



## Global Prevention Coalition Meeting

Talking points for Minister of Health and Social Services, Dr Bernard Haufiku, 10 October 2017  
Ministers and heads of Delegation session

As signatory to the 2016 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS, Namibia has committed to reduce new HIV infections by 75% by 2020. Given the persisting new HIV infections and the global commitment, Namibia is accelerating the scale up of primary prevention programmes alongside meeting the 90-90-90 targets. Namibia's target therefore is to see incidence reductions from 7400 in 2015 to 1900 by 2020.

This is why Namibia has prioritised the five combination pillars of (1) adolescent girls and young women, (2) key populations, (3) access to condoms, (4) VMMC, and (5) PrEP in the newly drafted National Strategic Framework for HIV for 2017-2022.

Working together with the FL of Namibia as UNAIDS Special advocate for adolescents' girls and young women with the start free, stay free and Aids Free. The FL is doing a great work in Namibia but also at Global level. We will also include clear targets on this initiative with in our National road map on the prevention.

It is clear that Namibia is committed to join and implement with the Global Coalition on Prevention and therefore prioritised 30% of its total HIV budget for primary prevention against a 25% target. We support and endorse the development of a roadmap to bring all high burden and priority countries to control the HIV epidemic once and for all.

To exemplify this commitment, Namibia will complete the following by the end of the year:

- Government endorsement of the new National Strategic Framework 2017 – 2022 at the National AIDS Executive Committee, which incorporates the new ambitious prevention targets and costed operational plans. The Namibia Score Card on prevention will be launched on 1 December 2017 during the WAD event.
- Explore opportunities for sustainable financing for the CSO sector, including social contracting
- Standardize a minimum package of services for all five prevention pillars to ensure comprehensive program delivery
- Ensure a conducive environment for the delivery and access of health services for all
- Strengthen monitoring of prevention programming and accountability frameworks through existing multi-sector coordination structures

I encourage all countries to join the movement and make primary prevention a priority, not just in the plans, but in budgets. Namibia has allocated more than 25% of HIV/AIDS Budget to the 5 pillars of prevention and also we are mobilising our partners to do so. Financial and implementation support is necessary to execute such ambitious targets from all levels; global, national, community, and individual. We must increase primary prevention funding to and within countries implementing these strategies so that we truly do not leave anyone behind and can end AIDS.