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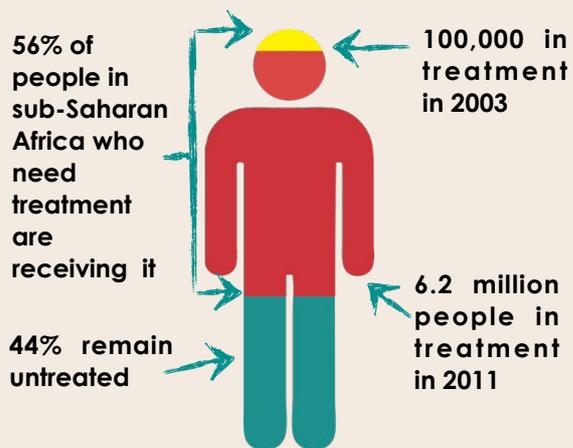
35%

Decrease in new infections in sub-Saharan Africa in 2011 from 1997 (UNAIDS)

25%

Decrease in new infections among children from 2009 to 2011 in 21 priority sub-Saharan African countries (UNAIDS)

People Requiring Treatment in sub-Saharan Africa



Investing in an HIV-Free Africa

Less people were infected by HIV in sub-Saharan Africa in 2011 than in any other year since the peak of the epidemic in 1997. The estimated number of cumulative life-years added in sub-Saharan Africa more than quadrupled between 2008 and 2011. Are we finally seeing the end of HIV on the continent? Certainly not but the time has come to focus on the gains to help us re-prioritise our investments in an HIV-free Africa.

The Good News

The Prevention Revolution has gained momentum with more people having safer sex, fewer sexual partners and choosing to postpone sexual debut. HIV testing is also becoming easier for most people. Access to treatment has significantly improved over the recent years averting millions of deaths and contributing to prevention efforts as people on treatment are less infectious. Significant gains have also been made in prevention-of-mother-to-child-transmission (PMTCT) with reductions as large as 60% in Namibia, 55% in Zambia and 49% in South Africa during the period 2009-2011.

What Works

It is time to capitalise on these gains. CSI+ places strong emphasis on investing in models that work including the following:

+ Mothers2Mothers (M2M) uses a highly effective model where HIV positive mothers from the local community mentor HIV positive pregnant women to prevent mother-to-child-transmission in several countries in sub-Saharan Africa.

+ SAB Miller in South Africa uses its vast network to help in the national distribution of condoms across the country.

+ The use of football to address HIV and life skills among children and youth is a powerful tool as evidenced by the Grassroot Soccer model used by Youth Empowerment and Development Initiative (YEDI) in Lagos, Nigeria.

Investing Sustainably

Investment in Africa's HIV response not only saves lives and costs but leads to increased productivity. The new global Investment Framework provides a roadmap that facilitates a more focused and strategic use of resources. It provides guiding on how to move away from short term emergency responses to sustained long term programming efforts.

All stakeholders - including government, civil society and the private sector - have a role to play in contributing to the implementation of this framework.

BASIC PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES



UNAIDS Investment Framework

Investing sustainably also means investing in partnerships. An HIV free Africa must be led by collective efforts involving strong and lasting partnerships focused on impact oriented, priority investments.

