

The Adventures of  
*Adriko & Nampijja*

ISSUE  
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THE VALUE OF HPV VACCINES



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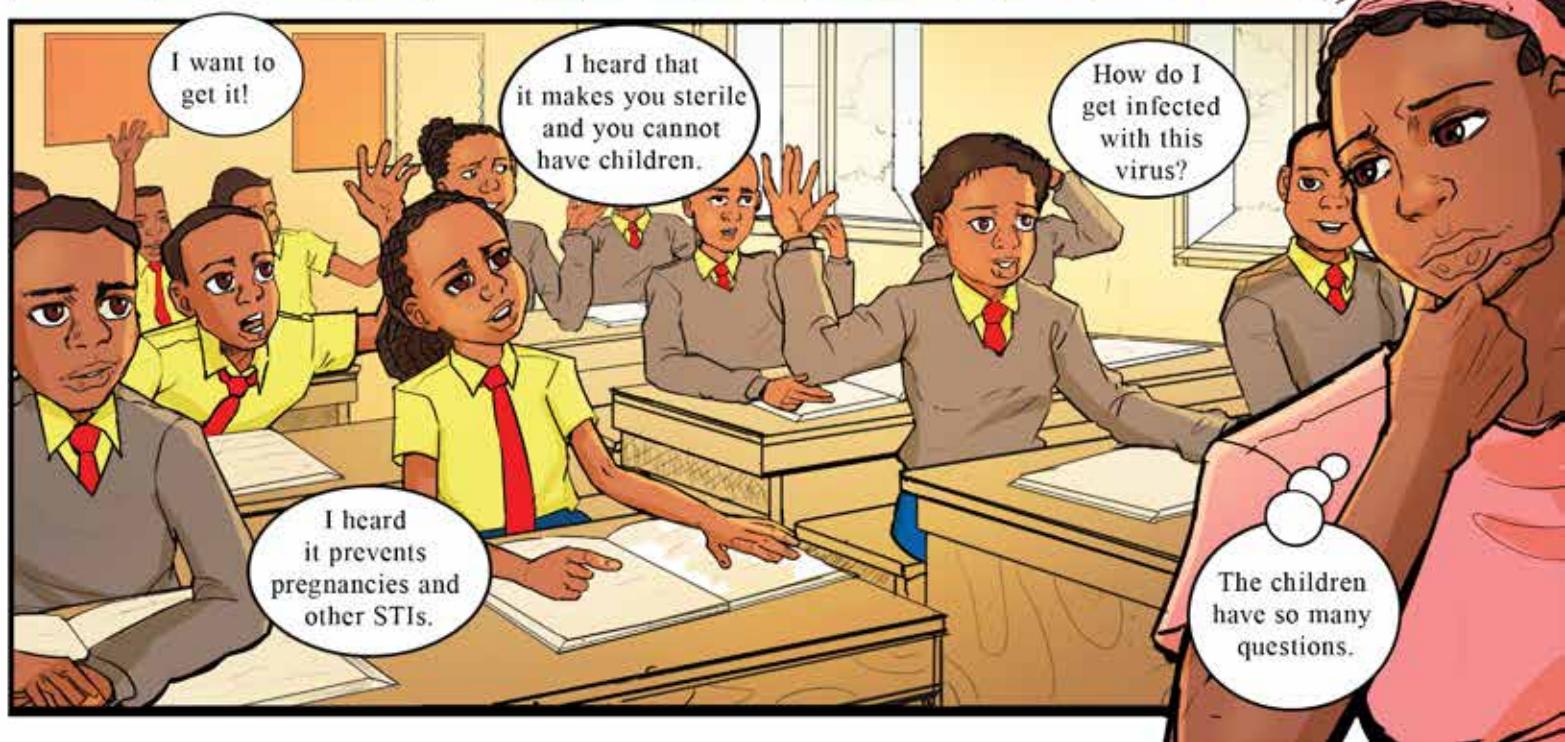
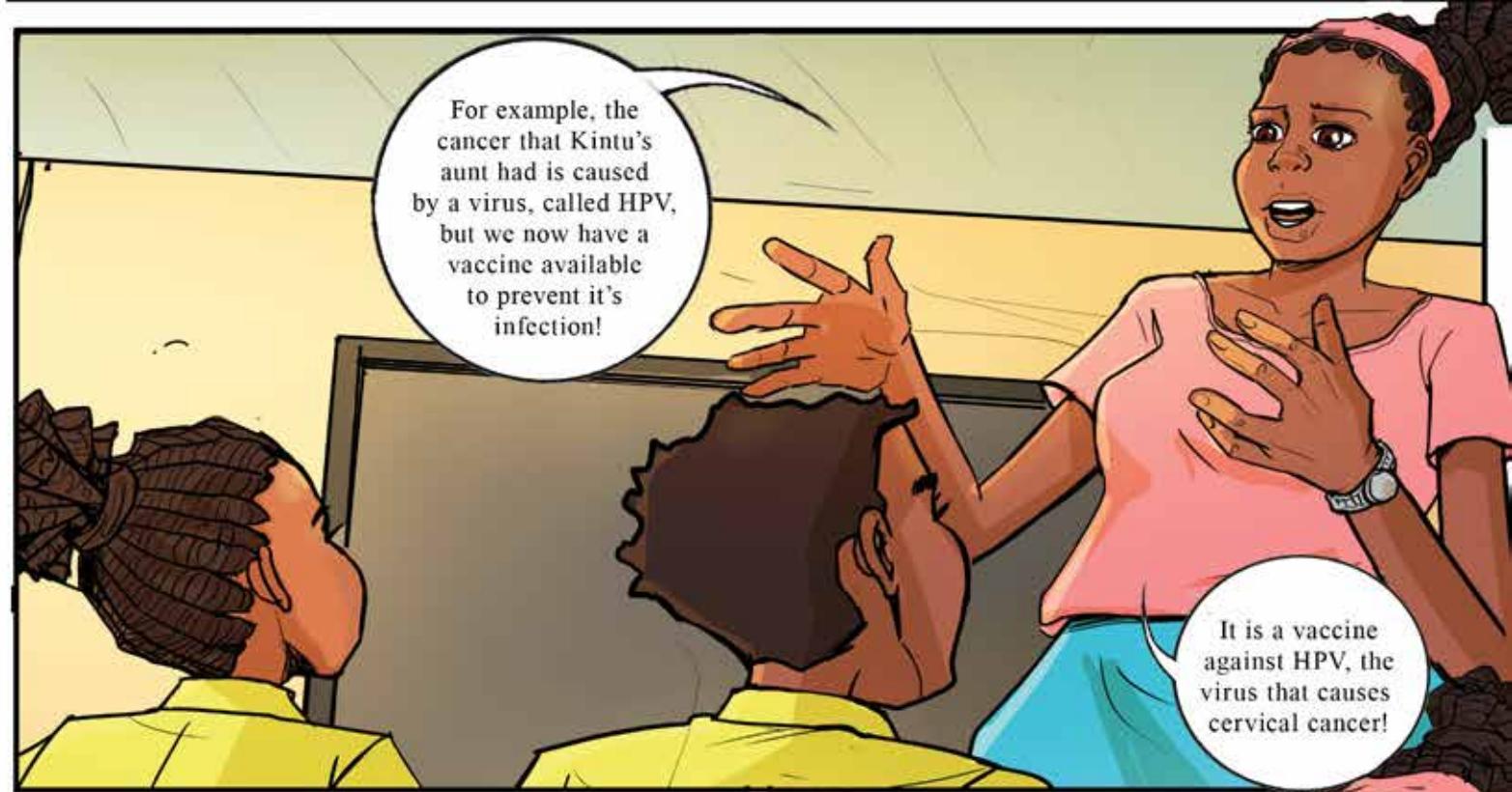
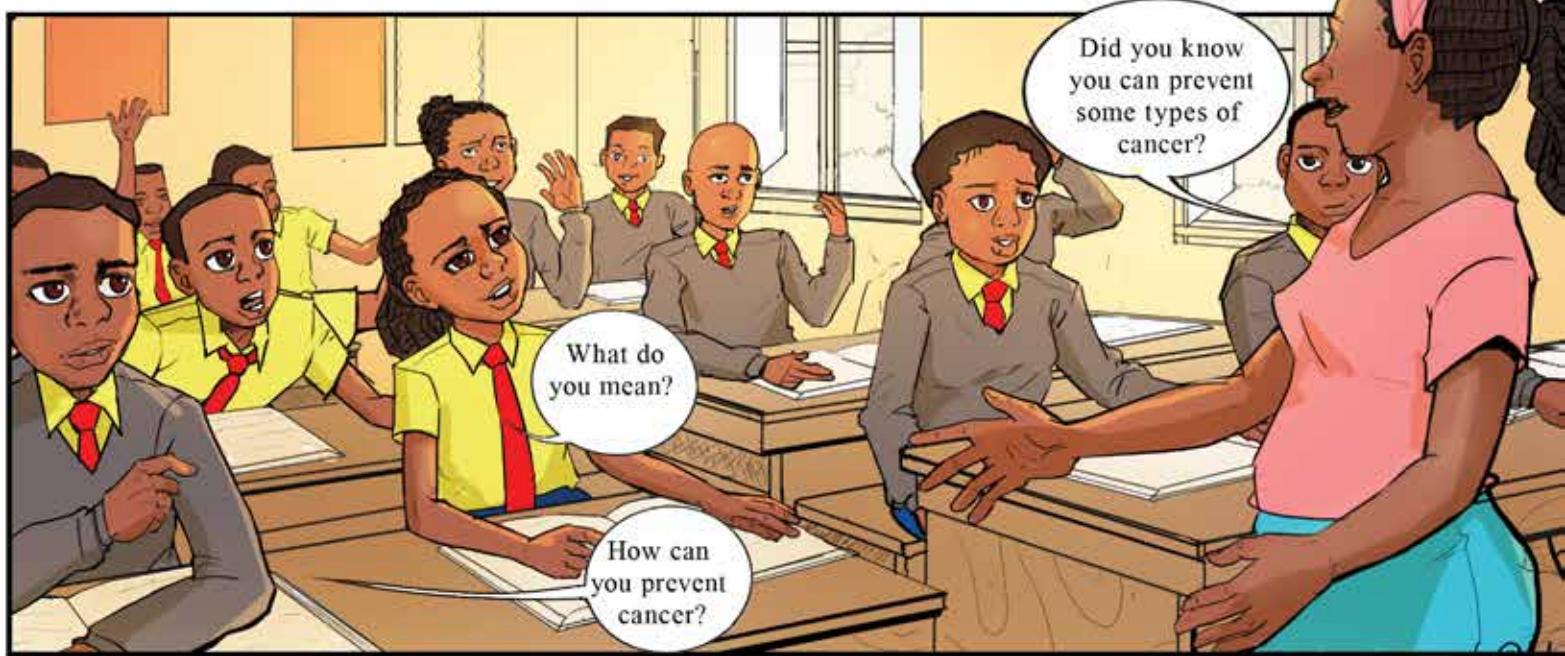


8 million Ugandan girls  
have already been vaccinated!  
What about you?

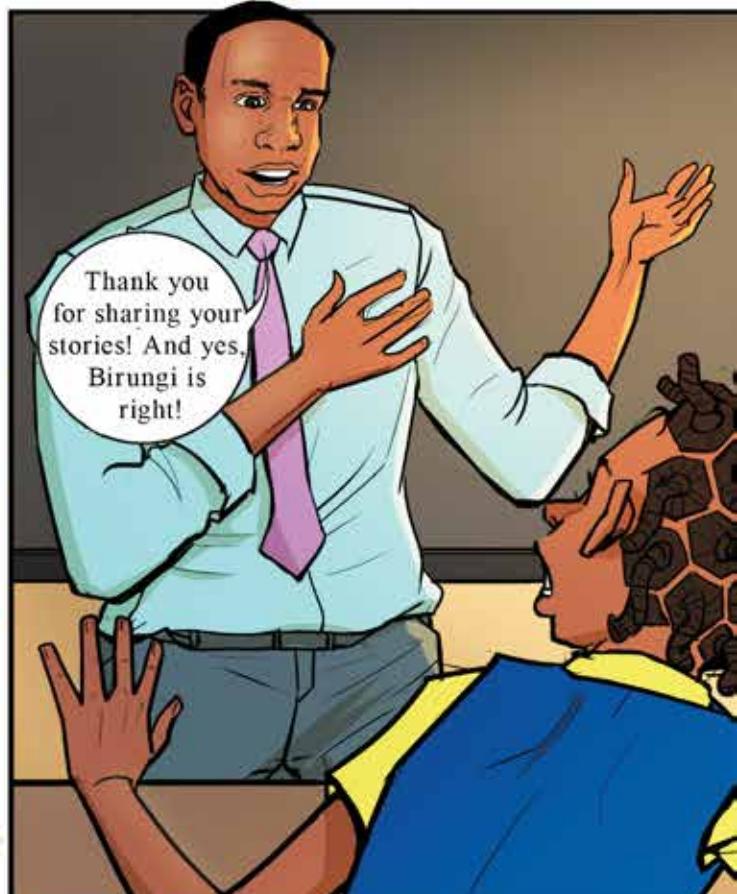
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ARE BACK AT  
SCHOOL  
AFTER A  
LONG BREAK

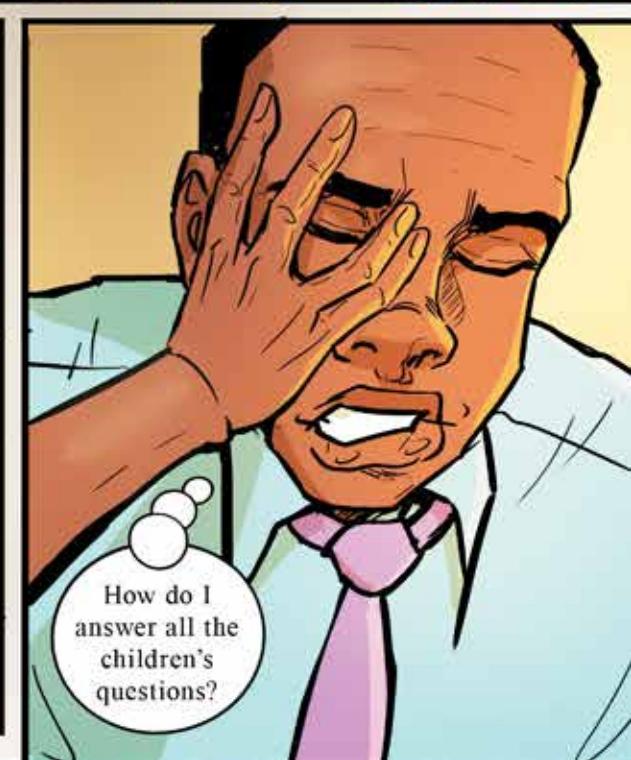
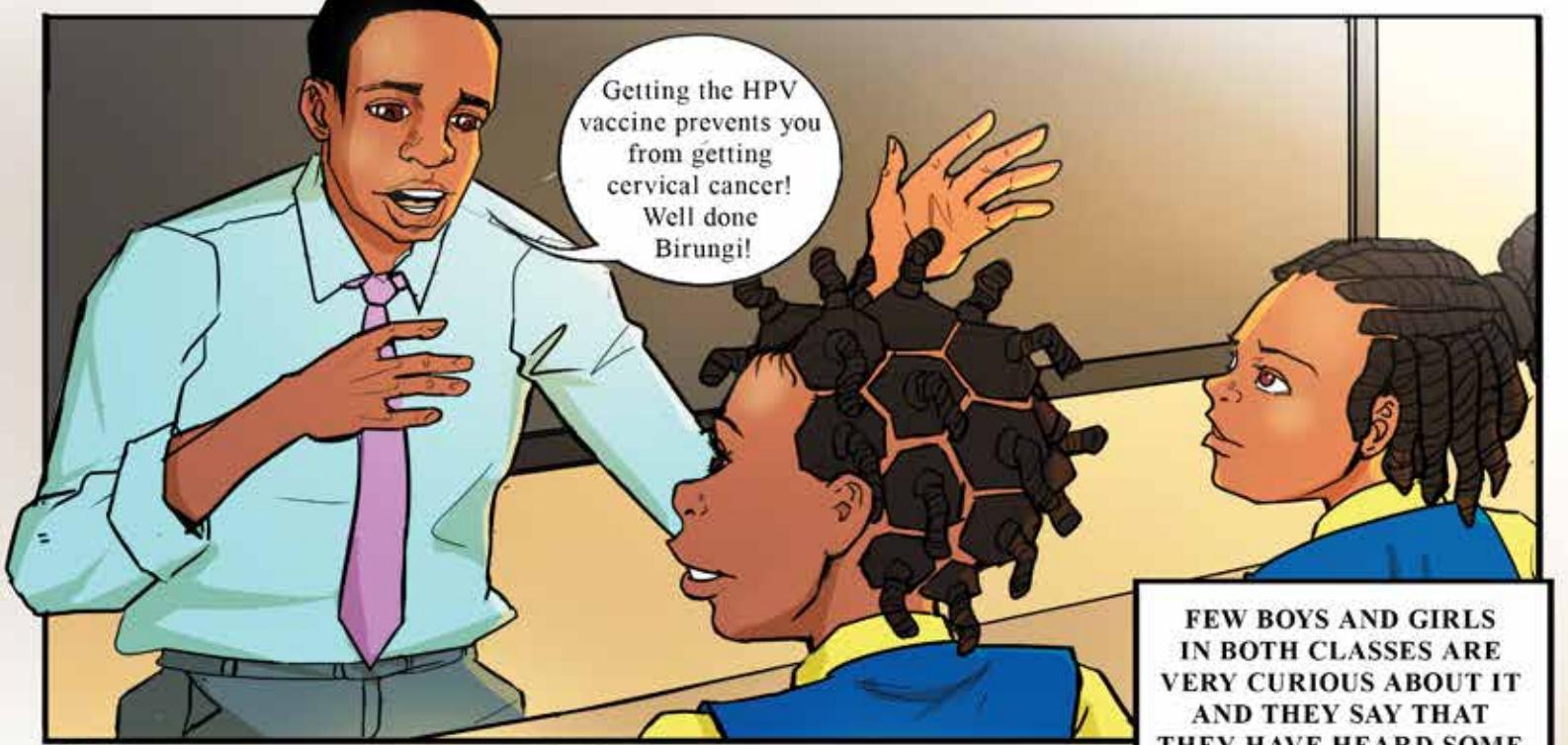
IN ADRIKO'S CLASSROOM





MEANWHILE, IN  
NAMPIJJA'S CLASS





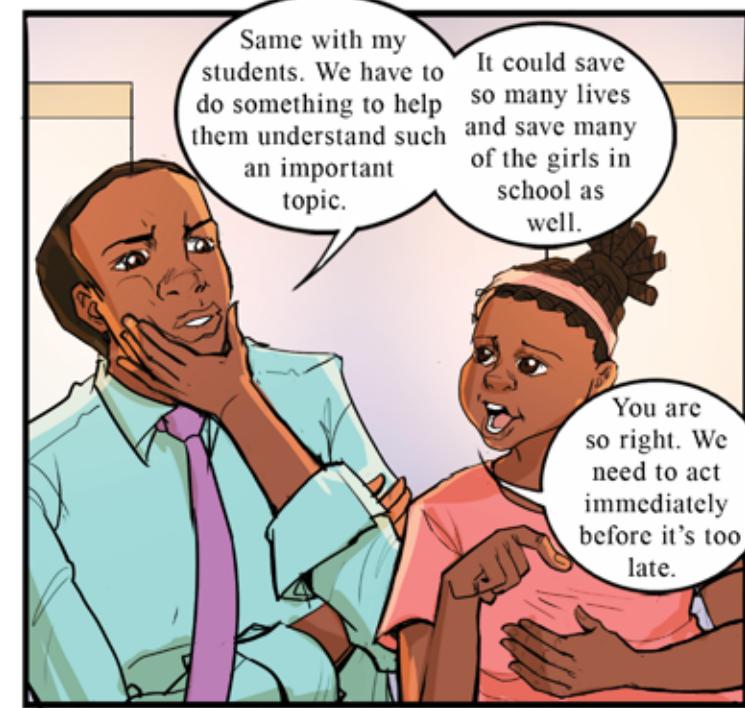
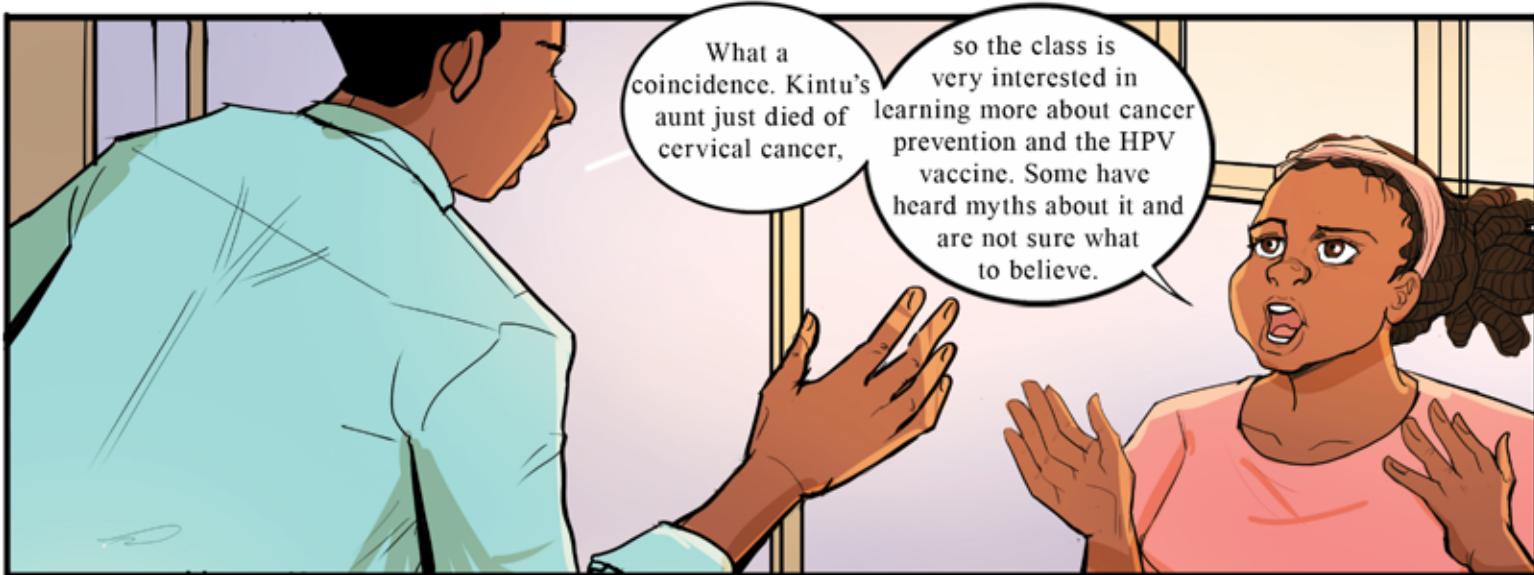
LATER DURING BREAK TIME...

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.



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.

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.

Goodmorning  
everyone!

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

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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Don't you want to be one of them?



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I have heard  
that the vaccine  
makes you  
sterile.

NO,  
Wafula, that  
is not right!

The vaccine  
does not make  
you sterile! As I said  
the vaccine is  
perfectly safe!

I heard that the  
vaccine prevents you  
from getting other STIs  
and also from  
getting pregnant?

Absolutely NO,  
Aber!

It does not  
prevent you from  
getting pregnant or  
other STIs! The only  
way of preventing  
pregnancy and STIs is  
abstinence and  
protected sex.

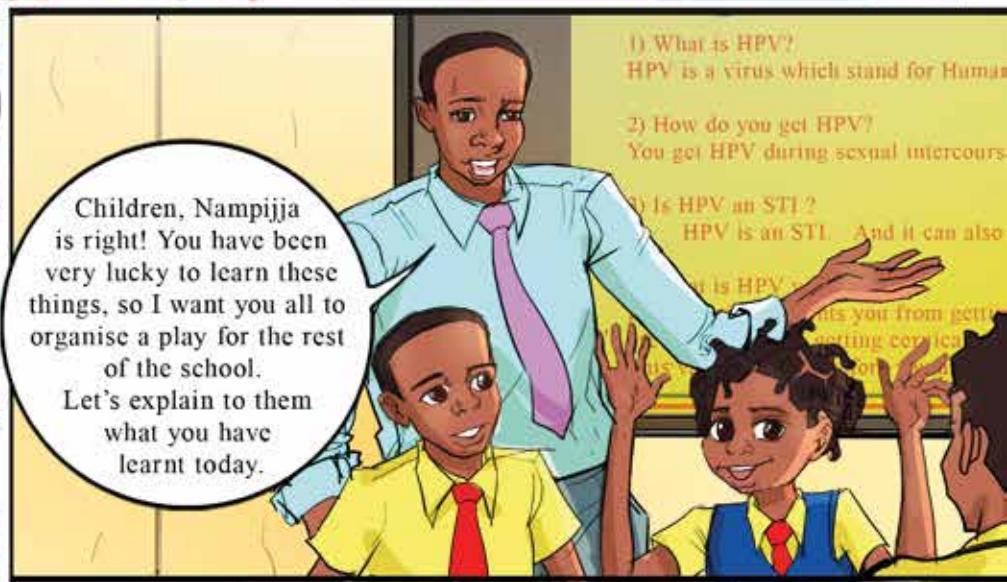
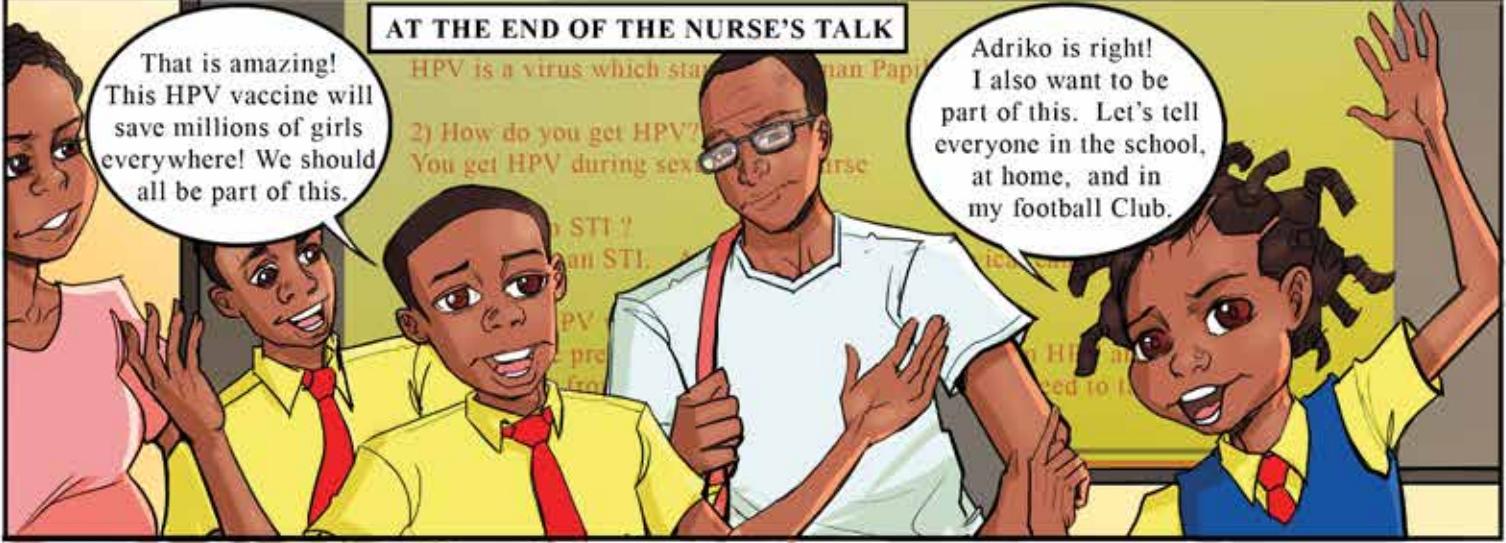
So...you said  
that girls should  
be vaccinated, what  
about boys? Are we  
protected against HPV?

Can we get  
cervical cancer?

Very good  
question Kizza! Boys  
can get infected too, but  
they won't develop cervical  
cancer because boys  
and men don't have  
cervixes.

The problem is that  
they can still transmit it  
to girls, and girls can then  
develop cancer. So, it's very  
important for boys as well  
to get vaccinated so they can  
save millions of lives.

## AT THE END OF THE NURSE'S TALK





## **Important Information You Need to Know About the HPV Vaccine**

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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.



From left to right: Dr. Monica Namuli, Dr. Sabrina Kitaka, Mr. Rossini Silveira, Mr. Cranimmer Katula, Mr. Rodney Kiggundu, Dr. Marta Ferrareso.



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?



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