

Script

Regina Kando is waiting – for the test results that will decide her daughter’s future. She’s HIV positive, but doesn’t know whether or not baby Angel is too.

SOUNDBITE: Regina Kando, HIV positive Mother: “When I gave birth, they gave me and my baby neviropene, because of that, because of PMTCT, I have hope that my child will be negative.”

Regina is one of the lucky ones; her local clinic in Zambia’s Luapula province has a Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) programme. She and Angel were given doses of Neviropene during the birth, drastically reducing the chances of her passing on the virus to her baby.

But most clinics in Luapula don’t provide PMTCT programmes, most don’t even provide HIV testing. In a country where roughly 20 percent of pregnant women are HIV positive, transmission of the virus from mother to child remains alarmingly high. Health workers in rural areas like Luapula watch helplessly as babies are born with and finally succumb to the virus. In most cases, prevention and treatment are just too far away.

SOUNDBITE: Regina Olwita, Nurse: “There are patients we suspect have the HIV virus and their babies have died after being delivered. I think about 10% of patients here will need PMTCT.”

But that is about to change. In an historic agreement, UNICEF, Family Health International and the Zambian ministry of health, will be working

Shotlist

- 1) WS mother and child
- 2) CU mother
- 3) CU baby
- 4) WS mother and child
- 5) SOUNDBITE: Regina Kando, HIV positive Mother

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- 6) WS mothers at clinic
- 7) Tilt poster to women
- 8) CU pregnant stomach
- 9) WS pregnant mothers
- 10) Tilt poster to counseling room
- 11) WS counseling
- 12) CU counselor
- 13) WS rural clinic
- 14) Pan waiting mothers
- 15) MS child with mother
- 16) tilt mother to baby
- 17) pan mother to health worker
- 18) CU health cards
- 19) Pull out women on dirt road
- 20) SOUNDBITE: Regina Olwita, Nurse

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- 21) WS signing agreement
- 22) CU signing agreement
- 23) CU regional health minister
- 24) WS shaking hands
- 25) Pull out mother and child
- 26) MWS mothers walking up to clinic
- 27) CU poster

together to roll out PMTCT programmes to Luapula's rural clinics. The rollout will include the provision of anti retroviral treatment for pregnant women and children, training of health workers and other associated services. Children born here will now have a better chance at life.

SOUNDBITE: Cathy Thompson, Zambian Country Director, Family Health International:

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Regina and Angel are back at their local clinic. At 8 months old, Angel is now ready to undergo a PCR test. The test will determine whether or not the drugs were successful, whether or not baby Angel has the HI virus.

Regina will have to wait another long month for the results but she is optimistic. The chances of transmission are slim and her hopes for Angel are high. And with the PMTCT rollout, mothers throughout Luapula province will soon be able to share in her optimism (can look forward to giving birth to healthy, HIV-free babies).

- 28) CU poster
- 29) CU kite
- 30) OS boy flying kite
- 31) SOUNDBITE: Cathy Thompson, Director, Family Health International Zambia

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- 32) WS PCR test
- 33) CU nurse pricking baby's foot
- 34) CU baby crying
- 35) CU blood drops on card
- 36) MWS blood drops on card
- 37) CU mother watching
- 38) CU baby's bandaged foot
- 39) Pan kids playing with water
- 40) MCU kid playing with water
- 41) WS canoe on river

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	<u>Shotlist</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) WS boy flying kite 2) CU kite 3) Tilt mother and child entering house 4) Tilt map 5) MCU mother and child 6) Pull out child on bicycle 7) CU baby 8) MS mother and baby 9) Pull focus baby eating 10) CU babies 11) Tilt boy with hoe 12) WS boys on tree 13) Mother reaction 14) Pan clinic name 15) WS rural huts 16) WS family at water pump 	