

# D-Lab Development

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## Living with AIDS Video

Lusaka, Zambia Hospital

Common for all the beds to be taken by people affected by HIV

Video was originally shown on BBC, from UK

Part of Living With series (AIDS, Hunger, Refugees)

Shown on CBC in Canada

Emmy Award winning documentarian

Student: shocked by social structure, and disrespect

Don't know which comes from which, AIDS or structure

Boy shown in film is not entirely typical of Africa

There is an attitude among population  
of not caring

It is scary to face something alone,  
dealing with own mortality

Light of Hope in Zambia, good teacher of HIV  
and related issues, Poso is HIV positive himself

The sexual norms in different places than US

IE, in Botswana not getting married until 30s and  
having children already to demonstrate to  
husband you can have kids

Structure of society and taboos  
to prevent talking about it

Trials of people knowingly having sex with others while having  
AIDS. Won't have that effect with Governments in Africa  
(general) Some officials are going through AIDS experience  
themselves

Additionally, the government isn't set up to deal with that

Amy in Botswana

Seeing lots of advertisements while in  
Peacecorps (86-90)

That kind of awareness still hasn't  
completely effected

Governments getting the message across

People are getting mixed messages

Government may say one thing, and

Pastor may say something else

Certain programs working effectively to help

What is different about the Stigma in Africa vs  
Western world

Particular strain in Africa is more easily  
transmitted through heterosexual contact  
Not considered a disease of homosexuals  
or drug users

Just a typical disease  
that is transmitted

Stigma is there (10 years ago it was there)

It has become normalized

Student: message is  
"god will heal you"

People don't take ARVs  
because of this.

This also adds to the  
amount of infection rate

In a simple way, you have always been told by your parents to wash your hands because of germs and things. It has set up your acceptance of other types of knowledge and information.

Issue of counterfeit drugs

Company has a system of SMS system to

find out if your drugs are real or fake

This is an issue with different types of drugs around the world

"I heard that 50% of the drugs in Nigeria aren't real"  
don't know the factuality of this

What can be done to change the attitudes of people who don't care...

I don't know... It's sad

Relation of Social Security and Children

In many places of the world, children are their social security

People need to know that there is something in place for them, for them to be willing to have fewer children

State in India that implemented social security, and saw decrease in population rates, Carola

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