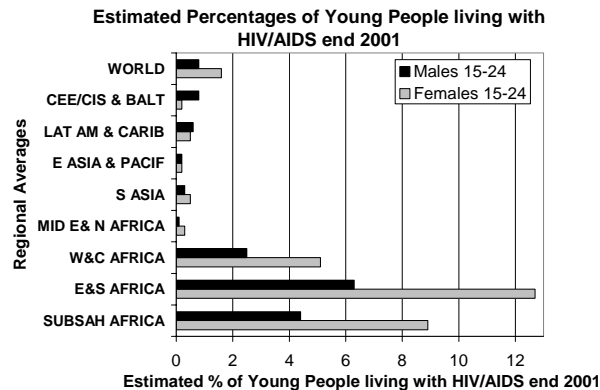


Who is positive?

Every country in the world is affected directly or indirectly by the global AIDS pandemic. Today around 40 million are living with HIV/AIDS & 20 million have died since the first cases were identified in 1981.



Source: UNICEF, 2002

The cases are increasing, with 14,000 new HIV infections every day, despite all the efforts in prevention.

The pandemic is not evenly distributed, 95% of the people living with HIV/AIDS live in developing countries.

Imagine the entire UK population (59.2 million) infected with HIV/AIDS.

Fact: 60 million will be newly infected by the end of this decade

Source: Care & Treatment SAC, 2004 & Office for National Statistics, 2001

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 as members of the SSAC can make a difference by:

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

HIV/AIDS care & treatment

We need to campaign 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 likelihood of HIV transmission by decreasing the amount of virus in the body.
3. **reduces stigma & discrimination** since the availability of anti-retroviral drugs can allow people to live 'normally' with HIV.
4. **reduces socio-economic impact.** The provision of affordable or free treatment reduces the costs of HIV/AIDS for families struggling to cover health care, nutrition & funeral costs, & alleviates the impact of poverty on HIV/AIDS affected households.
5. **reduces spread of infectious diseases** such as tuberculosis & other sexually transmitted infections common to people living with HIV/AIDS, through early diagnosis & treatment.

Improve care & treatment!

The UK government should use its G8 and EU presidencies to ensure greater international commitment in the following three areas:

1. More money for care and treatment

The UK Government has increased its spending on HIV/AIDS, but it must work with other donor nations to ensure that efforts to expand care and treatment are fully funded. Donor governments must increase aid to the 0.7%, cancel unpayable debt and fully fund the Global Fund on AIDS, TB and Malaria.

2. Lower the price of medicines

Medicines which prolong the lives of people living with HIV must be available at the cheapest possible price. The UK Government must work with other Governments, particularly the US, as part of WTO negotiations to ensure that trade agreements are not prioritised over health and human rights. Developing countries should be supported in the drafting of their laws which affect access to medicines and the UK Government should change laws to allow export of generic medicines to developing countries who can't make their own.

3. Strengthen the health systems

To tackle the global HIV/AIDS pandemic increasing resources and affordability of medicines must be managed in a way that strengthens existing health systems. The UK Government must work with EU partners to strengthen EU commitment to expanding access to care and treatment through investing in health systems.

Campaign with us

Student Stop AIDS Campaign launched in September 2003 & seeks to build a new social movement of young people as the key agents of change.

Member of the Student Stop AIDS Campaign include Stop AIDS Societies (**SAS**), the Medical Students International Network (**MedSIN**), United Nations Youth and Student Association (**UNYSA**), People & Planet (**P&P**), ActionZone, National Union of Students (**NUS**) and Students Partnership Worldwide (**SPW**).

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