More than twelve women die every day from cervical cancer in Uganda. This should not happen because we have all the tools we need to prevent it.

Nearly all cervical cancers are caused by an infection with human papillomavirus (HPV) not successfully controlled by the immune system, which lead to cell changes that, if untreated, become cancer.

The avoidable path to cervical cancer

- **HPV Infection**
  - Usually the immune system clears the infection, but sometimes it leads to cell changes

- **Precancerous lesions**
  - If left untreated, uncontrolled growth of abnormal cells can become cancer

- **Cervical Cancer**
  - Every year we lose 4,600 women in Uganda due to cervical cancer

Data source: Global Cancer Observatory, International Agency for Research on Cancer.

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To eliminate cervical cancer as a public health problem we need:

- 90% of girls HPV vaccinated by age of 15.
- 70% of women screened by 35 years of age and ageing by 45.
- 90% of women identified with cervical disease receive treatment.

What is PRESCRIP-TEC doing in Uganda?

- Informing and sensitising women about the screening process for higher accessibility and acceptability of the screening programs.
- Facilitating self HPV testing at home to make things easier for women living in remote areas.
- Introducing artificial intelligence in the gynaecological examination to improve diagnosis precision and to make work easier for health workers.
- Providing women who need treatment of cervical lesions immediate assistance.

In Uganda there are two leading partners working in PRESCRIP-TEC Project: The Uganda Rural Development and Training Programme (URDT) and the Uganda Cancer Institute (UCI). Both have experience in capacity development, awareness raising and community mobilisation. The URDT team works closely with the community-based staff, community leaders and Village Health Teams. The UCI is equipped with a GeneXpert system to perform HPV tests in any part of the country.

DISTRICTS WHERE WE ARE WORKING

URDT and UCI have selected Kakumiro district to start with the screening and testing.

- Health centers in Kakumiro District: Masaka, Kitaihuka, Kisengwe, Birembo and Mpasaana.

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