

## AIDS in Africa

Ask students who have been to Africa (Anna, Christina) about their impressions

Sub-Saharan Africa has just over 10% of the world's population, but is home to close to two-thirds of all people living with HIV—some 25 million (range: 23.1–27.9 million)

AIDS has taken the lives of more Afs in 1999 than all the wars on the continent

HIV infection levels are higher in urban than in rural areas. A review of national community-based studies shows that HIV prevalence in urban areas is about twice as high as in rural areas (see Figure 6).

Sub-Saharan Africa accounts for 11% of the world's population. It is also home to 24% of the world's undernourished people. This means the epidemic is unfolding in a setting dominated by chronic malnutrition and food insecurity.

Graphics:

1) worldwide versus Africa stats from PDF file (fact sheet on aids in africa)

[http://www.aidsaction.org/legislation/pdf/Africa\\_fs.pdf](http://www.aidsaction.org/legislation/pdf/Africa_fs.pdf)

2) Africa map, 1987 and 1997

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/english/static/in\\_depth/africa/2000/aids\\_in\\_africa/overview.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/english/static/in_depth/africa/2000/aids_in_africa/overview.stm)

3) growth of AIDS in Africa

also: Urban vs. rural rates

young women vs. young men

[http://www.unaids.org/bangkok2004/GAR2004\\_html/GAR2004\\_03\\_en.htm#P237\\_35114](http://www.unaids.org/bangkok2004/GAR2004_html/GAR2004_03_en.htm#P237_35114)

Irony of pharmaceutical companies: fought for years to maintain control over antiretrovirals, but did tests in Africa.

Throughout the 1990s, US funding for HIV prevention in developing cos averaged some \$70 million per year, about the same as the US military allocated for v=Viagra when this med first became available.

Solutions:

–abstinence only

focus on scaring or focus on building excitement and self-confidence about the future.

sexy ads [see Eptein AIDS in S Africa: The Invisible Cure:45]

–focus on antiretrovirals

