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Introduction

Empowering Youth Leadership

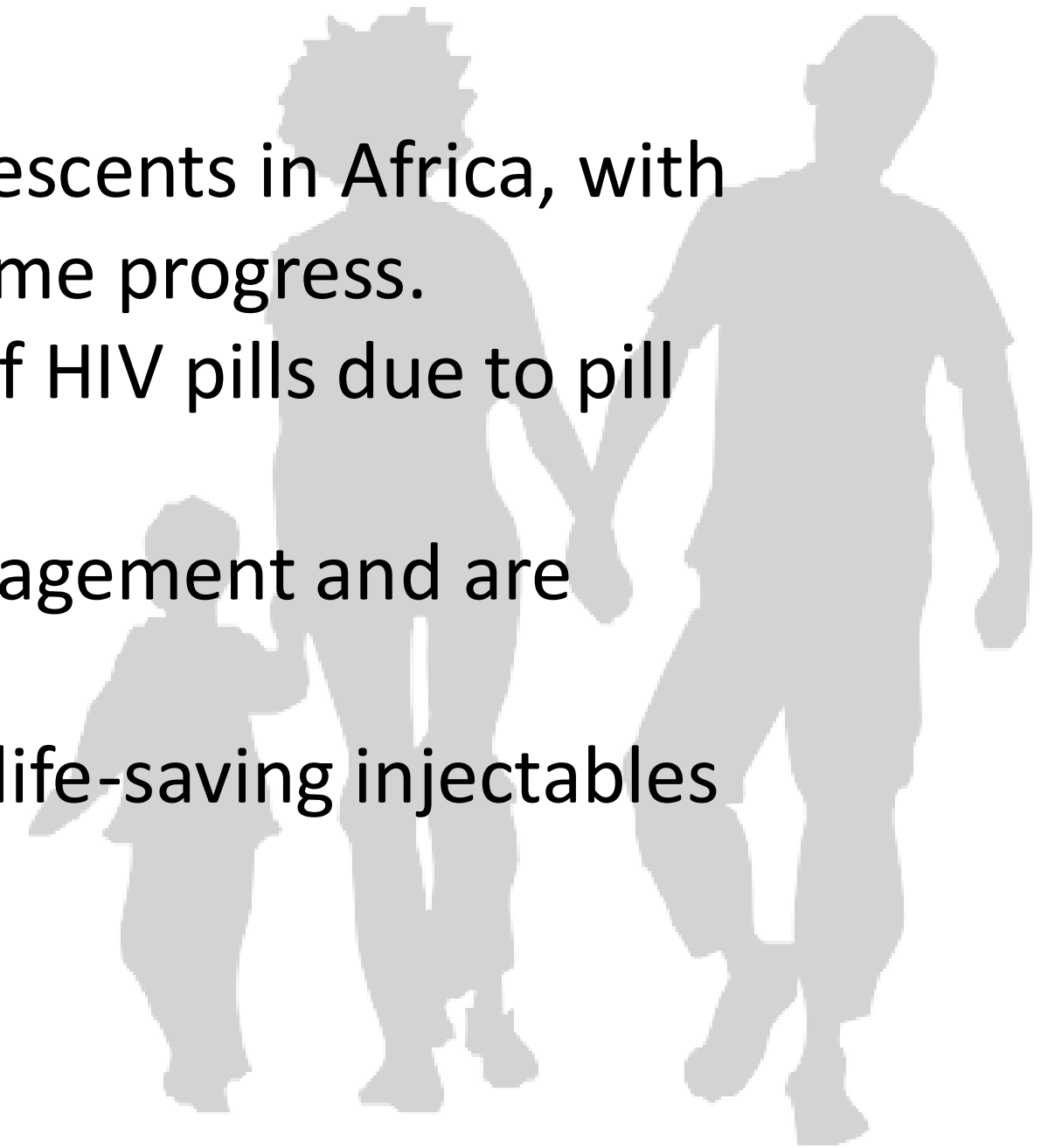
At the 7th International HIV and Adolescents Workshop, Young leaders united with a bold mission: to champion a comprehensive long-acting care package for those living with or impacted by HIV. Advocating for innovative solutions that prioritize quality of life. A movement igniting change for a better future!

Key Objectives:

1. Ensure widespread access to affordable long-acting antiviral drugs for HIV treatment (ART) and prevention (PrEP).
2. Utilise long-acting injectable therapies to alleviate the challenges of daily pill consumption and combat treatment fatigue.

Youth Drive for Lusaka Declaration

- ❖ HIV continues to be a leading cause of death among adolescents in Africa, with AIDS-related deaths only decreasing by a third despite some progress.
- ❖ Many young people struggle to maintain a daily routine of HIV pills due to pill fatigue and side effects.
- ❖ Long-acting injectables are preferred for their easier management and are favored by youth.
- ❖ There is a strong demand among young people for these life-saving injectables to be made accessible to everyone in need.



ICASA Demonstration



Signing of the Declaration

Activities



International Adolescent Workshop on SRHR&HIV Demo.

What is next?

What we can do as young people

- We need to continue to empowering young leaders to advocate for effective HIV care and treatment
- We need to leverage social media to amplify our message and reach broader audiences
- We need to educate young people about the benefits of long-acting HIV treatments
- We need to share information and education on these treatments with community partners and healthcare provider champions



What you can do as partners

- Create and distribute educational materials tailored to the needs of young people
- Provide financial support for campaigns promoting long-acting treatments, including social media initiatives and community events
- Offer platforms for young people to speak at conferences, community meetings, and media events about the importance of long-acting treatments

The Lusaka Declaration marks a pivotal step in youth-led advocacy for improved HIV care. Together, we can overcome barriers and strive towards a future where every young person has access to the resources they need.

Thank you



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