

# INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD 2014

## *Empowering Adolescent Girls: Ending the Cycle of Violence*

### Key Messages

1. For girls, violence – physical, sexual and emotional – is prevalent in adolescence and is often perpetrated by those closest to them.
2. When an adolescent girl experiences violence, her choices and opportunities are limited, and the effects of that can last throughout her lifetime and extend to future generations.
3. Violence against adolescent girls is common, frequent and tolerated, often because of pervasive gender inequality.
4. To end the cycle of violence against adolescent girls, we must empower girls with the knowledge, skills and resources and options they need to reach their potential.
5. It's in our hands to collectively ensure that the environment in which girls live is safe and supportive, and provides them with opportunities to thrive.