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INTRODUCTION

Adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) aged 15–24 years face a disproportionate risk of HIV acquisition in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA).¹ In Kenya, AGYW comprise 18.4% of the adult population but acquired 23.7% of new infections in 2017, such that, by 2018, an estimated 2.6% of AGYW in Kenya were living with HIV^{2–5}; yet, most infections remain undiagnosed.⁴ The most recent data available on AGYW suggest that, in 2012, only 25% of AGYW living with HIV were diagnosed and aware of their HIV status.⁴ The consequence of undiagnosed HIV among AGYW