

Connie's Story

Connie Mudenda: My name is Constance Mudenda. Everyone calls me Connie. And I am HIV positive. I had three children that I lost to HIV. A few years down the line free ARVs came and I started treatment on my birthday. After I started taking ARVs I was a little bit scared to, to have a child. I have a daughter now, her name's Lubona, and she is negative.

Deb Dugan: When I go to places in Africa, and I see what resilience really means...you see in these communities women like Connie. She's a beautiful example of where we are in this fight. In 2002, there were fifteen hundred women a day that were passing HIV on to their babies. Now it's four hundred a day.

Christoph Benn: It's not just the people that receive the treatment, it's their families, it's their children. It's their societies that have hope again, that can thrive again.

Brian Moynihan: We have to stop the mother to child transmission of HIV. And we at Bank of America have helped commit our money, twenty million dollars over seven years, but that's only part of it. What (RED) looks to us to do is to raise the awareness and I think the whole world has to come out and push this to the end and get one step closer to eliminating this disease.

Deb Dugan: Eliminating mother to child transmission of HIV by 2020 is a very important milestone because you then have an AIDS Free Generation.

Christoph Benn: I really would like to thank the Bank of America, all its employees, all its customers, all the partners for supporting The Global Fund and (RED). Because you help us to help millions of people in Africa so that they have medication that they have hope that they can survive.

Connie Mudenda: Sometimes I really need to pinch myself. I still can't believe that she's mine. I thank God that I have her.

Together we are one step closer to ending AIDS.