

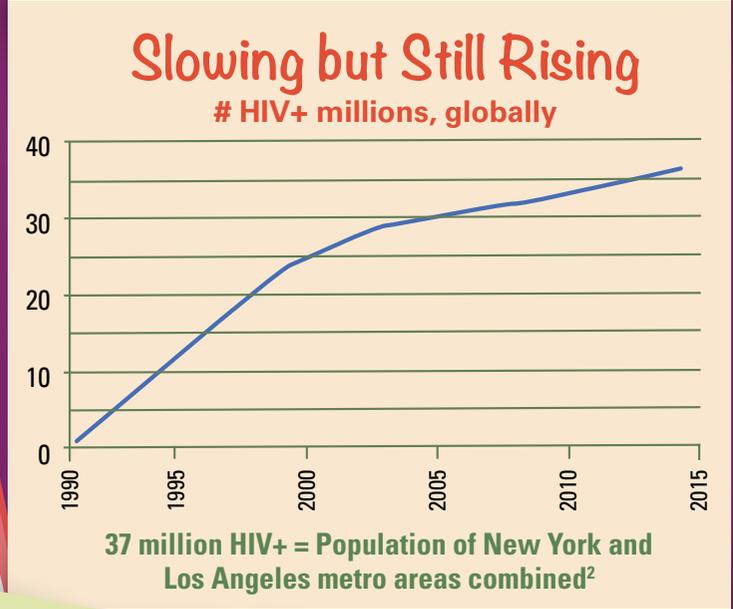
AIDS - MORE TO DO



AIDS "TO DO"

Great progress has been made on the medical side of AIDS treatment; however, there is still work to do on behaviors and attitudes related to the disease.

- Develop retroviral drugs
- Run public health campaigns
- Improve global distribution of drugs
- Provide services to AIDS patients, orphans and others impacted by disease
- Mobilize churches in AIDS education
- Reduce stigma associated with AIDS
- Change behaviors that spread AIDS
- Make AIDS testing routine, free, and required in many settings
- Deal with potential for divorce when a partner is HIV positive



TO DO: Improve global distribution of drugs

- Only 39% of HIV+ adults in sub-Saharan Africa are on antiretroviral treatment³

TO DO: Provide services to AIDS patients, orphans and others impacted

- In 2014, an estimated 36.9 million people were living with HIV (including 2.6 million children)⁴
- 25.8 million HIV+ individuals are in sub-Saharan Africa⁵

TO DO: Make AIDS testing routine, free, and required in many settings

- How many people who have HIV know they have it?
A. 83% B. 66% C. 49%

The answer is C, 49%⁸

TO DO: Mobilize churches in AIDS education

- Twenty years into the crisis, only about half of the churches are doing more than "a little" HIV/AIDS education:

"To what extent does your church provide education about HIV/AIDS?"⁶

"Not at all" or "A little"

Angola = 54.6%
Central African Republic = 55.8%
Kenya = 34.2%

TO DO: Change behaviors that spread AIDS⁷

- Refusal of HIV testing while sexually active
- Marital unfaithfulness and unprotected sex between spouses along with cultural norms promoting marriage of very young women to older men

CHURCH ACTIONS TO REDUCE HIV/AIDS



- Provide services of compassion and be an example of not stigmatizing HIV+ people
- Encourage HIV testing, including for church leaders
- Develop policy on HIV testing for couples to be married at the church

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