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Exploring the Niche and Contribution of Men in HIV/AIDS Palliative Health Care in Botswana: A Literature Review

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ABSTRACT The paper's aim and objective is to explore the niche and contribution of men in HIV/AIDS arena including palliative issues in Botswana and other social contexts. The paper has used analysis of the literature review from an array of eclectic data sources. The following are salient factors influencing the contribution of men in HIV/AIDS campaign: Inadequate male involvement; Botswana's nature of gender position; Poor policy conceptualization on gender; Poor health campaign conceptualization and operationalization; cultural underpinnings driving men to inadequate involvement in palliative health issues; immense patriarchal forces besetting the HIV/AIDS campaign; and biological factors. The following factors have been suggested to redress the phenomenon: Effecting a paradigm shift of the HIV/AIDS campaign conceptualization and operationalization; and strengthening the campaign for male involvement through men's sector department.