

Every year 26 million girls are born in the Commonwealth. Of these, far too many don't get the chance to grow up and become healthy, educated women who can make a positive difference to their own lives and to the lives of others.

## WHAT IF...

### WHAT IF

WE LIVED IN A WORLD WHERE EVERY MOTHER HAD ACCESS TO MEDICAL CARE AND HER BABY WAS BORN HEALTHY?

### WHAT IF

HER BABY GIRL GREW UP IN A SAFE HOME WITH GOOD FOOD, CLEAN WATER AND ACCESS TO A HEALTH CLINIC?

### WHAT IF

SHE COULD ATTEND SCHOOL WHERE SHE LEARNED IMPORTANT SKILLS, COULD MAKE FRIENDS AND PLAY SPORT?

### WHAT IF

SHE STAYED ON AT SCHOOL, GAINING THE RESPECT OF HER COMMUNITY AND LEAVING WITH THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE TO EARN HER OWN INCOME?

### WHAT IF

SHE KNEW ABOUT HIV AND AIDS AND COULD MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS ABOUT HER HEALTH AND RELATIONSHIPS?

### WHAT IF

SHE BECAME A YOUNG WOMAN WHO COULD HAVE EXPECTATIONS ABOUT HER LIFE AND THE OPPORTUNITIES TO ACHIEVE THEM?

### WHAT IF

HER COUNTRY HELD ELECTIONS AND SHE HAD THE RIGHT TO VOTE AND DECIDE ABOUT HER FUTURE?

### WHAT IF

SHE WAS ABLE TO GET A LOAN TO START HER OWN BUSINESS?

### WHAT IF

THIS BUSINESS THRIVED AND SHE WAS ABLE TO OFFER JOBS TO OTHERS IN HER COMMUNITY, BRINGING STABILITY AND HOPE?

### WHAT IF

THE COMMUNITY CHOSE HER TO REPRESENT IT AS THEIR LEADER?

### WHAT IF

SHE WAS ABLE TO CHANGE THE LIVES OF OTHER GIRLS?

## TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE?

The Commonwealth believes this can happen and is working to give women and girls the opportunity to become the agents of change we need.

## WOMEN AGENTS OF CHANGE