AIDS: MORE TO DO

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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 treatment.

TO DO: Provide services to AIDS patients, orphans and others impacted
- In 2014, an estimated 36.9 million people were living with HIV (excluding 2.6 million children).
- 25.8 million HIV+ individuals are in sub-Saharan Africa.

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?”
    - “Not at all” or “A little”
      - Angola = 54.6%
      - Central African Republic = 55.8%
      - Kenya = 34.2%

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%.

TO DO: Change behaviors that spread AIDS
- 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

Slowing but Still Rising
# HIV+ millions, globally

37 million HIV+ = Population of New York and Los Angeles metro areas combined

Challenges:
- 2015
- 2010
- 2005
- 2000
- 1995
- 1990

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