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An Over View of the Problems of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS): A Nigerian Social Worker's Perspective

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ABSTRACT This paper presents a summary of basic facts about HIV/AIDS before narrowing the discourse to its alarming prevalence in the African Continent. These developments have, recently received relatively critical government action in mapping strategies for curbing wide spread infection. However, while such strategies have centred more on research into possible vaccines for combating the infection and media campaigns advocating the use of condoms or restriction to a sexual partner, it is clear that still more should be done to alleviate the suffering of those presently living with the virus. It is the thrust of this paper therefore, to suggest that with the outlined effects of HIV/AIDS on the individual, the family or society and national development, there is a fervent need to recruit social workers for effective collaboration in policy making and education of the unapprised about the AIDS epidemic.

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