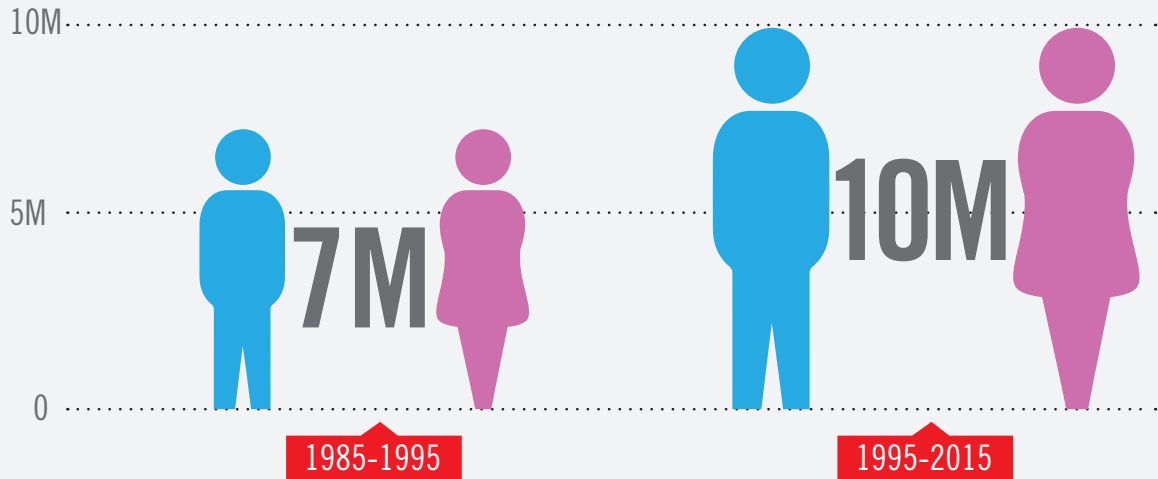


Demographic Shift in Southern Africa: 10- to 29-year-olds

30% more girls and young women since the beginning of the epidemic



Due to a “youth bulge” that is particularly pronounced in sub-Saharan Africa, there are far more young men and women today than there were at the beginning of the epidemic. Today, high rates of HIV in young women remain unchecked, and there are more young women than ever. If prevention isn’t effectively targeted to this population, early gains in the fight against the epidemic will be reversed.

Source: United States Census Bureau. 2015. International Programs. www.census.gov/population/international/.