THERE ARE 158 MILLION YOUNG PEOPLE IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA, AND THAT NUMBER IS EXPECTED TO RISE TO 281 MILLION BY 2050. HELP US REALIZE OUR VISION OF A FUTURE WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE EMPOWERED TO REALIZE THEIR HEALTH, WELL-BEING AND DIGNITY THROUGH QUALITY EDUCATION.

Access to quality comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) and youth-friendly SRH services is key to achieving the vision of the end of AIDS as a public health threat, but requires accelerated efforts to secure commitment and support for scale-up. Less than 50% of young people demonstrate accurate knowledge about HIV prevention and transmission, meaning that more information and education on sexual health is needed.

CSE also addresses crucial issues like early and unintended pregnancy and gender-based violence. Early and unintended pregnancy is the first cause of death among 15- to 19-year-old girls globally. Experience of intimate partner violence increases the likelihood that a woman will acquire HIV by up to 55%.

03 works with Ministries of Education, Civil Society and other partners to strengthen access to accurate, rights-based, good quality comprehensive sexuality education and youth-friendly SRH services.