

# AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITIES ACT FORUM

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# Background Papers

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The four background papers prepared for the Plenary Session on HIV/AIDS of the AGOA Forum address issues related to HIV/AIDS crisis:

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### **Implications for Achieving AGOA Objectives**

Paper 1 describes the AGOA objectives and explains how HIV/AIDS may affect our ability to achieve those objectives. The key message is that our success in achieving the AGOA objectives is directly related to the ability of the public and private sectors in Africa to address the HIV/AIDS crisis.

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### **How Are Finance and Planning Ministries Responding?**

Paper 2 describes the challenges ministries of finance and planning face in responding to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Success will depend on the ability to make detailed plans and resource allocations for HIV/AIDS program implementation and on working closely with other ministries to ensure complementarity between domestic resources, including poverty-focused debt relief, and donor assistance.

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### **How Are Trade and Commerce Ministries Responding?**

Paper 3 addresses challenges faced by ministries of trade and commerce in addressing the HIV/AIDS crisis, particularly in the areas of intellectual property rights, trade practices, tourism, the world of work, and international competitiveness.

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### **How Are Businesses Responding?**

Paper 4 discusses ways in which the private business sector is responding to the issue of HIV/AIDS. The most important message for business is to get started on an HIV/AIDS program, to evaluate the effectiveness of current activities, and to involve top leadership. The paper focuses on activities that businesses can implement within their organizations and in partnership with community-based and governmental organizations.



The Africa Bureau of the U.S. Agency for International Development sponsored the preparation of the background papers. These papers will be revised and participant comments will be incorporated into the final versions, which will be distributed after the meeting.

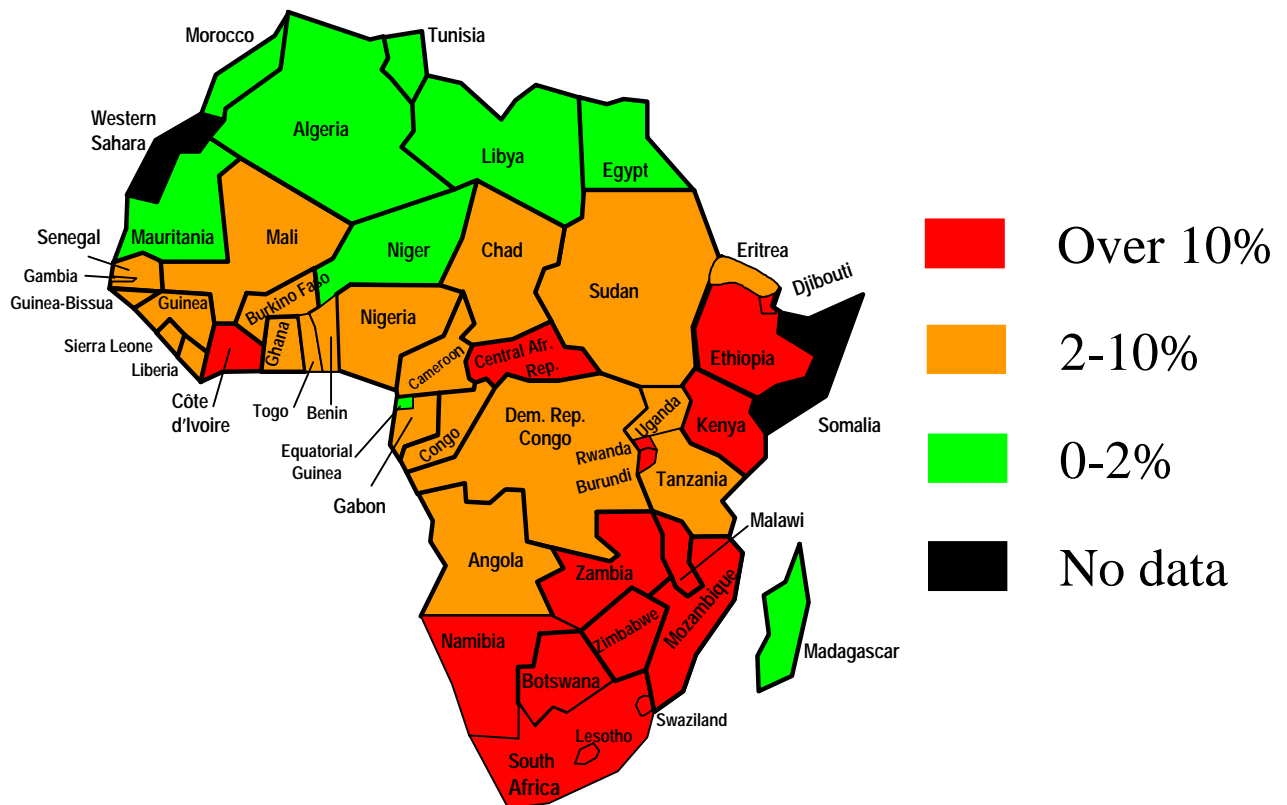
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# The HIV/AIDS Crisis in Africa

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## Percent of Adults Infected with HIV in Africa, 1999



Source: UNAIDS, 2000.

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