Botswana - HIV/AIDS related statistics

Preliminary results of the Botswana AIDS Impact Survey (BAIS II)

- A national HIV prevalence rate is 17.1% for all Batswana between 18 months to 64 years of age.
- The highest prevalence rate of 40.2% is among 30 - 34 years old people.
- Women aged 30-34 have the overall highest prevalence rate at 43.7 percent compared to 37.7 percent for men of the same age.
- The largest gap in prevalence rates between the sexes is in the 25 - 29 age groups. Women show a prevalence rate of 41% compared to 22.9% for men the same age.
- For every HIV-positive boy between the ages of 15-19 years, there are three HIV-positive girls in the same age group.
- Around 25,000 children (under 14 years) in Botswana are infected by HIV.
- Estimated 3,700 children are on ARV treatment.
Orphan Statistics

- There are approximately 111,812 orphans in Botswana (According to the 2001 Population and Housing Census). This number represents around 15.2% of all the children under the age of 18.

- By year 2010 more than 20% of all Botswana’s children will be orphaned
- Over one half of Botswana’s orphans are adolescents
- 77% of all orphans in Botswana lost at last one of their parents because of AIDS
- 87% of the orphans still have one parent alive but 34% of them live with grandparents, and a further 11% live with other relatives
- Almost 54 percent of all orphans live in rural areas. Villages also have the highest proportion of households that have taken into care at least one orphan
- 27% of households with own children have taken at least one orphan into care
- North West (33%), North East (33%) and Central Botswana (30%) have the highest proportion of households that have taken in at least one orphan
- Female-headed households take into care more than 68% of the orphans.
- Almost 56% of orphans live with heads of households who are not economically active.
- Although 44% of orphans live with households whose heads are economically active, the majority of these are employed in low-paying jobs
- 92% of 10 –14 year-old orphans are in primary schools (compared to 93 percent of non-orphans). Attendance rates of female children (orphans as well as non-orphans) are higher than those of males
Other statistics

- Estimated population of Botswana is 1,745,000 people

- Life expectancy at birth in Botswana has decreased. In 2004 it was 47 years compared to 65 years in 1991

- 61.9% of children in Botswana is born into the probability of not surviving to the age of 40

- GDP for 2003/2004 grew by 5.7%. This represents drop of 2 % in comparison with the year before

- The national unemployment rate is estimated at 23.8%. The unemployment rate for 20-24 year olds is estimated at 49.4%

- The poverty rate has declined in Botswana. Figures for 2002/03 show that 30% of the population are living below the poverty line (on less than US $1 a day) compared to 47% in 1993/1994. Another 50% of the population live on less than US$ 2 per day

- Children under the age of 17 represent 43.9% of Botswana’s population

- 52% of children live in the rural areas

- Child mortality rates in Botswana increased significantly between 1991-2004

- Infant mortality increased by 25% from 48 to 60 deaths per 1,000 live births.

- Under-five mortality increased by 48% from 63 to 93 deaths per 1,000 live births

- 50,235 orphans were registered with The Department of Social Services, as of June 2005. An estimated 90% receive assistance from the Government of Botswana

- Participation in ARV therapy has increased. Approximately 44,000 Batswana had started treatment in public and private health facilities (April 2005). The estimated total number of people who need ARV treatment is 75,000

Sources:

Botswana Population and Housing Census 2001
WHO newsletter – June 2005
Human Development Index Report 2004