
breaking
the
silence
of
HIV/AIDS

HIV/AIDS in the world today



- **40.3 million** people live with HIV/AIDS worldwide.
- Sub-Saharan Africa is home to **two thirds of all people** living with HIV.
- **2.3 million children** are infected with HIV/AIDS in the world today.

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- AIDS has **orphaned 15 million children** in countries around the world.
- At the current rate, there will be **20 million orphans due to AIDS by 2010.**
- Each day **8,000 people die of AIDS.**

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Some key points about the pandemic:

1. HIV/AIDS devastates communities and families.
2. HIV/AIDS disproportionately affects women and girls.
3. Sub-Saharan Africa is the centre of the HIV/AIDS pandemic.
4. HIV/AIDS is often misunderstood and misrepresented.
5. People who live in HIV/AIDS-affected communities are not helpless victims.
6. A comprehensive strategy to tackle the global spread of HIV/AIDS involves three key interventions:
 - Prevention
 - Care
 - Advocacy

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Could you imagine if 8,000 people died each day in Canada?

Presentations like this would not be necessary.

It would be a crisis.

And everyone would know.



World Vision's **Hope** Initiative

World Vision takes a three-pronged approach to HIV/AIDS:

1. Prevention

World Vision focuses on educating three key audiences about HIV/AIDS and how it can be prevented:

- Children who are not yet sexually active
- Pregnant mothers who are HIV-positive
- Adults who engage in high-risk behaviour

2. Care

World Vision shows care and concern for people affected by HIV/AIDS through peer counseling, by providing home-based care and by improving access to voluntary counseling and testing for HIV/AIDS.

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3. Advocacy

World Vision also works to decrease the stigma associated with HIV/AIDS, defends the rights of orphans and children made vulnerable by the disease, and advocates for policies and programs to support those most affected by HIV/AIDS.

The fight against HIV/AIDS is **winnable**—
but it requires a global effort.

Call to **Action**



What can we do to take action against HIV/AIDS?

1. Raise Awareness

- Organize an event to educate about HIV/AIDS
- Do something creative on World AIDS Day (December 1)

2. Stay Connected to the Cause

- Join the World Vision youth action network to learn about AIDS events
- Know how to protect yourself and other from HIV

3. Raise Funds

- Sponsor a HopeChild through World Vision's Hope Initiative
- Organize a fundraiser and donate the proceeds to an organization working in AIDS-affected areas

4. Lobby Decision-makers

- Write letters to your government representatives encouraging them to make HIV/AIDS a priority
- Start a petition for more funds to HIV/AIDS initiatives and send it to your government representative