

# *The Adventures of Adriko & Nampijja*

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## THE VALUE OF HPV VACCINES



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**8 million Ugandan girls  
have already been vaccinated!  
What about you?**



CHILDREN  
ARE BACK AT  
SCHOOL  
AFTER A  
LONG BREAK

IN ADRIKO'S CLASSROOM



Welcome everyone!  
Finally, we are all  
back to school!

Why don't you tell  
me and your peers  
what you have been up  
to during this time?



I helped  
my parents in their  
shop during the  
lockdown...

Unfortunately  
my aunt died from  
Cervical Cancer because  
her family treated  
it too late.

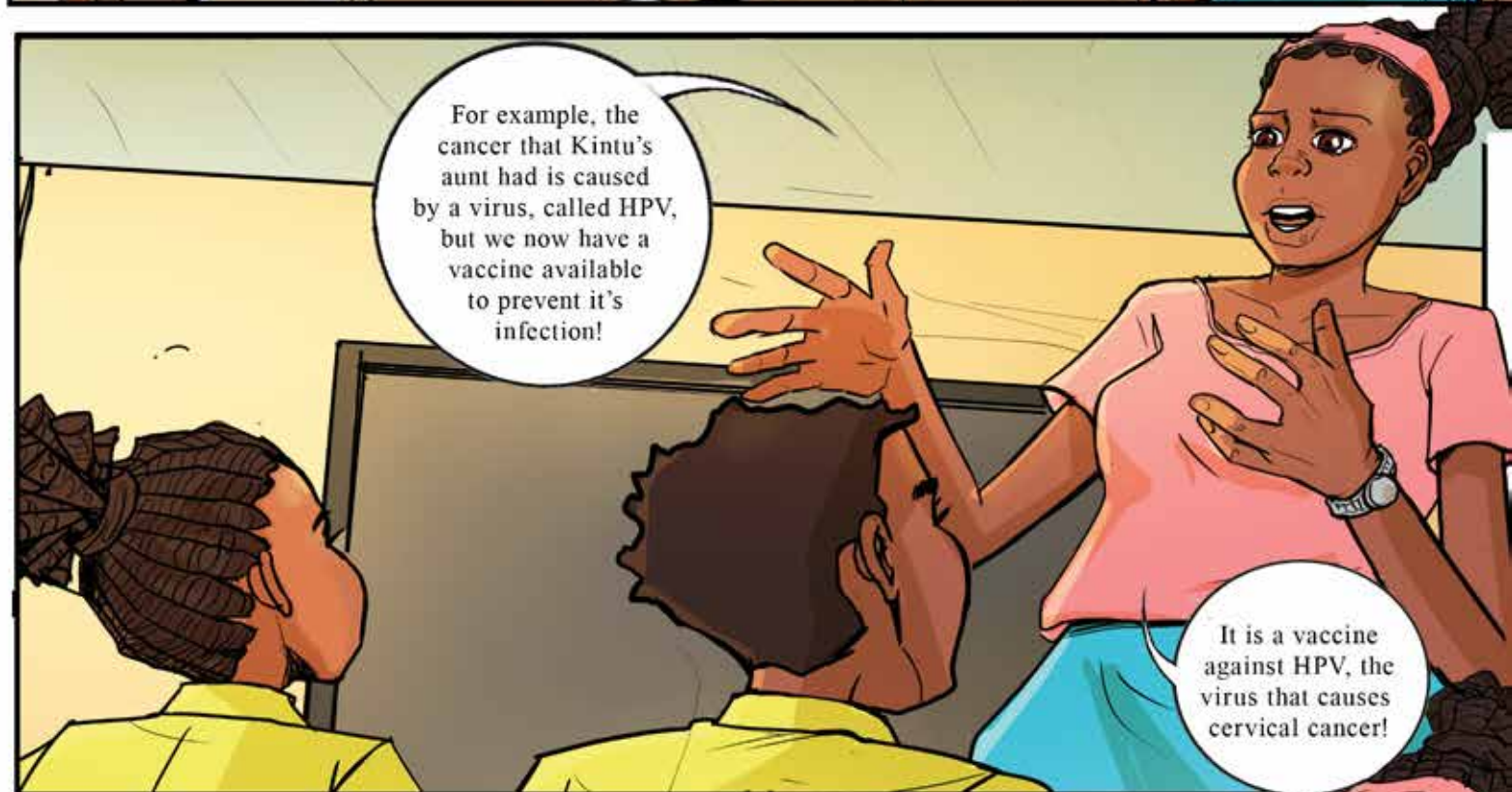
Oh no, that  
is so sad Kintu!  
Cancer is so  
scary! Let's not  
talk about it!



Nekesa, class!  
Cancer can be scary,  
but that doesn't mean  
we shouldn't talk  
about it.

Kintu, I am  
so sorry for your loss.  
Did you say your  
aunt died  
of cervical  
cancer?







MEANWHILE, IN  
NAMPIJJA'S CLASS



So children,  
what have you  
been up to?

I played so  
much football  
that I became  
the best one  
in the village!

It's true! She is  
the best! I saw her  
playing on my way  
to the health clinic  
last month!

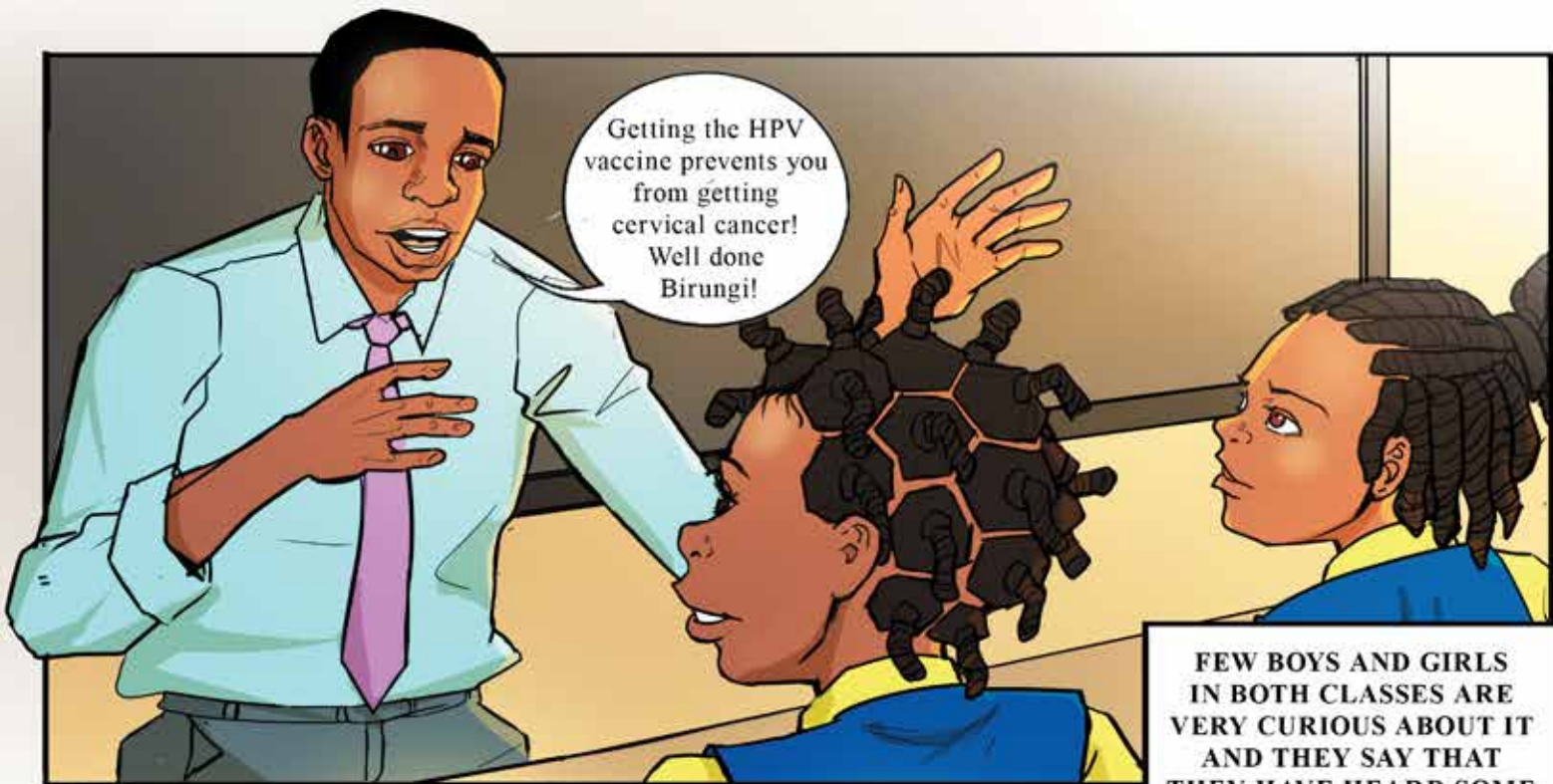
Thanks Birungi!  
But why did you  
go to the  
Health Centre?

I got my first  
shot of the  
HPV vaccine!  
My Papa is  
a nurse.

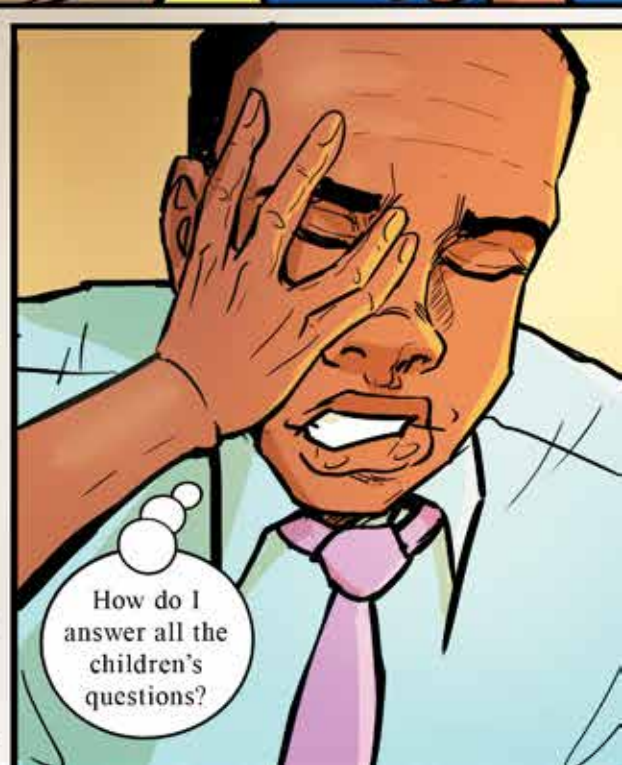
He said that  
this vaccine can  
prevent me from  
getting some  
sort of cancer.

Thank you  
for sharing your  
stories! And yes,  
Birungi is  
right!





FEW BOYS AND GIRLS IN BOTH CLASSES ARE VERY CURIOUS ABOUT IT AND THEY SAY THAT THEY HAVE HEARD SOME RUMOURS ABOUT THE HPV VACCINE





LATER DURING BREAK TIME...

TEACHER MARTHA  
AND TEACHER  
MOSES TALK ABOUT  
THEIR MORNING

Hi Teacher  
Moses. How was  
your morning?

My morning has  
been very interesting.  
Birungi shared with the  
class how she got her  
first shot of the HPV  
vaccine last  
month.

My students  
are very curious  
but confused about  
what HPV is and  
what the vaccine  
does.

What a  
coincidence. Kintu's  
aunt just died of  
cervical cancer,

so the class is  
very interested in  
learning more about cancer  
prevention and the HPV  
vaccine. Some have  
heard myths about it and  
are not sure what  
to believe.

Same with my  
students. We have to  
do something to help  
them understand such  
an important  
topic.

It could save  
so many lives  
and save many  
of the girls in  
school as  
well.

You are  
so right. We  
need to act  
immediately  
before it's too  
late.

I have  
an idea. Why  
don't we ask  
Birungi's

father to  
come to talk  
to our classes?  
He is a  
nurse.

Fantastic idea!  
Let's call him  
right now.



ONE WEEK LATER

NURSE JOHN COMES  
TO TALK TO THE  
CLASSES OF ADRIKO  
AND NAMPIJJA.

Welcome  
to our school  
sir.

We are very  
excited to learn  
the truth about  
the HPV virus.



Goodmorning  
everyone!

I am nurse John, I came  
here today to talk to you  
about what the HPV  
vaccine is and cervical  
cancer prevention!

1) What is HPV?

HPV is a virus. HPV stands for Human Papilloma Virus.

2) How do you get HPV?

You get HPV during sexual intercourse.

3) Is HPV a Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI)?

Yes, HPV is an STI. And it can also cause cervical cancer.

4) What is HPV vaccine?

HPV vaccine prevents you from getting infected from HPV and it prevents you from getting cervical cancer. BUT you need to take this vaccine early, before you are sexually active.

5) How do you get the HPV vaccine?

You can get it at school, a local health clinic, nearest hospital or nearest adolescent clinic.

6) How many doses do you need?

You need two doses, 6 months apart, to get full protection.

7) Is it expensive?

No! It is not. The vaccine is totally free.

8) Does it hurt?

No! It does not hurt.

9) Is it safe?

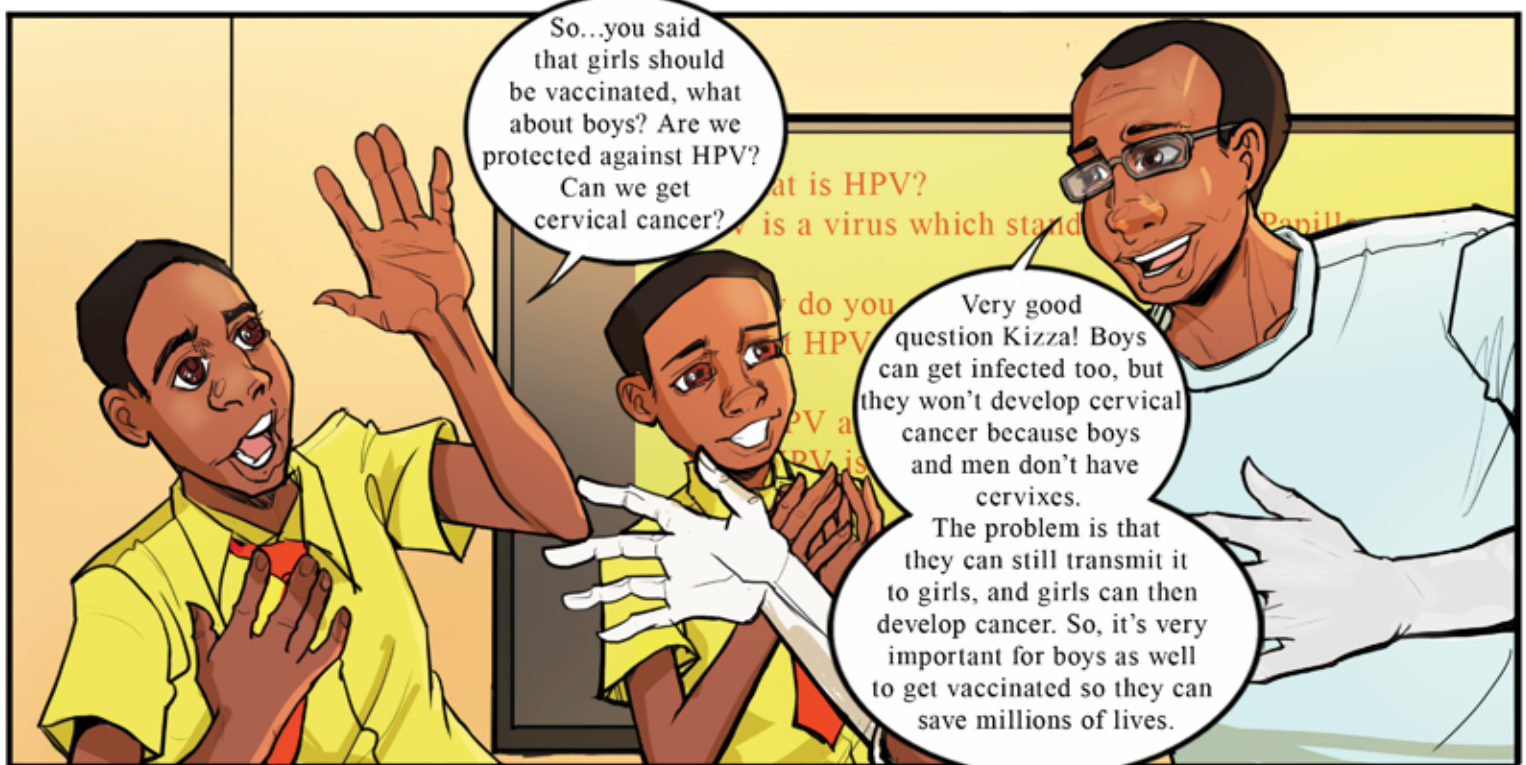
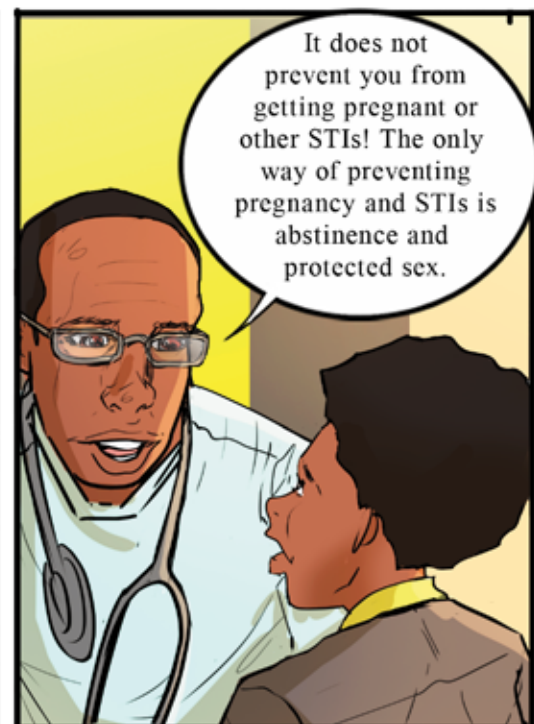
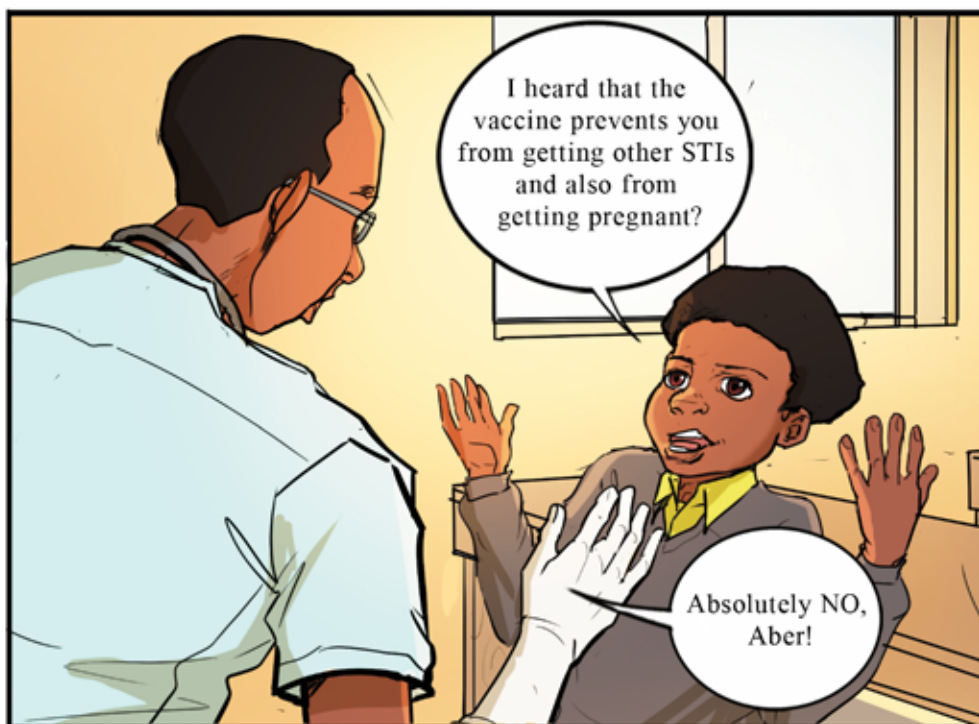
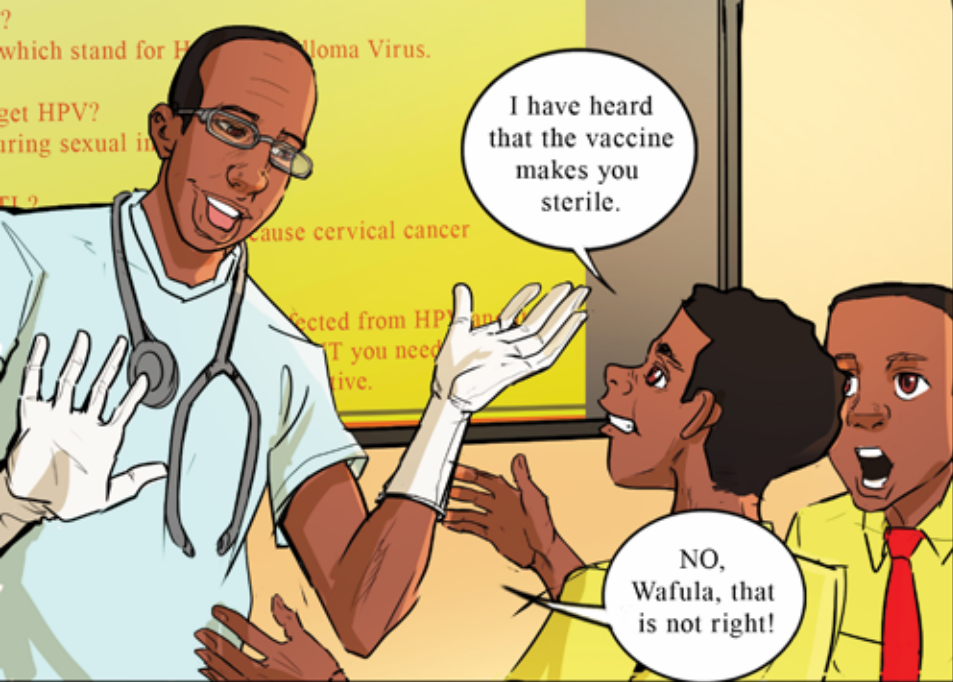
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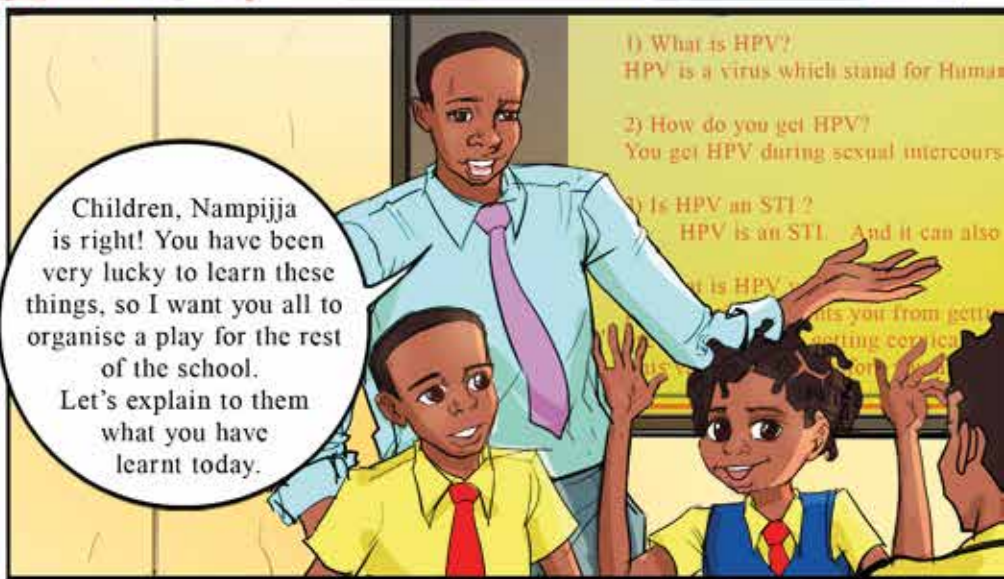
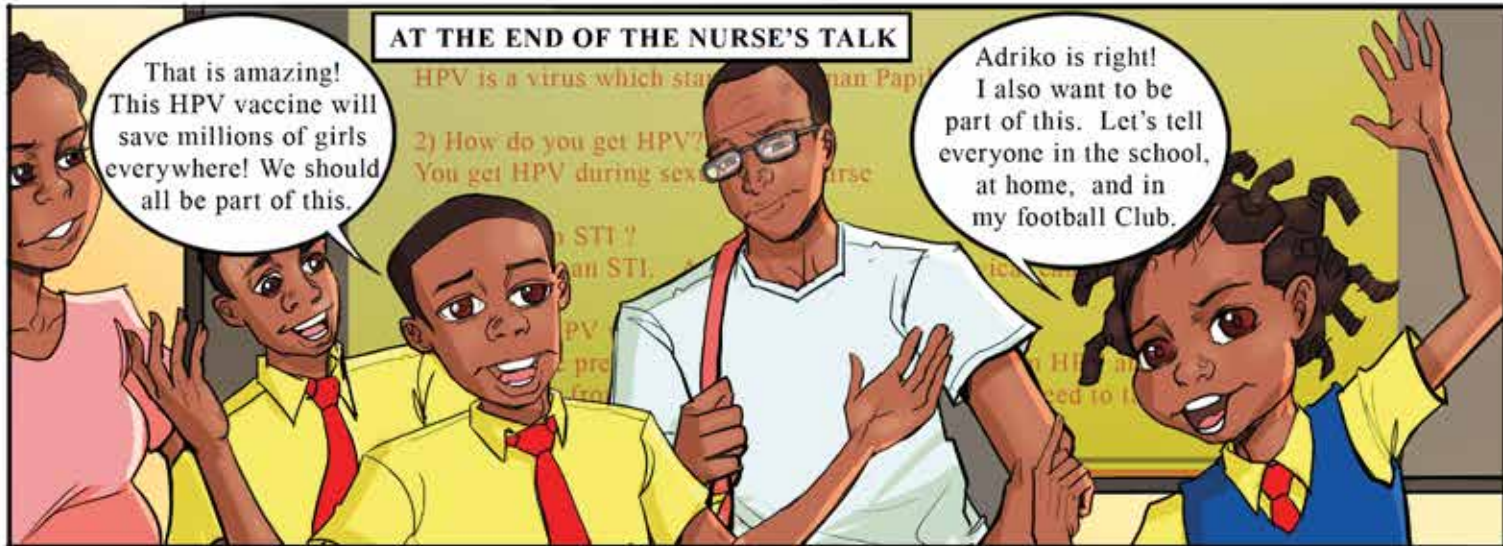








### AT THE END OF THE NURSE'S TALK



### MEANWHILE...







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This series of comics was born from four extremely passionate people and their effort to improve cancer and sexual health education in Uganda.



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Mr. Katula Cranimmer from Reminac Comics during the creation of "The Value Of HPV Vaccines" comic book.

## Write back soon to tell us:

1. What is the HPV?
2. How do you get infected by HPV?
3. Is HPV preventable? How?
4. Are you scared of the HPV vaccine? If yes, why?
5. Why do boys need to get the HPV Vaccine?
6. Do you want to get vaccinated to protect yourself and others?
7. Does the vaccine cost anything?
8. Could Kintu's aunt's cancer have been prevented?

Please send your responses (including name, school and district) to any of the following addresses;  
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