

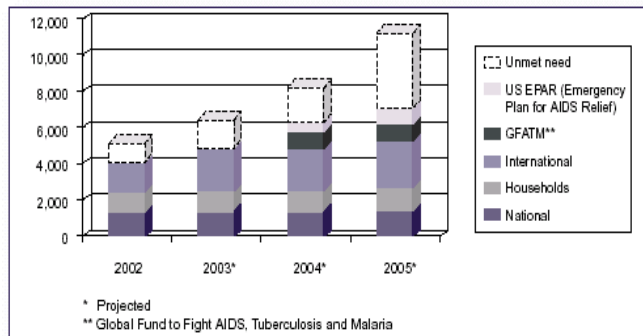
Financing

UNAIDS estimates that by 2007, a minimum of US\$15 billion will be needed to fund key HIV/AIDS prevention, care & treatment interventions.

Increased financing is crucial in allowing implementation of programmes & measures that protect & buffer people living with HIV/AIDS & their families from its impact.

Such financing must be predictable & sustainable to allow planning for long-term interventions. Although it is increasing, funding is not keeping pace with the rise in resource needs.

Estimated resource availability for HIV/AIDS 2002-2005 (US\$ million)



Source: UNAIDS, 2003

Overseas development assistance to the 28 countries with the highest adult HIV prevalence rate actually declined by 1/3 from 1995-2000.

Source: Todorova, 2003

Campaign objective

The Stop AIDS Campaign of the UK Consortium on AIDS & International Development believes that **universal access to comprehensive HIV/AIDS care & treatment**, including anti-retroviral therapy, is crucial in monitoring an effective response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Young people world wide have inherited a lethal legacy that is killing them & their friends, their brothers, sisters, parents, teachers & role models. An estimated 11.8 million young people aged 15-24 are living with HIV/AIDS.

Source: Student Stop AIDS Campaign, SPW Report, 2003

Student Stop AIDS Campaign was launched to educate & inform young people, mobilising their energy & commitment to stop AIDS.

Young people can make a difference by:

- building youth **solidarity**
- training young people to **catylse change**
- empowering young people to find **solutions** & strengthen **political will**

HIV/AIDS care & treatment

Campaigning is essential because the HIV/AIDS epidemic can not be addressed unless universal access to comprehensive care & treatment in developing countries is ensured.

HIV/AIDS care & treatment:

1. **improves life quality** & survival, & reduces the number of children orphaned by AIDS.
2. **supports prevention** by reducing viral load & therefore decreasing the likelihood of HIV transmission.
3. **reduces stigma & discrimination** since the availability of anti-retroviral drugs can "normalise" HIV/AIDS.
4. encourages the **involvement of people living with HIV/AIDS**.
5. **reduces socio-economic impact**. The provision of affordable or free treatment reduces the asset-stripping effect of HIV/AIDS for families struggling to cover health care, nutrition & funeral costs, & alleviates the impact of poverty on HIV/AIDS affected households.
6. **reduces spread of infectious diseases** such as tuberculosis & other sexually transmitted infections common to people living with HIV/AIDS, through early diagnosis & treatment.

Recommendations

The UK Government should ensure that donors increase HIV/AIDS funding to at least US\$15 billion by 2007 through:

- committing to a timetable for providing 0.7% of GDP as **overseas development assistance**.
- **cancellation in full** of the unpayable bilateral & multilateral debts of the world's poorest countries.

The UK's fair share of 100% debt cancellation is £1.327 billion, which spread over 10 years, mounts to just 0.7% of annual defence spending.

Source: Jubilee Debt Campaign/World Development Movement, 2004

- making its **equitable contribution to the global fund**. The UK government should immediately commit an additional £75.6 million to meet its fair share contribution for 2005, without cutting other development spending

Campaign with us

Student **S**top **A**IDS launched in September 2003 & seeks to build a new social movement of young people as the key agents of change.

Stop AIDS Societies undertake awareness raising activities working alongside other student groups such as **MEDSIN, UNYSA, STAR & People & Planet**.

The campaign support unit is based at Students Partnership Worldwide (SPW)
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Contact e-mail: spwnetwork@gn.apc.org
Join a society:
www.spw.org/campaigns/stopaidssociety.htm

Main source: Access to Care & Treatment, Stop AIDS Campaign, 2004

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