

HIV/AIDS IN AFRICA: CAUSES, IMPACTS, AND SOLUTIONS

	Economic	Social	Political
<i>Cause</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poverty and the prohibitive cost of AIDS drugs and treatment increases the transmission of HIV 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unsafe Sexual Practices • Poor education systems, lack of knowledge of the disease, and aversion to discussing the transmission of the disease help to increase the transmission of HIV 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not enough political attention paid to HIV/AIDS in Africa • Inadequate health care systems • War leads to breakdown in services
<i>Impact</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deteriorated economic production though infection of young and middle-aged adults in their most productive years • Undermines development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orphaned children; an estimated 11.4 million children in sub-Saharan Africa had lost at least one parent to HIV/AIDS by 2007 • 61% of adults infected in sub-Saharan Africa are women • 5% of sub-Saharan African adults are HIV positive; in the most severely infected African countries – Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, and Zimbabwe – nearly 20% or more of the adult population is infected • Nearly 90% of children infected with HIV live in sub-Saharan Africa • In 2007, an estimated 1.7 million people in sub-Saharan Africa became newly infected with HIV • Life expectancy at birth has dropped below 40 years in five African countries – Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, Zambia, and Zimbabwe – largely because of HIV/AIDS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV/AIDS can cause political instability
<i>Solution</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires collective effort of Africans and international community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires collective effort of Africans and international community • Develop vaccine • Improve health care systems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires collective effort of Africans and international community