

## HIV/AIDS IN AFRICA: CAUSES, IMPACTS, AND SOLUTIONS

	<b>Economic</b>	<b>Social</b>	<b>Political</b>
<i><b>Cause</b></i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poverty and the prohibitive cost of AIDS drugs and treatment increases the transmission of HIV</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unsafe sexual practices</li> <li>• Poor education systems, lack of knowledge of the disease, and aversion to discussing the transmission of the disease help to increase the transmission of HIV</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not enough political attention paid to HIV/AIDS in Africa</li> <li>• Inadequate health care systems</li> <li>• War leads to breakdown in services</li> </ul>
<i><b>Impact</b></i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deteriorated economic production though infection of young and middle-aged adults in their most productive years</li> <li>• Undermines development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orphaned children; nearly 12 million children in sub-Saharan Africa had lost at least one parent to HIV/AIDS by 2008</li> <li>• 60% of adults infected in sub-Saharan Africa are women</li> <li>• 5% of sub-Saharan African adults are HIV positive; in the most severely infected African countries – Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, and Zimbabwe – nearly 20% or more of the adult population is infected</li> <li>• Close to 90% of children infected with HIV live in sub-Saharan Africa</li> <li>• In 2007, an estimated 1.9 million people in sub-Saharan Africa became newly infected with HIV</li> <li>• Life expectancy at birth is below 45 years in three African countries – Lesotho, Zambia, and Zimbabwe – largely because of HIV/AIDS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIV/AIDS can cause political instability</li> </ul>
<i><b>Solution</b></i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires collective effort of Africans and international community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires collective effort of Africans and international community</li> <li>• Develop vaccine</li> <li>• Improve health care systems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires collective effort of Africans and international community</li> </ul>

Source: Handouts 4.2 and 4.3; SCIS Video, Part 4.