



KEY FACTS

AIDS Infections and Deaths

- 39.5 million people are infected with AIDS worldwide.
 - 4.3 million people were newly infected with HIV in 2006.
 - 2.9 million people died as a result of AIDS in 2006.
 - 12,000 people are newly infected with AIDS across the world each day
 - 8,000 people die from AIDS every day.
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AIDS Treatment

- ARVs to fight AIDS can now be purchased for just 40 cents a day.
 - Worldwide: 2 million people are on ARVs in low and middle-income countries BUT a total of 7.1 million people are in need
 - Africa: The number of people on treatment in Africa has increased from 50,000 people in 2002 to 1.34 million people in 2006—this is an increase in access from just 1% to 28% over a four year period.
 - PEPFAR has supported 1.1 million on treatment globally; the Global Fund has supported 1.1 million on treatment globally; together these two efforts have supported 1.58 million on treatment globally.
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PEPFAR (as of June 2007)[1]

- ARV treatment for 1.1 million people, more than 1 million of whom are in Africa
 - Care for 4.4 million people with HIV, including more than 2 million orphans and vulnerable children
 - Voluntary counseling and testing (VCT) for 18.6 million people with HIV
 - Services to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV during six million pregnancies
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GENERIC TALKING POINTS

HIV/AIDS killed 2.9 million people in 2006 and another 4.3 million were infected with the HIV virus. It is decimating a generation of teachers, doctors, civil servants and more importantly – parents. Already, the disease has orphaned 12 million in Africa. This disease is a moral, health and economic crisis. Our successes over the past few years show that we can fight back. We have successfully expanded access to treatment, but still over 70% of those in need do not have access and even as these individuals are placed on treatment, still the epidemic continues to spread.[i] Our health is only as assured as the ability

of the poorest country to contain an emerging disease. United States' investment is critical and it can – and has already – worked.

- AIDS is decimating the civil society of poor nations around the world impacting the health, economic growth, and stability of entire countries. Our health and our security are only as assured as the ability of the poorest country to contain an emerging disease or maintain stability within their borders.
 - On just the continent of Africa, AIDS has left 12 million children orphaned and continues to target women and children most harshly. We know how to prevent and treat this disease. In the face of such devastation, inaction is not an option.
 - The United States has been the global leader in fighting the HIV/AIDS pandemic and should be proud of what it has accomplished. The challenge is still great as AIDS continues to spread at an alarming rate.
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ONE VOTE '08 Request

ONE Vote '08 would like to see a commitment to a coordinated and sustainable approach to fighting the three “killer diseases” of AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. A presidential commitment to HIV/AIDS should include the following items:

- Provide one-third of the global financing requirements to fight HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis in an effort to honor our share of the G8 commitment to achieve universal access to prevention, care and treatment for HIV/AIDS by 2010 and support children left orphaned or vulnerable by AIDS. In order to do this, we should fully fund proven programs such as PEPFAR and increase funding for bilateral tuberculosis programs and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tb, and Malaria (GFATM),
 - Work to improve health systems and overall health outcomes, focusing particularly on health worker needs and infrastructure constraints, and
 - Expand research funding – including private sector incentives – towards vaccines and new drugs to fight both diseases.
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