

The UN claims that 1/3 of pregnant women with HIV in developing countries receive services known as “Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission”. What could be wrong with that?

Almost everything, according to the community-led research report, *Missing the Target 7*

Join the producers and researchers of *Missing the Target* for a 1-hour session led by AIDS-Free World’s Stephen Lewis (former UN Special Envoy for AIDS in Africa) as we discuss the report’s findings.

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- **DOUBLE STANDARDS:** In the global North, transmission to babies has been cut by almost 99%. Drugs that work half as well are considered good enough for most women of the global South.
- **PARTIAL SERVICE:** Instead of being offered all four prongs of the comprehensive programme, most of the 33% of women receiving services are offered just one half of one prong.
- **MISINFORMATION:** The guidelines about infant feeding are clear – at UN headquarters. But in countries, almost *all* mothers receive incorrect, incomplete and potentially dangerous “advice”.
- **ANTI-WOMEN:** Even the programme’s name points a finger of blame at the mother, who is just one link in a long chain of HIV transmission. Worse, 88% of women enrolled in this programme were sent home without being assessed to determine whether they needed treatment for their own HIV disease.

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