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US government could slash funding for microbicide research

By [Yvette Raphael](#), [Manju Chatani](#)

[bhekisisa.org](#) — A vaginal ring could one day protect women from HIV infection and unwanted pregnancies but only if there's money to make it. By the time you go to bed tonight, more 1?000 women aged 10 to 24 will have contracted HIV, according to 2015 statistics from UNAids. And just as with contraception, there is no one-size-fits-all approach to protecting young women — or the thousands of men who have sex with men and sex workers — who are at a high risk of HIV infection.

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Roll out PrEP strategy to prevent Aids among people at risk

By [Yvette Raphael](#), [Carolyne Njoroge](#), [Wanjiru Mukoma](#)

[bhekisisa.org](#) — Countries will be judged harshly if the pre-exposure two-in-one pill isn't given to young women, discordant couples and sex workers among othersThe scientific world has had evidence since 2011 that a single pill a day could reduce the risk of contracting HIV. Five years later most people at substantial risk of HIV infection still don't have access to this HIV prevention method.

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Give us ARVs so we don't get HIV

By [Ntando Yola](#), [John Mutsambi](#), [Brian Kanyemba](#), [Yvette Raphael](#)

[mg.co.za](#) — South Africa has rolled out the largest antiretroviral treatment program in the world, about 24 million people are now on treatment, but the health

in the world – about 3.1 million people are now on treatment, according to health department figures. This is a remarkable, given the earlier years of poor political response. But South Africa still has unacceptably high rates of infections and HIV remains a public health emergency.

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