

# GLOBAL HEALTH HIV & AIDS

## FACTS AND STATISTICS

- Worldwide, 34 million people are now living with HIV (UNAIDS, 2011).
- Seventeen million children have been orphaned due to AIDS (UNICEF/ UNAIDS, 2010).
- In the hardest-hit communities of sub-Saharan Africa and elsewhere, AIDS destabilises families and societies; often leaving grandparents and children to run households.
- AIDS is perpetuated by poverty: 95 per cent of people with HIV live in developing countries.
- Of the 830,000 children in the world in need of treatment only 18 per cent receive it, much lower than the average for adults (UNICEF, 2010).
- While medicines are extending the lives of many who live with HIV, only 47 per cent of the 14.2 million people who need anti-retroviral drug therapy receive it (UNAIDS 2011).



## PROGRESS SO FAR

- More than 3.2 million men, women, and children received life-saving antiretroviral treatment worldwide.
- Supported by the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), care and support have been provided to about 3.8 million children left orphaned and vulnerable by HIV and AIDS.
- More than 114,000 infants were born HIV-free because their mothers received appropriate treatment during pregnancy, supported by PEPFAR.
- Nearly 33 million people accessed HIV counselling and testing, essential for prevention, treatment and care.

## WORLD VISION'S RESPONSE

- **Prevention, care and advocacy:** Currently World Vision reaches one million orphans and children made vulnerable by AIDS each year. Since beginning its HIV and AIDS work in 1990, World Vision has brought home-based care to more than 102,000 people, and reached 600,000 children with life skills and prevention education during fiscal year 2009 (World Vision 2011).
- **Community Care Coalitions (CCC):** World Vision trains and mobilises thousands of community members through CCCs to provide care for orphans and vulnerable children and for people living with HIV. For instance, in 2011, more than one million orphans and vulnerable children received care. World Vision supported more than 77,000 home care visitors who were active through more than 5,000 CCCs.
- **Channels of Hope:** Through experiential workshops and follow-up, World Vision equips faith leaders to reduce HIV-related stigma in their communities and promote compassionate care for people and families affected by HIV. These workshops have reached more than 150,000 faith leaders.
- **Community Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission:** It is possible to stop the prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV. Using community-based approaches, World Vision aims to reach more people with the message of how to prevent mother-to-child transmission.
- **Vulnerable Child Advocacy (VCA):** VCA was developed in 20 African countries to advocate for the rights of orphans and vulnerable children. This model is now being utilised globally in many World Vision programmes. The goal is to expand and strengthen civil society participation at community, national and international levels in developing and implementing policies and programmes that support the well-being of children.

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