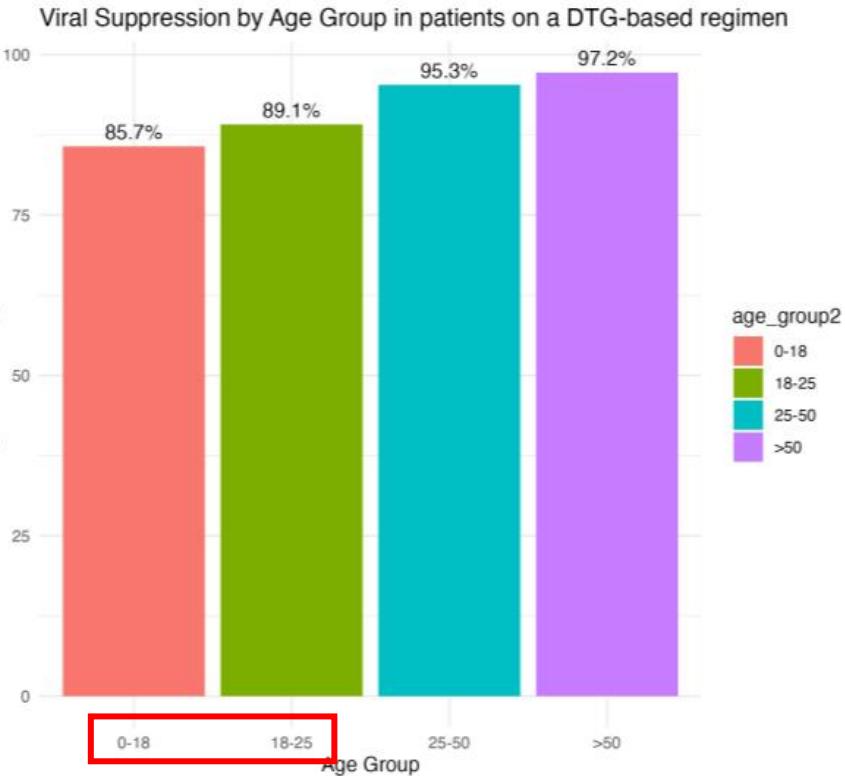
**Emergenza delle resistenze al DTG**



<b>Nome dello studio</b>	<b>Paese</b>	<b>Anno</b>	<b>% Resistenza a DTG</b>
Caso di Haiti	Haiti	Non disponibile	Neonato con resistenza al DTG
DTG RESIST Study	Canada, Francia, Germania, Italia, Paesi Bassi, Sud Africa, Svizzera, Regno Unito	2013-2021	4.8%
Surveys supportati da PEPFAR	Malawi	2020-2021	8.6%
	Mozambico	2021-2022	19.6%
	Uganda	2021-2022	3.9% (adulti), 6.6% (bambini)
	Ucraina	2020-2021	6.6%
Studio di Sorveglianza Nazionale in Sud Africa	Sud Africa	2021	2.7%
		2022	11.1%



# DTG resistance: 29.601 patients in Mozambique



- 74 samples were tested for resistance.
- 9 had mutations that conferred resistance to DTG:
  - G118R: 4 patients
  - E138K: 5 patients
  - R263K: 3 patients
  - L74M: 2 patients
- The 9 patients with DTG resistance were:
  - predominantly male
  - between 18 and 50 years old (one >50 years old)
  - most had been in therapy for more than 5 years.

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**Migliorare la diagnosi della TB nei pazienti HIV**



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## Tuberculosis Case Finding With Combined Rapid Point-of-Care Assays (Xpert MTB/RIF and Determine TB LAM) in HIV-Positive Individuals Starting Antiretroviral Therapy in Mozambique

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«In summary, using a combined diagnostic approach based on rapid POC tests, we showed a 10% prevalence of undiagnosed tuberculosis in a large and unselected series of HIV-infected Mozambican individuals starting ART, with a significant added diagnostic value of repeated Xpert testing and LAM urinary testing. Symptom screening was only partially effective in identifying tuberculosis-positive patients.»

# Biomarkers for TB diagnosis and prognosis (Mozambique and Kenya)

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Plasma levels of CRP, neopterin and IP-10 in HIV-infected individuals with and without pulmonary tuberculosis



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High-sensitivity C-reactive protein in HIV care: Tuberculosis diagnosis and short-term mortality in a cohort of Kenyan HIV patients in the DREAM programme



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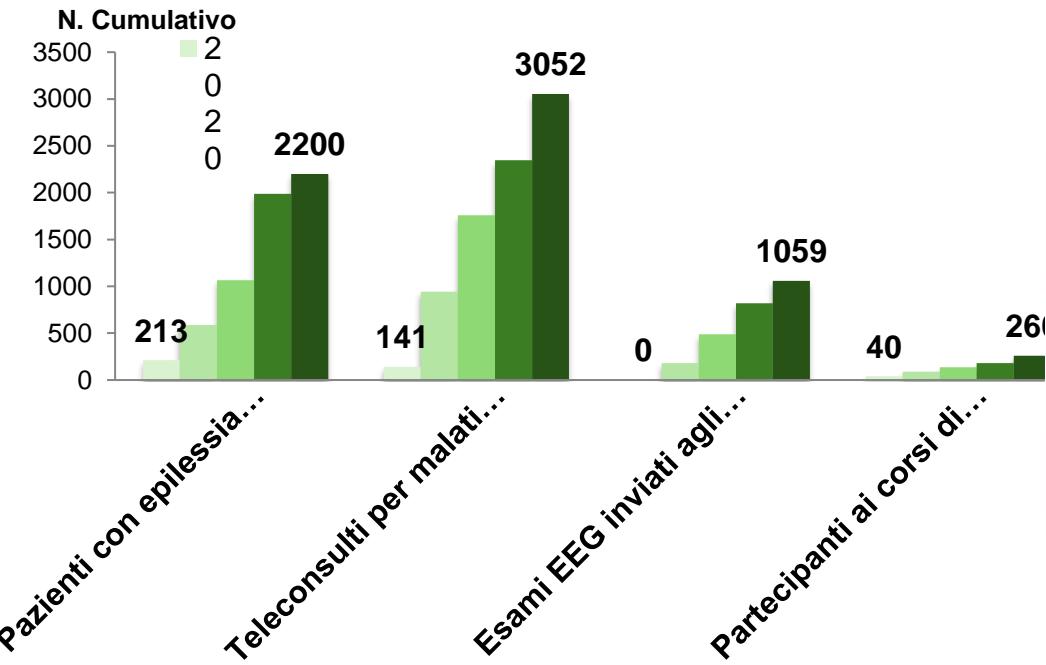
  
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**La neurologia**



# La cura dell'epilessia a DREAM



# Formatori in Africa e tele-neurologi



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... and many  
others ...



**Vincere l'AIDS è possibile?  
«Un vincitore è semplicemente un  
sognatore che non si è arreso.» Nelson  
Mandela**



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