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Dear Colleague:

Based on information in our *HIV/AIDS Surveillance Data Base*, January 1997 release, I am enclosing our latest research note (No. 23) which may be of interest to you.

Research Note No. 23 is the "Recent HIV Seroprevalence Levels by Country: January 1997," which is a summary of recent seroprevalence for developing countries. In addition, the research note includes several maps showing seroprevalence estimates for high and low risk population groups in Africa and HIV seroprevalence among pregnant women and prostitutes in Cambodia and Vietnam.

We welcome comments, suggestions, and additional material for our database. Also, we would be pleased to add additional subscribers to our database which is distributed at no charge on diskette and in printed form upon request. Additional copies of our reports also are available.

I hope that you will share these materials with your colleagues.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

**RECENT HIV SEROPREVALENCE LEVELS
BY COUNTRY: JANUARY 1997**

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Preface

The International Programs Center of the Population Division conducts specialized studies of population, economics, labor force, health and aging issues. However, the use of data not generated by the Bureau of the Census precludes performing the same statistical reviews normally conducted on its own data.

This research note is the 23rd of a series of short research documents resulting from analysis conducted in the Health Studies Branch. Distribution in the research note format is intended to allow for rapid dissemination of results to a specialized audience, highlighting recent developments or emerging trends. Reports containing a more thorough presentation and discussion of research findings will continue to be issued in the International Programs Center Staff Paper series.

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**RECENT HIV SEROPREVALENCE LEVELS
BY COUNTRY: January 1997**

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Recent HIV Seroprevalence Levels by Country: January 1997

Introduction

Since 1987, the International Programs Center, Population Division, Bureau of the Census, has been compiling HIV seroprevalence information for its *HIV/AIDS Surveillance Data Base*. This work has been supported by funding from the Agency for International Development.

The present update to the data base incorporates all available epidemiological information for developing countries presented at the XI International Conference on AIDS, Vancouver, Canada, July 1996. We also are regularly reviewing the scientific literature for relevant information. Currently, the *HIV/AIDS Surveillance Data Base* contains about 30,302 individual data records drawn from 3,782 publications and presentations. It is our goal to incorporate all available data from seroprevalence studies conducted in developing countries.

Several items drawn from the data base are included in this report. These include summary tables showing available seroprevalence estimates for high- and low-risk population groups in major cities and rural areas for all developing countries. Tables are provided for HIV-1 and HIV-2, where available. Urban data for Africa and three Asian countries, Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam, have been plotted on maps as well, showing the distribution by country. A brief review of data quality issues and discussion of selection criteria follows. We recognize the somewhat arbitrary nature of this selection and welcome comments.

Data Quality and Qualifications

With rare exception, surveys of HIV seroprevalence are not based on national samples. Therefore, every seroprevalence estimate has a bias if generalized beyond its sample population. The amount of bias is determined by how different the sampled population group or geographic area is from the generalized description placed on the estimate. For instance, an estimate of the HIV seroprevalence of pregnant women in Kinshasa, Zaire, may be generalized to "urban, low-risk group." Yet, Kinshasa is not representative of all urban areas in Zaire, and pregnant women are not representative of all low-risk adults (since by definition they may be more sexually active than many low-risk groups, such as the aged).

Several factors contribute to biases or confusion surrounding HIV seroprevalence estimates:

- Sample-Size Bias: The sample sizes of seroprevalence studies are generally very small. Small samples of non-random populations may tend to overestimate the seroprevalence.
- Nonrepresentative Samples: Many surveys are taken of populations convenient for the medical team drawing blood for testing. Therefore, many are "samples of convenience," taken in clinics or hospitals where the available sample of people may be sicker than those who do not attend the clinic.
- Geographic Bias: As in the case of samples of convenience, samples may also be taken in more-accessible rather than less-accessible geographic areas. Given what is known regarding the spread of HIV infection, we would expect that this would tend to bias upward the estimate of HIV seroprevalence, if the available sources are taken to represent the country as a whole. Note, however, that this particular factor may not bias estimates of seroprevalence in the geographic areas that were, in fact, surveyed.
- Testing Bias: In the first several years of the AIDS epidemic, the ELISA test was the predominant test used to determine seropositivity. The ELISA test, however, gives a number of false positives and, therefore, the test results must be confirmed by a second test; in general, the Western Blot. Not all studies report confirmatory testing, although they increasingly do so.
- HIV-1 and HIV-2 Overlap: In countries where both HIV-1 and HIV-2 are present, tests are done for both viruses and often find people who test positive for both. To report the people who are only infected with HIV-1 will understate the total infected population because it does not take into account the joint infections. Thus, care must be used in discussions of data from these areas to avoid either double counting or omitting various categories of infected population.

In order to minimize the biases and confusion in using current seroprevalence estimates, we have developed several criteria to select the most representative sample estimate:

- larger samples are generally favored over smaller samples;
- more recent estimates are selected over older estimates; and
- better-documented data are usually selected over poorly-documented data; data without documentation are not used.

These criteria only attempt to minimize the biases in the data, not eliminate them. Therefore, all seroprevalence data must be used with caution.

Data Organization

The data presented in the following seroprevalence tables are taken from the *HIV/AIDS Surveillance Data Base*. The specific rates presented are taken from the most recent studies with a sufficiently large sample size. Where recent data are not available and where sample sizes are small, footnotes qualify the data. In some cases, results from large samples were not included due to insufficient documentation about the sample design, tests or place. The data are imperfect and caution should be used in drawing conclusions. Although they are listed by country name, they are not national level estimates. We can only draw conclusions for the area where these studies were conducted.

The tables that follow are based on data selected as the best available data on HIV-1 and HIV-2 seroprevalence among high- and low-risk populations in developing countries (see Tables 1 and 2). The terms "high risk" and "low risk" are used in these tables and charts to differentiate population subgroups with known risk factors for HIV infection from those without such known risks. As a result of the various transmission modes and the prevalence of the virus in Africa, no group can be considered to have no risk of infection. Sampled populations treated as high risk in this report include prostitutes, bar girls, etc.; clients of prostitutes; and sexually-transmitted disease clinic patients. Sampled populations considered to be low risk include the general population with no known risk, pregnant women, and blood donors.

Data were selected using criteria of sample size, recency of data, presence of two diagnostic tests, and minimal evident bias in sample selection, given the target population. Since each figure is based on a single study, it is not an average or composite figure. As yet, there are insufficient comparable studies to make estimates of an "average" seroprevalence meaningful. Detailed sample information for these studies is contained in Table 3. Sources for the data shown in the tables are contained in a unified reference listing.

The tables are also divided by Capital/Major City and Outside Major City. In many studies it is difficult to determine whether or not the universe is a strictly rural area. The geographical boundaries may include some urbanized centers. Is a sample drawn from three villages necessarily a study of the rural population? When the study area is described as a province in the country it is listed in the table as outside the capital/major city. It is usually fairly clear when a study is conducted in the capital or a major city.

We will periodically update these materials with the latest and best available data, at times including a brief discussion of a topic of particular interest.

We welcome comments and suggestions from users of the data base. We also welcome copies of articles or references to information which may have been overlooked.

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Table 3: Detailed Listing of Estimates of HIV-1 and 2 Seroprevalence, by Residence and Risk Factor, for Developing Countries: Circa 1995

Region/ Country	Risk Area	Geographic Area	Year	Sub-population	Sex	Age	Prev. Rate	Sample Size	Data Type	Test Type	Source ID
EGYPT	+ UL	ALEXANDRIA	1992-94	BLOOD DONORS	B	ALL	.0	283	HIV1,2	ELISA*2,WB	Q0009
	UH	CAIRO	1994(?)	HIGH RISK INDIVIDUALS	B	ALL	5.3	150	HIV	ELISA	H0116
	+ OL	S. SINAI/RURAL	1994	ADULT	B	ALL	.0	467	HIV	ELISA	E0049
ERITREA	UL	ASMARA	1991	BLOOD DONORS	B	ALL	1.6	516	HIV1	ELISA*2,WB	Z0041
ETHIOPIA	+ UL	ADDIS ABABA	1994	ADULTS	F	ALL	6.7	1804	HIV1	ELISA	M0471
	UH	ADDIS ABABA	1990	PROSTITUTES	F	ALL	54.2	1225	HIV	WB	N0083
	OL	JIMMA (RURAL)	1993-94	MOTHERS	F	ALL	8.6	747	HIV	UNK	E0048
	OH	HAZARETH	1991	PROSTITUTES	F	ALL	65.6	215	HIV	ELISA,WB	N0083
GABON	+ UL	LIBREVILLE	1994	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	1.7	1684	HIV1	ELISA,LIA,WB	D0190
	UL2	FRANCEVILLE	1993(?)	ADULTS	B	ALL	.8 a	674	HIV2	ELISA,WB	M0326
THE GAMBIA	+ UL	EIGHT SITES	1993-95	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	.6 a	29670	HIV1	UNK	O0083
	+ UL2	EIGHT SITES	1993-95	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	1.2 a	29670	HIV2	UNK	O0083
	UH	THREE TOWNS	1993	PROSTITUTES	F	ALL	13.6 a	213	HIV1	UNK	H0117
	UH2	THREE TOWNS	1993	PROSTITUTES	F	ALL	26.7 a	213	HIV2	UNK	H0117
GHANA	+ UL	KUMASI	1995	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	3.2 a	500	HIV1	ELISA,RAPID,LIA	M0442
	+ UL2	KUMASI	1995	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	0.4 a	500	HIV2	ELISA,RAPID,LIA	M0442
	+ UH	KUMASI	1994	STD CLINIC PTS.	B	ALL	5.2 a	502	HIV1	ELISA,RAPID,LIA	M0436
	+ UH2	KUMASI	1994	STD CLINIC PTS.	B	ALL	1.2 a	502	HIV2	ELISA,RAPID,LIA	M0436
	+ OL	NALERIGU(SEMRUR)	1995	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	1.0 a	500	HIV1	ELISA,RAPID,LIA	M0442
	+ OL2	NALERIGU(SEMRUR)	1995	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	.2 a	500	HIV2	ELISA,RAPID,LIA	M0442
GUINEA	UL	CONAKRY	1991	BLOOD DONORS - VOL.	B	ALL	.7 a	2003	HIV1	ELISA,WB	M0334
	UL2	CONAKRY	1991	BLOOD DONORS - VOL.	B	ALL	.4 a	2003	HIV2	ELISA,WB	M0334
	UH	CONAKRY	1994	PROSTITUTES	F	ALL	36.6	112	HIV	WB	B0271
	OL	SAMOE	1992(?)	RURAL POPULATION	B	ALL	.3	928	HIV1	ELISA,RAPID,WB	J0028
	OL2	SAMOE	1992(?)	RURAL POPULATION	B	ALL	.1	928	HIV2	ELISA,RAPID,WB	J0028
GUINEA- BISSAU	+ UL	BISSAU	1995	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	2.6 a	1496	HIV1	ELISA,WB	A0167
	+ UL2	BISSAU	1995	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	5.0 a	1496	HIV2	ELISA,WB	A0167
	OL	RURAL AREA	1991	ADULTS	B	ALL	.5 a	2770	HIV1	ELISA,LIA,WB	W0082
	OL2	RURAL AREA	1991	ADULTS	B	ALL	8.3 a	2770	HIV2	ELISA,LIA,WB	W0082
KENYA	+ UL	NAIROBI	1996(?)	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	18.1	210	HIV1	UNK	G0183
	UH	NAIROBI	1992	PROSTITUTES	F	ALL	85.5	330	HIV	ELISA*2	M0243
	+ OL	KARURUMO	1995	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	10.3	322	HIV	UNK	B0288
LESOTHO	UL	MASERU	1993	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	6.1	459	HIV	ELISA*3	M0391
	UH	MASERU	1993	STD PTS.	B	ALL	11.1	377	HIV	ELISA*3	M0391
	OL	MALUTI DISTRICT	1993	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	4.2	402	HIV	RAPID,ELISA	M0391
	OH	MALUTI DISTRICT	1993	STD PTS.	B	ALL	21.3	221	HIV	RAPID,ELISA	M0391
MADAGASCAR	+ UL	THREE CITIES	1995	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	.1	1587	HIV	ELISA,WB	R0143
	+ UH	THREE CITIES	1995	STD PTS.	B	ALL	.3	1575	HIV	ELISA,WB	R0143
	OL	TOLIARY PROVINCE	1995	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	.0	500	HIV	UNK	L0202
	OH	TOLIARY PROVINCE	1995	STD PTS.	B	ALL	.4	500	HIV	UNK	L0202

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Region/ Country	Risk Area	Geographic Area	Year	Sub-population	Sex	Age	Prev. Rate	Sample Size	Data Type	Test Type	Source ID
MALAWI	+ UL	BLANTYRE	1995	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	32.8	400	HIV	ELISA	K0233
	+ UH	BLANTYRE	1995	STD CLINIC PTS.	B	ALL	70.4	250	HIV	ELISA	K0233
	+ OL	KASINA(RURAL)	1995	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	11.8	119	HIV	ELISA	K0233
MALI	UL	BAMAKO	1994	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	4.4	205	HIV1,2	ELISA,RAPID	M0452
	UH	BAMAKO	1995(?)	PROSTITUTES	F	ALL	55.5	146	HIV1,2	ELISA,RAPID	M0452
	OL	SEVEN REGIONS	1992	GENERAL POPULATION	F	ALL	3.4 c	2990	HIV1,2	LIA,WB	M0331
	OH	FIVE REGIONS	1992	PROSTITUTES	F	ALL	52.8 c	178	HIV1,2	LIA,WB	M0331
MAURITANIA	+ UL	NOUAKCHOTT	1993-94	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	.5 a	1106	HIV1	ELISA*2,RAPID	A0166
	+ UL2	NOUAKCHOTT	1993-94	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	.2 a	1106	HIV2	ELISA*2,RAPID	A0166
	+ UH	NOUAKCHOTT	1993-94	STD PTS.	F	ALL	.9	430	HIV	ELISA*2,RAPID	A0166
MAURITIUS	UH	NOT SPECIFIED	1988-91	STD CLINIC PTS.	B	ALL	.8	1470	HIV	ELISA,WB	P0074
MOROCCO	UL	RABAT	1993(?)	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	.2	671	HIV1	ELISA,WB	R0099
	UL2	CASABLANCA	1991(?)	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	.0	300	HIV2	ELISA,WB	Z0022
	+ UH	THREE CITIES	1996(?)	STD PTS.	M	ALL	1.4	223	HIV	ELISA,WB	M0470
MOZAMBIQUE	UL	MAPUTO	1994	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	2.7	800	HIV	ELISA,RAPID	B0272
	+ UH	MAPUTO	1995	STD PTS.	B	ALL	7.6 b	N/A	HIV	ELISA,RAPID	D0194
	OL	ZAMBEZIA PR./RUR	1992-93	DISPL. PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	1.5 a	1728	HIV1	ELISA,WB	C0183
	OL2	ZAMBEZIA PR./RUR	1992-93	DISPL. PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	.5 a	1728	HIV2	ELISA,WB	C0183
NAMIBIA	+ UL	SIX URBAN SITES	1996	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	17.6	1290	HIV	ELISA*2	M0488
	+ OL	FOUR RURAL SITES	1996	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	10.3	565	HIV	ELISA*2	M0488
NIGER	UL	NIAMEY	1993	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	1.3 a	400	HIV1	ELISA,RAPID	M0394
	UL2	NIAMEY	1993	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	.0 a	400	HIV2	ELISA,RAPID	M0394
	UH	NIAMEY	1993	PROSTITUTES	F	ALL	12.6 a	253	HIV1	ELISA,LIA	S0258
	UH2	NIAMEY	1993	PROSTITUTES	F	ALL	6.3 a	253	HIV2	ELISA,LIA	S0258
	OL	TAHOUA REG/RURAL	1992	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	1.4	650	HIV	ELISA,WB	M0106
NIGERIA	UL	LAGOS ST/5 SITES	1993-94	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	6.7 c	1894	HIV	ELISA*2,RAPID	N0176
	UH	LAGOS ST/3 SITES	1993-94	PROSTITUTES	F	ALL	29.1 c	292	HIV	ELISA*2,RAPID	N0176
RWANDA	UL	KIGALI	1995	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	25.4	500	HIV	RAPID	N0168
	UH	KIGALI	1990-92	STD PTS. W/ GU	B	ALL	73.2	395	HIV	ELISA,LIA	B0243
SENEGAL	UL	DAKAR	1995(?)	FAM. PLAN. CLINIC PTS.	F	ALL	1.7 a	230	HIV1	UNK	K0200
	UL2	DAKAR	1995(?)	FAM. PLAN. CLINIC PTS.	F	ALL	.4 a	230	HIV2	UNK	K0200
	UH	DAKAR REGION	1994	PROSTITUTES	F	ALL	10.1 a	347	HIV1	ELISA,WB	M0420
	UH2	DAKAR REGION	1994	PROSTITUTES	F	ALL	8.0 a	347	HIV2	ELISA,WB	M0420
	OL	ZIGUINCHOR REG.	1994	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	.6 a	671	HIV1	ELISA,WB	M0420
	OL2	ZIGUINCHOR REG.	1994	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	1.0 a	671	HIV2	ELISA,WB	M0420
	OH	ZIGUINCHOR REG.	1994	PROSTITUTES	F	ALL	9.2 a	141	HIV1	ELISA,WB	M0420
	OH2	ZIGUINCHOR REG.	1994	PROSTITUTES	F	ALL	27.6 a	141	HIV2	ELISA,WB	M0420
SIERRA LEONE	UH	FREETOWN	1995(?)	PROSTITUTES	F	ALL	26.7	150	HIV	UNK	K0209

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Region/ Country	Risk Area	Geographic Area	Year	Sub-population	Sex	Age	Prev. Rate	Sample Size	Data Type	Test Type	Source ID
SOUTH AFRICA	+ UL	NATAL/KWAZULU PR	1995	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	18.2 b	N/A HIV	UNK		W0115
	UH	JOHANNESBURG	1994	STD PTS.	B	ALL	20.1 c	4395 HIV	UNK		R0123
	OL	NATIONAL	1994	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	6.4	18630 HIV	ELISA*2,RAPID		R0131
SUDAN	+ UL	JUBA	1995	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	3.0 b	N/A HIV	UNK		W0122
SWAZILAND	UL	NATIONAL	1993	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	21.9 b	N/A HIV	UNK		R0122
	UH	NATIONAL	1992	STD CLINIC PTS.	B	ALL	11.1	1489 HIV	UNK		D0117
TANZANIA	+ UL	DAR ES SALAAM	1995-96	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	13.7	6525 HIV	ELISA,WB		M0473
	UH	DAR ES SALAAM	1993(?)	HIGH RISK INDIVIDUALS	F	ALL	49.5	925 HIV	ELISA		O0051
	OL	MBEYA REG./RURAL	1994	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	15.0 b	N/A HIV	UNK		T0139
	OH	MBEYA REGION	1992	STD PTS.	B	ALL	34.3 b	N/A HIV	ELISA*2,WB		R0090
TOGO	UH	FIVE REGIONS	1993(?)	MILITARY RECRUITS	M	ALL	3.1	1357 HIV	ELISA,WB		B0224
	OL	DAPAONG/RURAL	1993	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	3.0	497 HIV1	ELISA,WB		M0375
	OL2	DAPAONG/RURAL	1993	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	.0	497 HIV2	ELISA,WB		M0375
	OH	DAPAONG/RURAL	1993	STD PTS.	B	ALL	7.3 b	N/A HIV1,2	ELISA,WB		M0375
TUNISIA	UL	TUNIS	1991	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	.0	1030 HIV1	ELISA,WB		B0169
UGANDA	UL	KAMPALA	1995	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	18.5 b	N/A HIV	ELISA*2		A0158
	UH	KAMPALA	1995	STD PTS.	F	ALL	38.5 b	N/A HIV	ELISA*2		A0158
	OL	KABAROLE DST/RUR	1994	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	6.5 b	N/A HIV	UNK		W0094
ZAIRE	UL	KINSHASA/3 SITES	1992	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	5.0 c	1298 HIV1	RAPID		M0265
	+ UH	KINSHASA	1995	PROSTITUTES	F	ALL	30.3	601 HIV	UNK		M0184
	OL	MUSOSHI	1991	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	2.9	1143 HIV1	ELISA,WB		M0265
	OH	HAUT-ZAIRE REG.	1991(?)	PROSTITUTES	F	ALL	25.4	126 HIV1	ELISA,IFA/WB		G0092
ZAMBIA	UL	URBAN AREAS	1994	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	27.9	5320 HIV	ELISA		F0084
	UH	LUSAKA	1992-93	STD CLINIC PTS.	F	ALL	58.0	329 HIV	ELISA		S0294
	OL	RURAL AREAS	1994	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	12.7	6219 HIV	UNK		F0084
	OH	MUKINGE	1990(?)	STD CLINIC PTS.	B	ALL	36.0 b	N/A HIV1	ELISA		K0096
ZIMBABWE	UL	HARARE	1995	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	32.0	2783 HIV	ELISA*2		L0201
	UH	HARARE	1994-95	PROSTITUTES	F	ALL	86.0	147 HIV	ELISA		M0433
	OL	MANICALAND P/RUR	1993	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	16.0 b	N/A HIV	UNK		F0076
	OH	MUREWA DISTRICT	1991-93	STD CLINIC PTS.	M	ALL	46.0	215 HIV1	ELISA,WB		T0130
	OH2	MUREWA DISTRICT	1991-93	STD CLINIC PTS.	M	ALL	.0	215 HIV2	ELISA,WB		T0130
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BAHRAIN	UH	NOT SPECIFIED	1990(?)	STD CLINIC PTS.	B	ALL	.0	1026 HIV	UNK		F0038
BANGLADESH	UL	NATIONAL	1989-95	VARIOUS GROUPS	B	ALL	.0	300000 HIV	UNK		C0199
	+ UH	DHAKA	1996(?)	PROSTITUTES	F	ALL	1.2 b	87 HIV	RAPID		M0480
BHUTAN	UL	NOT SPECIFIED	1991	VARIOUS GROUPS	B	ALL	.0	6832 HIV	UNK		W0076
BURMA	+ UL	20 SITES	1995	FAM. PLAN. CLINIC PTS.	F	ALL	2.2 b	N/A HIV	UNK		K0220
	UH	RANGOON/MANDALAY	1995	PROSTITUTES	F	ALL	18.0	194 HIV	ELISA,RAPID		T0137

Table 3: Detailed Listing of Estimates of HIV-1 and 2 Seroprevalence, by Residence and Risk Factor, for Developing Countries: Circa 1995

Region/ Country	Risk Area	Geographic Area	Year	Sub-population	Sex	Age	Prev. Rate	Sample Size	Data Type	Test Type	Source ID
CAMBODIA	+ UL	PHNOM PENH	1996	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	3.2	186	HIV	RAPID, ELISA	C0228
	+ UH	PHNOM PENH	1996	PROSTITUTES	F	ALL	41.6	173	HIV	RAPID	C0228
	+ OL	KAMPONG CHAM PR.	1996	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	.9	232	HIV	RAPID, ELISA	C0228
	+ OH	KAMPONG CHAM PR.	1996	PROSTITUTES	F	ALL	27.3	154	HIV	RAPID, ELISA	C0228
CHINA, MAINLAND	UL	NATIONAL	1994	BLOOD DONORS	B	ALL	.0	930000	HIV	UNK	W0112
	+ UH	RUILI	1995	IVDU	B	ALL	73.2 b	N/A	HIV	UNK	C0221
CHINA, TAIWAN @	UL	NOT SPECIFIED	1994	VARIOUS GROUPS	B	ALL	.0	8828391	HIV1	ELISA*2, WB	W0097
	UH	TAIPEI	1991-92	STD CLINIC PTS.	B	ALL	.4	19811	HIV1	ELISA, WB	H0092
	UH2	TAIPEI	1991-92	STD CLINIC PTS.	B	ALL	.0	19811	HIV2	ELISA, WB	H0092
COOK ISLANDS	UL	NATIONAL	1994	BLOOD DONORS - VOL.	B	ALL	.0	208	HIV	UNK	W0112
FIJI	UL	NATIONAL	1994	BLOOD DONORS - VOL.	B	ALL	.0	8986	HIV	UNK	W0112
	UH	NOT SPECIFIED	1991-93	STD PTS.	B	ALL	.1	2749	HIV	UNK	O0063
FRENCH POLYNESIA	UL	NATIONAL	1993	BLOOD DONORS - VOL.	B	ALL	.0	5169	HIV	UNK	W0112
	UH	NOT SPECIFIED	1991	PROSTITUTES	F	ALL	3.0	230	HIV	UNK	O0063
GAZA STRIP	UL	NOT SPECIFIED	1987-92	BLOOD DONORS	B	ALL	.0	23406	HIV	WB	M0314
GUAM	UL	NATIONAL	1994	BLOOD DONORS - VOL.	B	ALL	.1	1260	HIV	UNK	W0112
HONG KONG	UL	NATIONAL	1994	BLOOD DONORS - VOL.	B	ALL	.0	172151	HIV	UNK	W0112
	UH	NOT SPECIFIED	1994	STD CLINIC PTS.	B	ALL	.1	14496	HIV	UNK	L0156
INDIA	+ UL	BOMBAY	1995	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	20+	2.5 b	N/A	HIV	UNK	M0487
	+ UH	BOMBAY	1995	STD PTS.	M	ALL	28.6 a	300	HIV1	ELISA, RAPID, WB	B0287
	+ UH2	BOMBAY	1995	STD PTS.	M	ALL	7.0 a	300	HIV2	ELISA, RAPID, WB	B0287
INDONESIA	UH	EAST JAVA	1994(?)	PROSTITUTES	F	ALL	.3	1200	HIV	UNK	J0044
ISRAEL	UL	EAST JERUSALEM	1989-92	BLOOD DONORS	B	ALL	.0	21222	HIV	WB	M0314
	UH	TEL AVIV	1991(?)	PROSTITUTES	F	ALL	1.1	180	HIV	ELISA, WB	M0186
KIRIBATI	UL	NOT SPECIFIED	1991-93	BLOOD DONORS	B	ALL	.1	1694	HIV	UNK	O0063
KOREA, NORTH	UL	NOT SPECIFIED	1990	VARIOUS GROUPS	B	ALL	.0	61200	HIV	UNK	W0076
KOREA, SOUTH	UL	NATIONAL	1994	BLOOD DONORS - VOL.	B	ALL	.8	1675316	HIV	UNK	W0112
	UH	NOT SPECIFIED	1985-94	PROSTITUTES	F	ALL	.0	140263	HIV	ELISA, WB	S0301
LAOS	UL	VIENTIANE	1993	BLOOD DONORS	B	ALL	.8	238	HIV	UNK	M0309
	UH	VIENTIANE	1990-93	PROSTITUTES	F	ALL	1.2	257	HIV	ELISA, WB	P0122
MACAU	UL	NATIONAL	1994	BLOOD DONORS - VOL.	B	ALL	.0	6400	HIV	UNK	W0112
MALAYSIA	UL	NATIONAL	1994	BLOOD DONORS - VOL.	B	ALL	.0	218578	HIV	UNK	W0112
	UH	KOTA BHARU	1992	IVDU	B	ALL	29.5	210	HIV	ELISA, WB	S0215

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Region and Country	Capital/Major City		Outside Major City		Urban City Sources		Outside City Sources	
	Low Risk	High Risk	Low Risk	High Risk	Low Risk	High Risk	Low Risk	High Risk
AFRICA								
Algeria	-	.0 b	-	-		A0132		
* Angola	1.0	-	.5	-	A0157		A0157	
* Benin	1.4	50.8 a	4.9 a	-	D0145	B0269	G0146	
Botswana	32.4	41.6	16.0	-	N0178	N0178	M0494	
Burkina Faso	12.0	60.4	-	-	C0213	M0450		
Burundi	20.0	-	1.8	-	B0233		B0233	
* Cameroon	5.7 c	45.3	2.9	9.0	S0315	G0147	S0316	Z0045
Cape Verde	-	-	-	-				
* Central African Rep.	16.0	31.0	6.5	-	U0027	U0027	U0027	
Chad	4.1	-	-	-	M0266			
Comoros	-	-	-	-				
Congo	7.1	17.6 c	2.6	-	B0270	M0333	B0162	
* Cote d'Ivoire	12.5 a	77.0 a	-	-	W0119	G0174		
* Djibouti	-	43.0	-	-		C0141		
Egypt	.0	5.3	.0	-	Q0009	H0116	E0049	
Equatorial Guinea	-	-	-	-				
Eritrea	1.6	-	-	-	Z0041			
Ethiopia	6.7	54.2	8.6	65.6	M0471	N0083	E0048	M0083
* Gabon	1.7	-	-	-	D0190			
* Gambia, The	.6 a	13.6 a	-	-	O0083	H0117		
* Ghana	3.2 a	5.2 a	1.0 a	-	M0442	M0436	M0442	
* Guinea	.7 a	36.6	.3	-	M0334	B0271	J0028	
* Guinea-Bissau	2.6 a	-	.5 a	-	A0167		W0082	
Kenya	18.1	85.5	10.3	-	G0183	M0243	B0288	
Lesotho	6.1	11.1	4.2	21.3	M0391	M0391	M0391	M0391
Liberia	-	-	-	-				
Libya	-	-	-	-				
Madagascar	.1	.3	.0	.4	R0143	R0143	L0202	L0202
Malawi	32.8	70.4	11.8	-	K0233	K0233	K0233	
Mali	4.4	55.5	3.4 c	52.8 c	M0452	M0452	M0331	M0331
* Mauritania	.5 a	.9	-	-	A0166	A0166		
Mauritius	-	.8	-	-		P0074		
Mayotte	-	-	-	-				
* Morocco	.2	1.4	-	-	R0099	M0470		
* Mozambique	2.7	7.6 b	1.5 a	-	B0272	D0194	C0183	
Namibia	17.6	-	10.3	-	M0488		M0488	
* Niger	1.3 a	12.6 a	1.4	-	M0394	S0258	H0106	
Nigeria	6.7 c	29.1 c	-	-	N0176	N0176		
Reunion	-	-	-	-				
Rwanda	25.4	73.2	-	-	N0168	B0243		
St. Helena	-	-	-	-				
Sao Tome & Principe	-	-	-	-				
* Senegal	1.7 a	10.1 a	.6 a	9.2 a	K0200	M0420	M0420	M0420
Seychelles	-	-	-	-				
Sierra Leone	-	26.7	-	-		K0209		
Somalia	-	-	-	-				

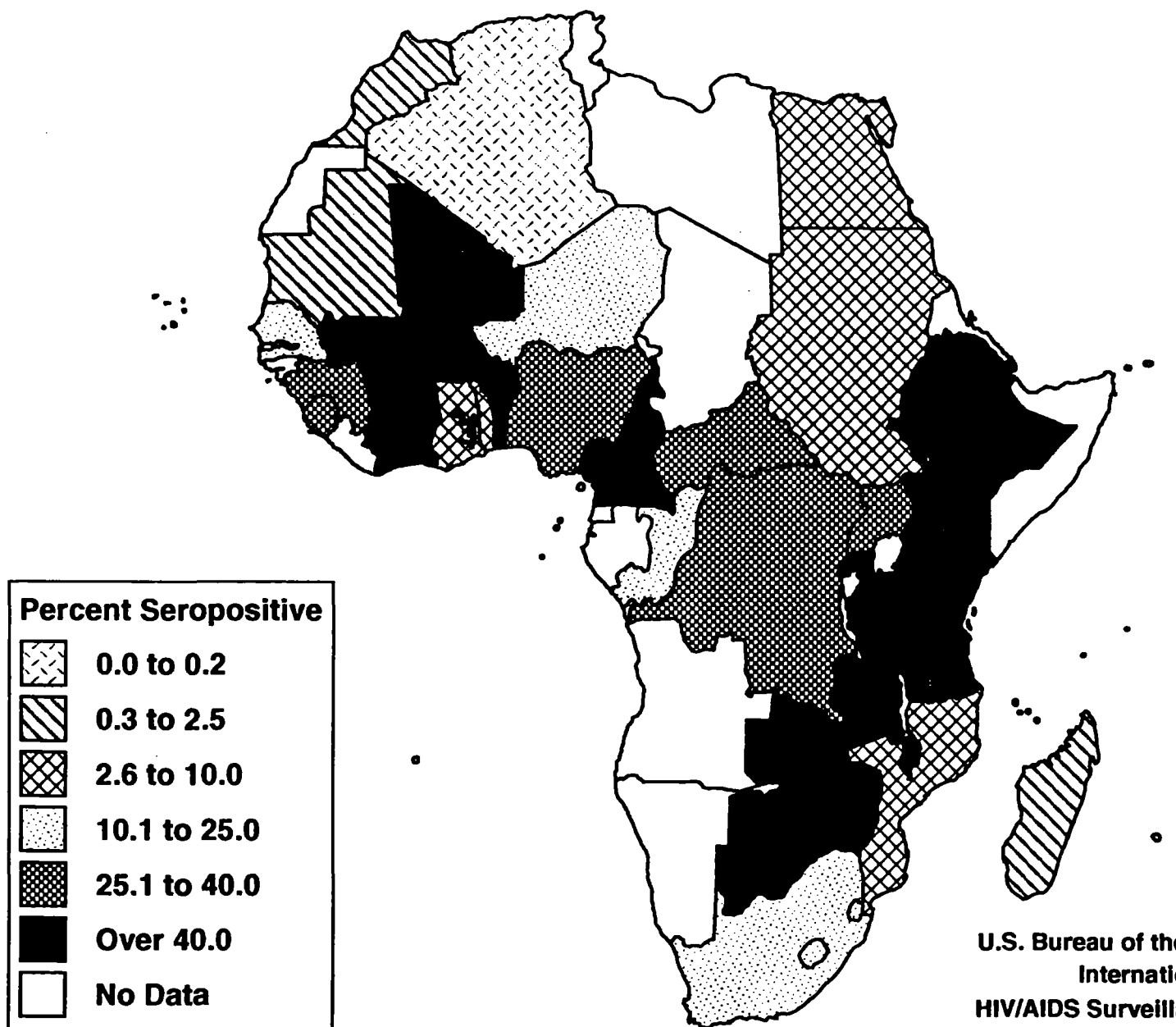
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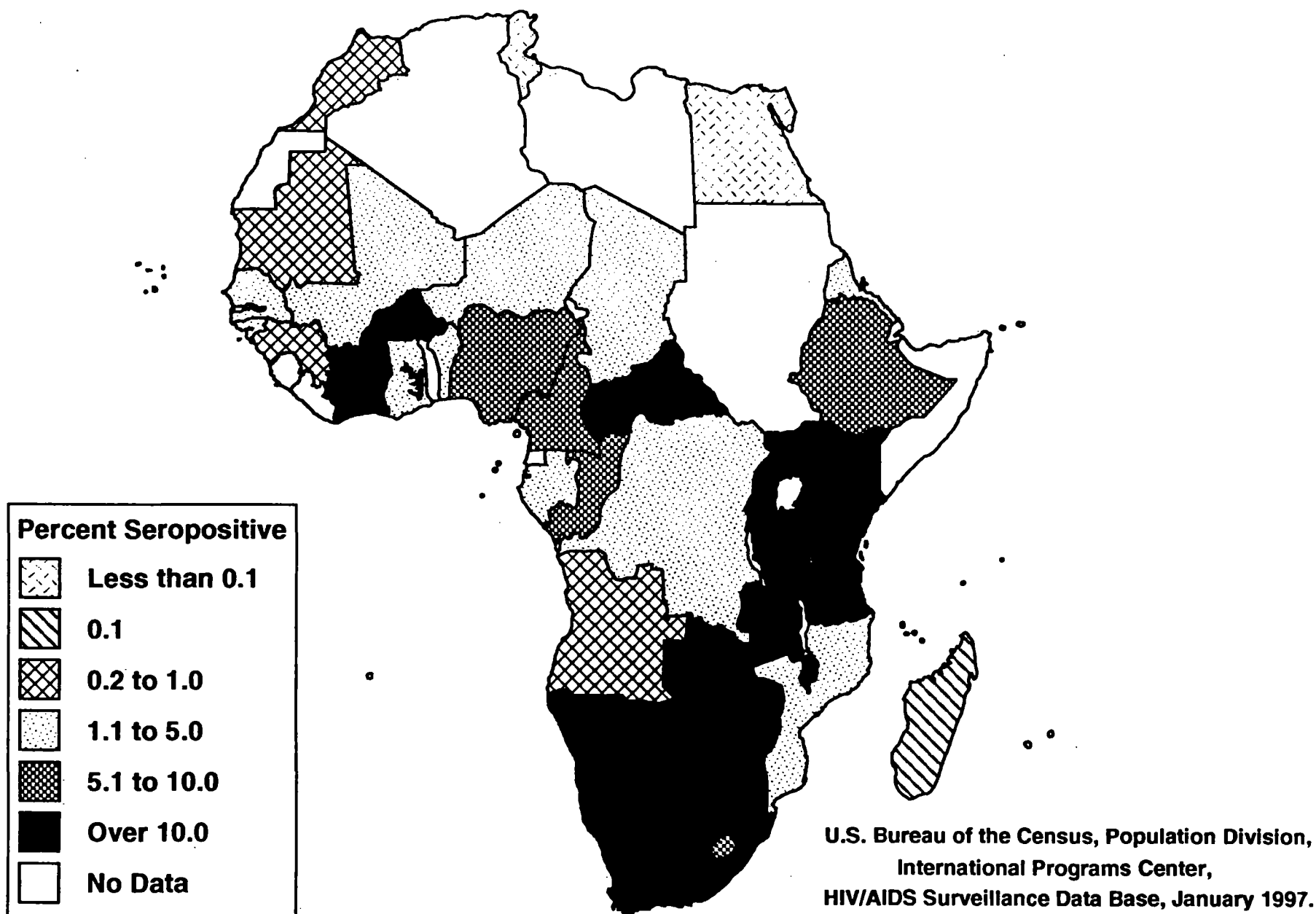
Region and Country	Capital/Major City		Outside Major City		Urban City Sources		Outside City Sources	
	Low Risk	High Risk	Low Risk	High Risk	Low Risk	High Risk	Low Risk	High Risk
South Africa	18.2 b	20.1 c	6.4	-	W0115	R0123	R0131	
Sudan	-	3.0 b	-	-		W0122		
Swaziland	21.9 b	11.1	-	-	R0122	D0117		
Tanzania	13.7	49.5	15.0 b	34.3 b	M0473	O0051	T0139	R0090
* Togo	-	3.1	3.0	7.3 b		B0224	M0375	M0375
Tunisia	.0	-	-	-	B0169			
Uganda	18.5 bc	38.5 b	6.5 b	-	A0158	A0158	W0094	
Western Sahara	-	-	-	-				
Zaire	5.0 c	30.3	2.9	25.4	M0265	N0184	M0265	G0092
Zambia	27.9	58.0	12.7	36.0 b	F0084	S0294	F0084	K0096
* Zimbabwe	32.0	86.0	16.0 b	46.0	L0201	M0433	F0076	T0130
ASIA AND OCEANIA								
Bahrain	-	.0	-	-		F0038		
Bangladesh	.0	1.2 b	-	-	C0199	M0480		
Bhutan	.0	-	-	-	W0076			
Burma	2.2 b	18.0	-	-	K0220	T0137		
Cambodia	3.2	41.6	.9	27.3	C0228	C0228	C0228	C0228
China, Mainland	.0	73.2 b	-	-	W0112	C0221		
* China, Taiwan @	.0	.4	-	-	W0097	H0092		
Cook Islands	.0	-	-	-	W0112			
Fiji	.0	.1	-	-	W0112	O0063		
French Polynesia	.0	3.0	-	-	W0112	O0063		
Gaza Strip	.0	-	-	-	M0314			
Guam	.1	-	-	-	W0112			
Hong Kong	.0	.1	-	-	W0112	L0156		
* India	2.5 b	28.6 a	-	-	M0487	B0287		
Indonesia		.3	-	-		J0044		
Israel	.0	1.1	-	-	M0314	M0186		
Kiribati	.1	-	-	-	O0063			
Korea, North	.0	-	-	-	W0076			
Korea, South	.8	.0	-	-	W0112	S0301		
Laos	.8	1.2	-	-	M0309	P0122		
Macau	.0	-	-	-	W0112			
Malaysia	.0	29.5	-	-	W0112	S0215		
Maldives	.0	-	-	-	W0076			
Marshall Islands	.0	-	-	-	W0112			
Micronesia, Fedrtd States	.0	-	-	-	W0112			
Mongolia	.0	.0	-	-	W0112	M0340		
Nepal	.0 b	1.3 b	-	-	S0391	S0391		
New Caledonia	.1	-	-	-	W0112			
Pakistan	.6	3.7	-	-	P0144	P0144		
Palau	.0	.0	-	-	W0112	O0063		
Papua New Guinea	.0	.3	.0	.0 c	W0112	O0053	10028	10028
Philippines	.0	.5	-	-	W0112	T0125		
Singapore	.0	3.7 b	-	-	W0112	G0161		
Solomon Islands	.0	.0	-	-	W0112	O0063		
Sri Lanka	.0	.5 b	-	-	W0076	B0304		

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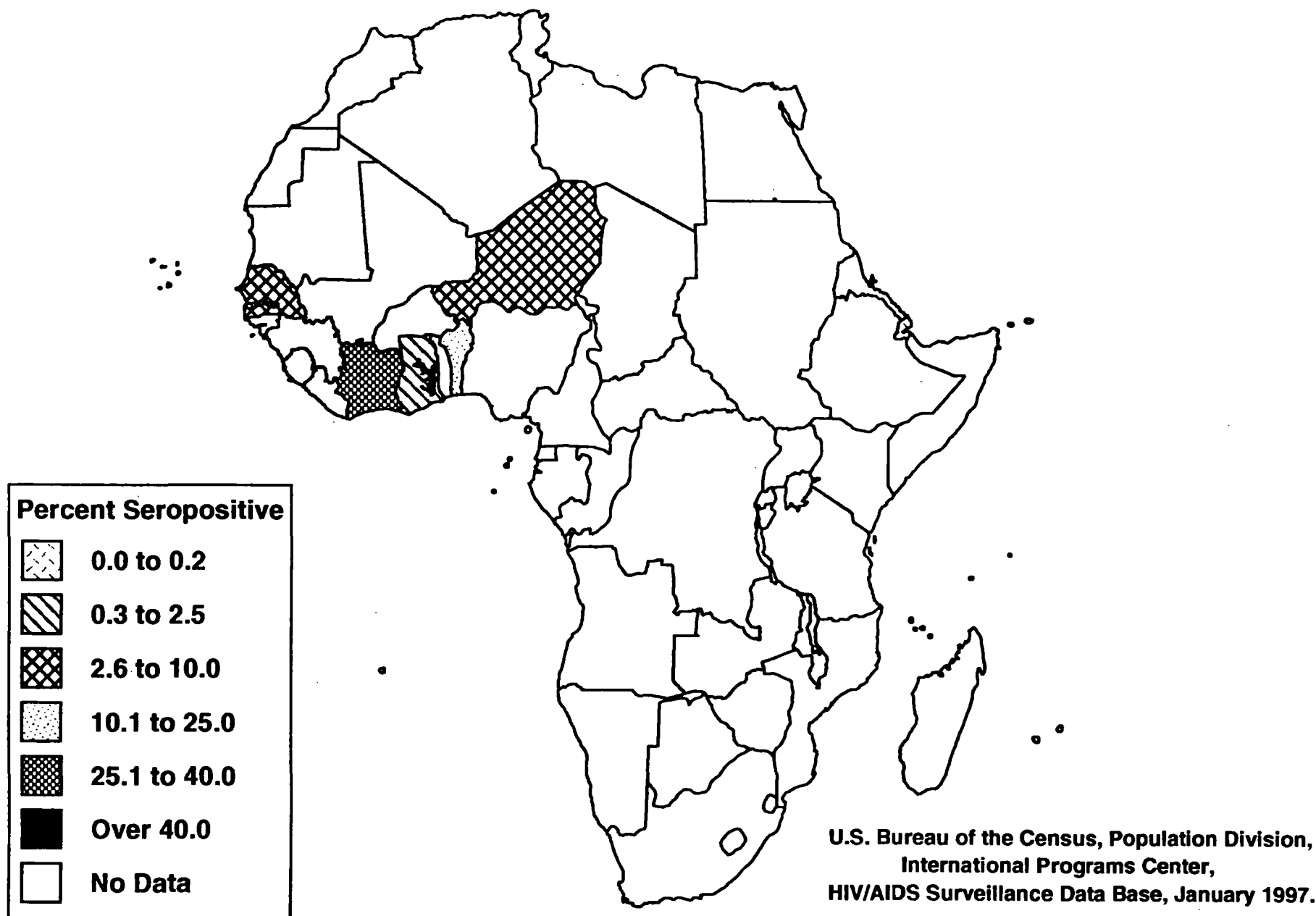


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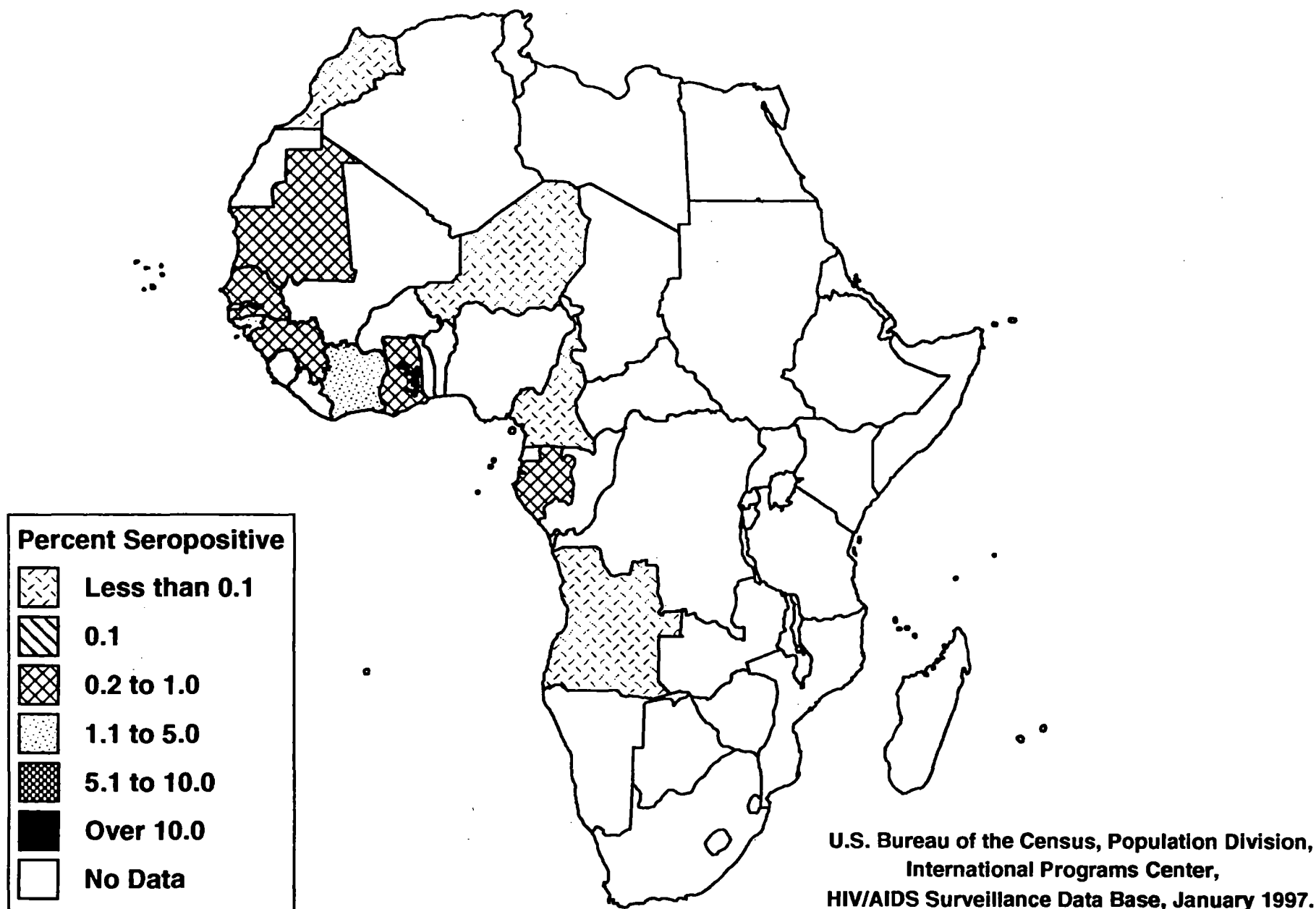
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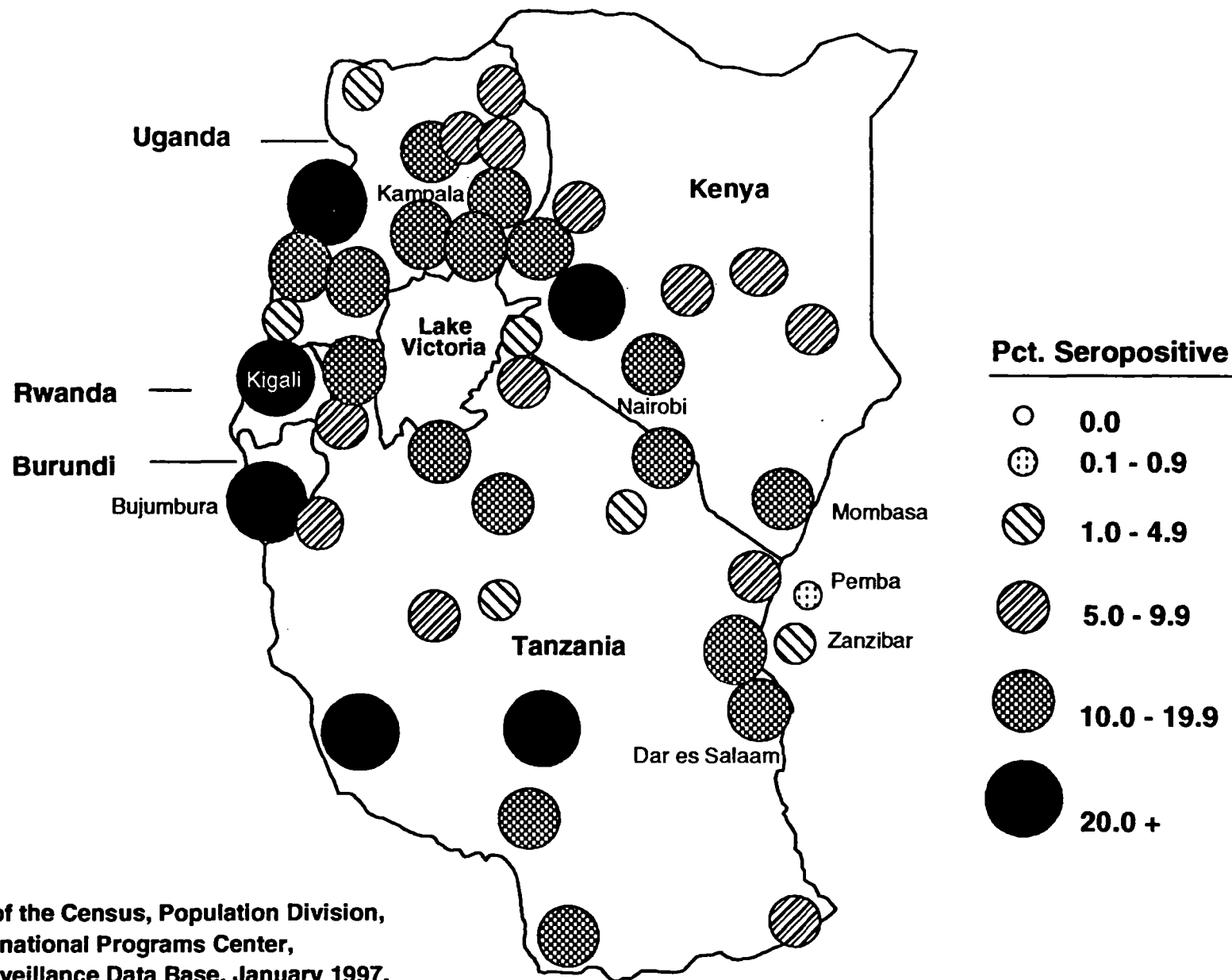
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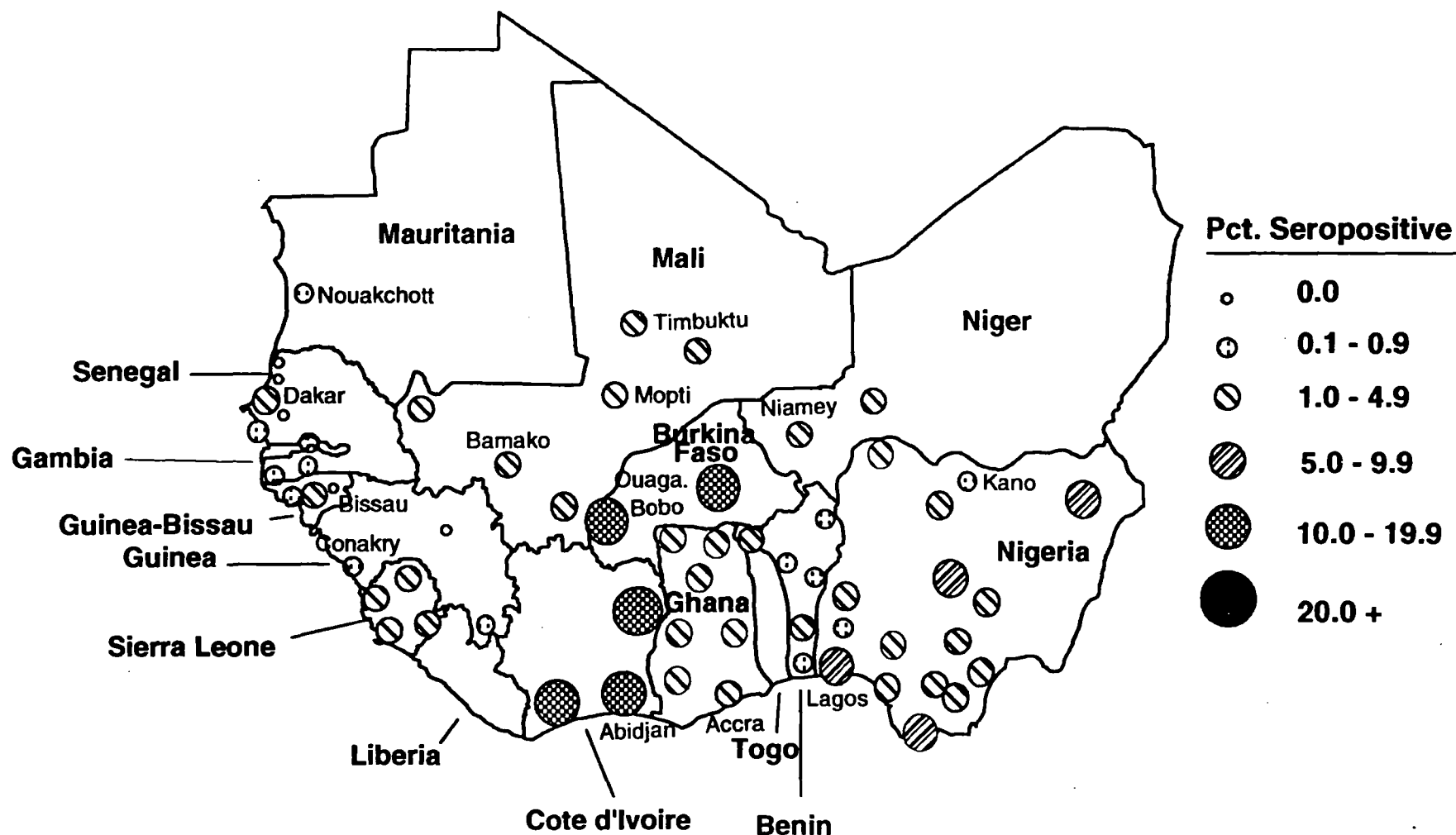
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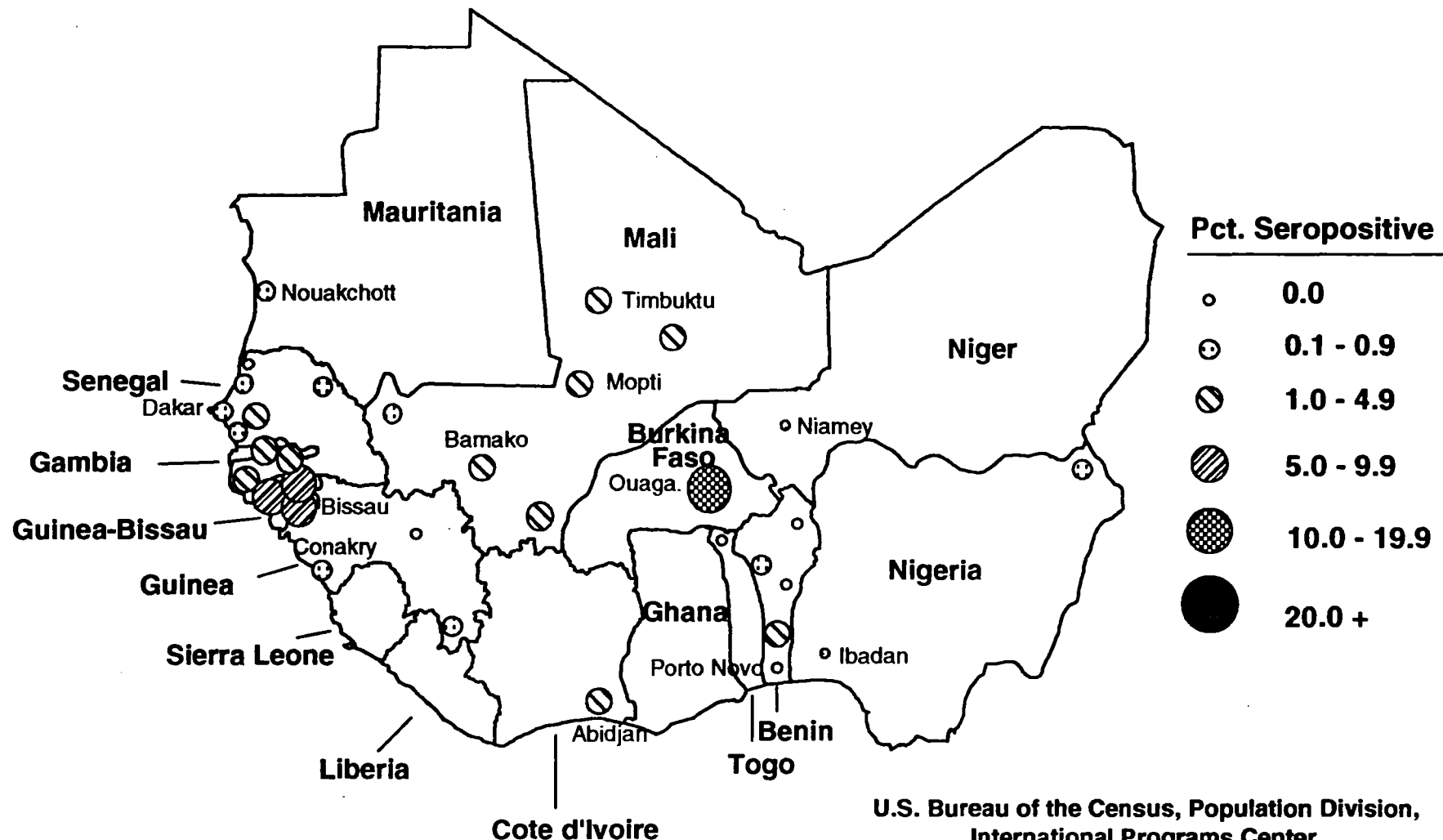


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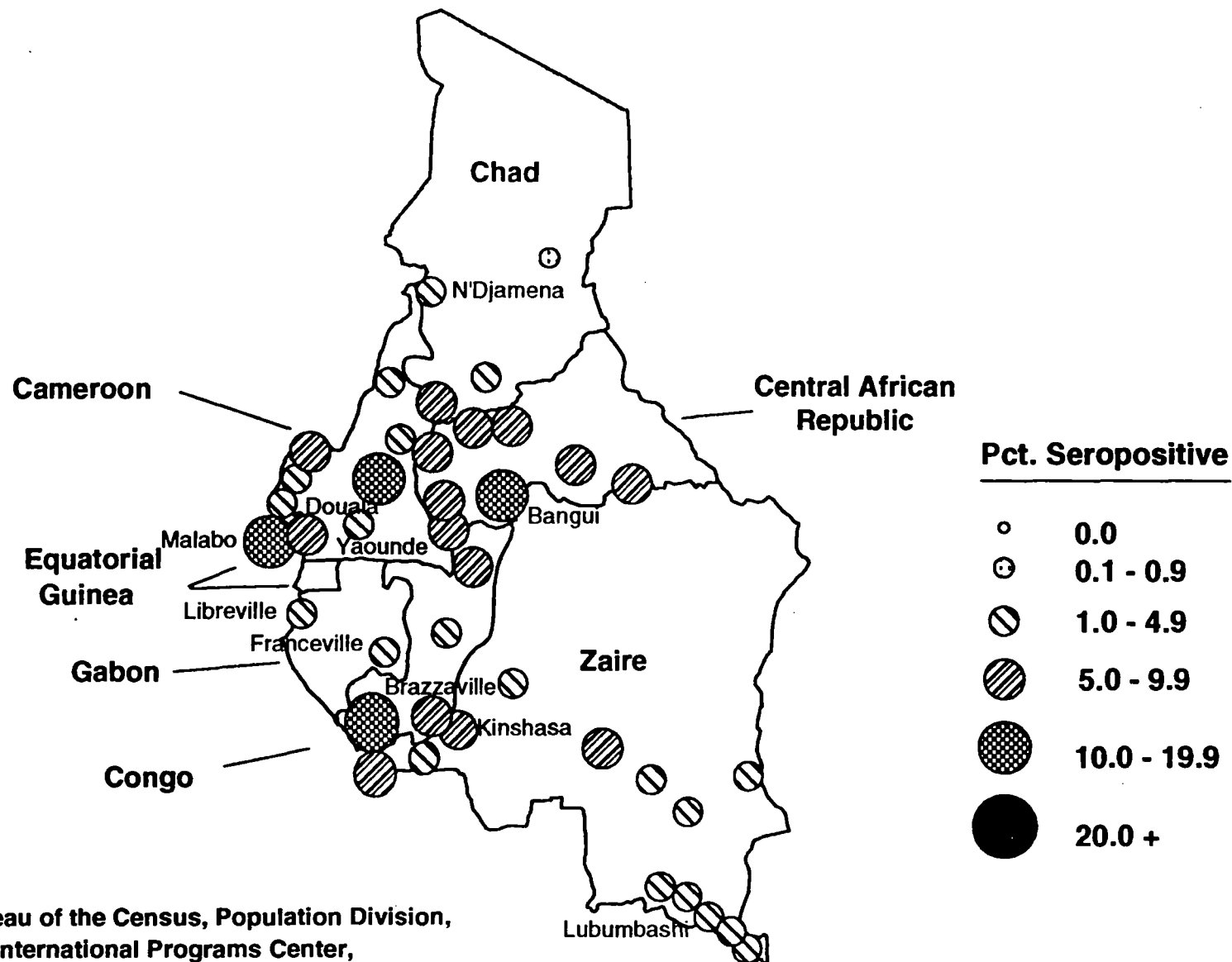
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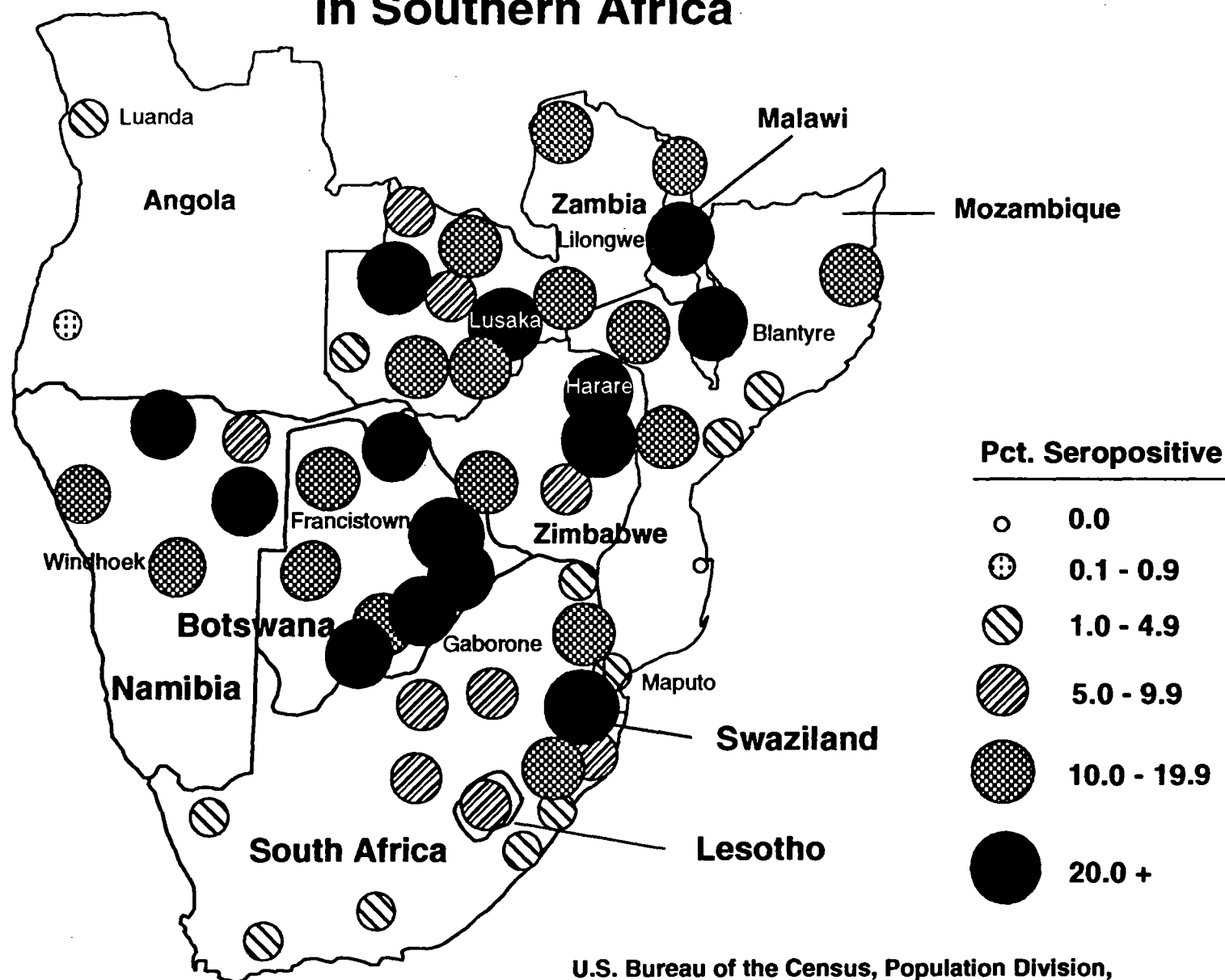
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Table 2: Estimates of HIV-2 Seroprevalence, by Residence and Risk Factor, for Developing Countries: Circa 1995

Region and Country	Capital/Major City		Outside Major City		Urban City Sources		Outside City Sources	
	Low Risk	High Risk	Low Risk	High Risk	Low Risk	High Risk	Low Risk	High Risk
AFRICA								
* Angola	.0	-	.0	-	A0157		A0157	
* Benin	-	12.9 a	3.8 a	-		B0269	G0146	
* Cameroon	.0	-	.0	.0	Z0045		S0316	Z0045
* Central African Rep.	-	-	.0	-			R0117	
* Cote d'Ivoire	2.0 a	32.7 a	-	-	W0119	G0174		
* Djibouti	-	.0	-	-		R0051		
* Gabon	.8 a	-	-	-	M0326			
* Gambia, The	1.2 a	26.7 a	-	-	O0083	M0117		
* Ghana	.4 a	1.2 a	.2 a	-	M0442	M0436	M0442	
* Guinea	.4 a	-	.1	-	M0334		J0028	
* Guinea-Bissau	5.0 a	-	8.3 a	-	A0167		W0082	
* Mauritania	.2 a	-	-	-	A0166			
* Morocco	.0	-	-	-	Z0022			
* Mozambique	-	-	.5 a	-			C0183	
* Niger	.0 a	6.3 a	-	-	M0394	S0258		
* Senegal	.4 a	8.0 a	1.0 a	27.6 a	K0200	M0420	M0420	M0420
* Togo	-	-	.0	-			M0375	
* Zimbabwe	-	-	-	.0				T0130
ASIA/OCEANIA								
* China, Taiwan @	-	.0	-	-		M0092		
* India	-	7.0 a	-	-		B0287		

- No Data found

* See table 1 for HIV-1 data

@ Data for Taiwan located under China within the "HIV/AIDS Surveillance Database".

a Rate represents infection with HIV1 only and dual infection (HIV1 and HIV2), therefore addition of rates from table 1 and 2 is not advised.

b Data are best available but are not necessarily reliable due to small sample size (<100).

c Data combined.

NOTES:

Definition: High risk--prostitutes and clients, STD patients, or other persons with known risk factors

Low risk--pregnant women, blood donors, or other persons with no known risk factors.

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, HIV/AIDS Surveillance Data Base, 1/97 Update

Table 3: Detailed Listing of Estimates of HIV-1 and 2 Seroprevalence, by Residence and Risk Factor, for Developing Countries: Circa 1995

Region/ Country	Risk Area	Geographic Area	Year	Sub-population	Sex	Age	Prev. Rate	Sample Size	Data Type	Test Type	Source ID
*AFRICA											
ALGERIA	UH	NOT SPECIFIED	1991	PROSTITUTES	F	ALL	.0 b	N/A	HIV1	UNK	A0132
ANGOLA	UL	LUANDA	1995	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	1.0	695	HIV1	ELISA,WB	A0157
	UL2	LUANDA	1995	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	.0	695	HIV2	ELISA,WB	A0157
	OL	NAMIBE PROVINCE	1995	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	.5	420	HIV1	ELISA,WB	A0157
	OL2	NAMIBE PROVINCE	1995	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	.0	420	HIV2	ELISA,WB	A0157
BENIN	UL	PORTO NOVO	1993	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	1.4	499	HIV1,2	ELISA*2,WB	D0145
	UH	COTONOU/TOWNS	1993-94	PROSTITUTES	F	ALL	50.8 a	366	HIV1	UNK	B0269
	UH2	COTONOU/TOWNS	1993-94	PROSTITUTES	F	ALL	12.9 a	366	HIV2	UNK	B0269
	OL	ZOU & MONO/RURAL	1993(?)	GENERAL POPULATION	B	ALL	4.9 a	820	HIV1	ELISA,WB	G0146
	OL2	ZOU & MONO/RURAL	1993(?)	GENERAL POPULATION	B	ALL	3.8 a	820	HIV2	ELISA,WB	G0146
BOTSWANA	+ UL	SIX SITES	1995	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	32.4	2624	HIV	ELISA*2	N0178
	+ UH	SIX SITES	1995	STD PTS.	M	ALL	41.6	891	HIV	ELISA*2	N0178
	+ OL	SOUTHERN DIST.	1994	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	16.0	508	HIV	ELISA*2	M0494
BURKINA FASO	+ UL	BOBO DIOULASSO	1995	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	12.0	824	HIV	ELISA,LIA	C0213
	UH	OUAGA. & BOBO	1994	PROSTITUTES/BARWORKER	F	ALL	60.4	424	HIV1,2	ELISA,RAPID	M0450
BURUNDI	UL	BUJUMBURA	1992	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	20.0	1287	HIV	ELISA	B0233
	OL	RURAL AREAS	1992	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	1.8	1231	HIV	ELISA	B0233
CAMEROON	UL	DOUALA	1994	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	5.7 c	599	HIV1	UNK	S0315
	UL2	YAOUNDE	1994	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	.0	301	HIV2	ELISA*3,RAPID	Z0045
	UH	DOUALA	1992	PROSTITUTES	F	ALL	45.3	236	HIV1,2	RAPID,WB	G0147
	OL	MANYEMEN(RURAL)	1991-92	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	2.9	382	HIV1	ELISA,WB	S0316
	OL2	MANYEMEN(RURAL)	1991-92	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	.0	382	HIV2	ELISA,WB	S0316
	OH	BANKA(SEMIRURAL)	1994	STD CLINIC PTS.	B	ALL	9.0	100	HIV1	ELISA*3,RAPID	Z0045
	OH2	BANKA(SEMIRURAL)	1994	STD CLINIC PTS.	B	ALL	.0	100	HIV2	ELISA*3,RAPID	Z0045
C. AFRICAN REPUBLIC	UL	BANGUI	1993	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	16.0	218	HIV	UNK	U0027
	UH	BANGUI	1993	STD CLINIC PTS.	B	ALL	31.0	283	HIV	UNK	U0027
	OL	BATANGAFO	1993	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	6.5	200	HIV	UNK	U0027
	OL2	BERBERATI/RURAL	1992	ADULTS	B	ALL	.0	332	HIV2	IFA,WB	R0117
CHAD	UL	SARH	1992	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	4.1	435	HIV1,2	RAPID,WB	M0266
CONGO	UL	BRAZZAVILLE	1994	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	7.1	600	HIV	UNK	B0270
	UH	BRAZZAVILLE	1990	STD PTS.	B	ALL	17.6 c	400	HIV	ELISA	M0333
	OL	OWANDO	1992	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	2.6	300	HIV	UNK	B0162
COTE D'IVOIRE	+ UL	ABIDJAN	1995-96	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	12.5 a	2559	HIV1	UNK	W0119
	+ UL2	ABIDJAN	1995-96	PREGNANT WOMEN	F	ALL	2.0 a	2559	HIV2	UNK	W0119
	UH	ABIDJAN	1992-94	PROSTITUTES	F	ALL	77.0 a	1209	HIV1	ELISA,LIA,WB	G0174
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DJIBOUTI	UH	DJIBOUTI	1991	STREET PROSTITUTES	F	ALL	43.0	300	HIV	ELISA,WB	C0141
	UH2	DJIBOUTI	1990	STREET PROSTITUTES	F	ALL	.0	115	HIV2	ELISA,WB	R0051

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As goes Africa, so will go India, South-East Asia, and the Newly Independent States, and by 2005, more than 100 million people worldwide will be HIV positive.

According to current projections, Asia is likely to mirror Africa in the number of AIDS deaths by the year 2005. As the world's most populous continent, Asia will soon come to dominate the HIV picture accounting for one out of every four infections worldwide by the end of the year. Already, trends suggest that Asia may surpass Africa with the highest number of new infections per year.

India is the growing hot spot of the epidemic, with more HIV infected people than any other country in the world – an estimated 5 million³. While the current death rate remains low in comparison to sub-Saharan Africa, infection rates are increasing rapidly and are expected to double every 14 months. Surveillance of the disease is particularly difficult in India as cultural norms, gender inequities, and stigma continue to drive the epidemic underground and out of the public consciousness. As a result, AIDS cases in India remain under-diagnosed, under-reported and poorly treated. By 2000, AIDS will cost India \$11 billion or 5% of GNP.

According to Surgeon General Satcher, "It was only a few years ago that epidemiologists offered projections of disease prevalence for sub-Saharan Africa that were met with disbelief. If the present warnings go unheeded, South Asia, Southeast Asia, and, perhaps, China will follow the disastrous course of sub-Saharan Africa."

The new Soviet states have also registered astronomical growth in HIV infection rates over the past few years. In fact, in the last four years alone, Eastern Europe and Central Asia have seen a six-fold increase in HIV infection. In the Russian Federation, HIV infection has increased 27-fold between 1994-1997. And in the Ukraine, HIV infection has increased 70-fold. IV drug use now accounts for 80% of new infections in the Russian Federation and the increasing number of new users signals a growing dual epidemic of AIDS and drugs in the region.

Region	Epidemic Started	Adults & Children Living With HIV/AIDS	Adults & Children Newly Infected With HIV
Sub-Saharan Africa	Late 70's - Early 80's	22,500,000	4,000,000
South & South-East Asia	Late 80's	7,260,000	1,400,000
Eastern Europe & Central Asia	Early 90's	270,000	80,000

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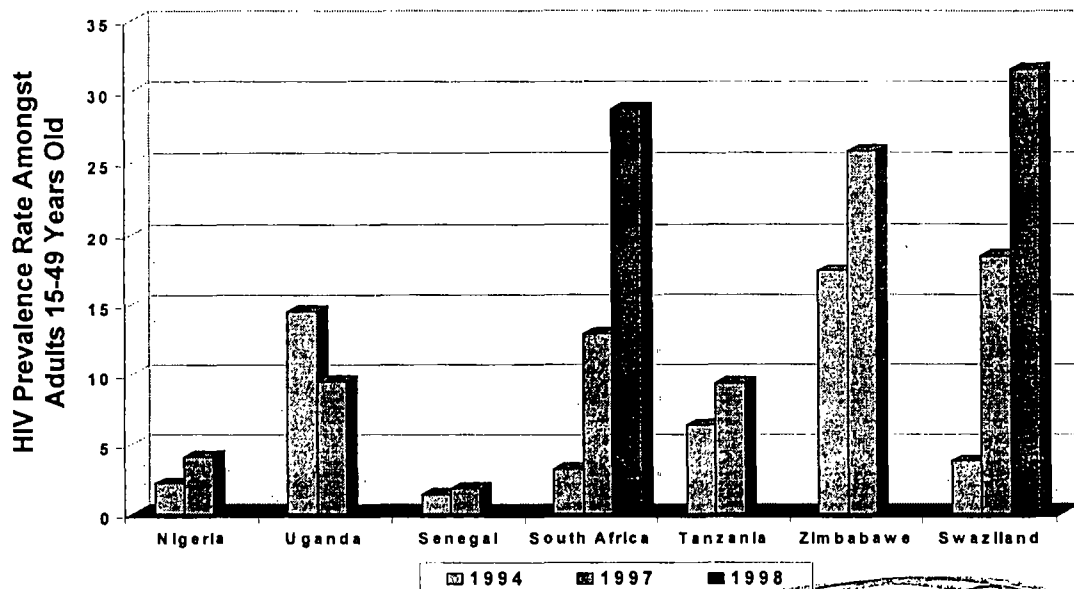
The Problem

AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa is a plague of biblical proportions.

AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa, notes the UN, is the "worst infectious disease catastrophe since the bubonic plague." Deaths due to AIDS in the region will soon surpass the 20 million people in Europe who died in the plague of 1347 and the 20 million people in India who died in the influenza epidemic of 1917. Over the next decade, AIDS will kill more people in sub-Saharan Africa than the total number of casualties lost in all wars of the 20th century combined. While sub-Saharan Africa accounts for only one-tenth of the global population, it currently carries the burden of more than 80% of AIDS deaths worldwide.

In the past decade, 12 million people in sub-Saharan Africa have died of AIDS – one-quarter of them children – and each day AIDS buries another 5,500 men, women and children. By 2005, the daily death toll will reach 13,000 people, or nearly 5 million AIDS deaths that year alone. In 1998, AIDS was the largest killer and accounted for 1.8 million deaths in sub-Saharan Africa, nearly double the 1 million deaths from malaria and eight times the 209,000 deaths from tuberculosis.

HIV Prevalence Trends in Selected Countries



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Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

June 16, 1999

President William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Dear President Clinton:

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Tragically, AIDS in Africa is much more than a health crisis – it is an economic and security crisis as well. AIDS is striking down skilled workers, pushing families into poverty, driving up the cost of doing business, and steadily chipping away at the gross national product of a growing number of African nations. If we are serious about promoting growth and opportunity in Africa, a more aggressive approach to the global war on AIDS is essential.

As Members of the Congressional Black Caucus, we applaud your Administration for drawing much needed attention to the issue of AIDS in Africa. By sending a Presidential Mission to the front-lines of our battle against AIDS, you have sounded the alarm on this rapidly growing emergency. It is now time for bold and decisive action. Millions of lives and futures hang in the balance.

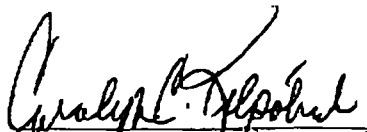
As you review the findings of this recent Presidential Mission to sub-Saharan Africa and consider options for addressing this horror, we strongly urge you to include a substantial increase in funding for the USAID global AIDS program. While HIV and AIDS have exploded over the past several years, the global AIDS budget has remained the same. A long list of national and international organizations – from Save the Children to the National Urban League – have called on your Administration to amend its budget submission and push for a \$100 million increase in the global AIDS program for FY 2000. We lend our voices to this urgent call.

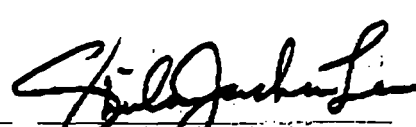
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A new partnership with Africa is part of your legacy as President. Unfortunately, AIDS threatens to annihilate that legacy. As we rallied around the people of Kosovo, we must now turn our attention to the children, families and communities across Africa, caught in the crossfire of the AIDS pandemic.

Thank you for your consideration and support. We look forward to working closely with you, as Bishop Tutu said, on winning the battle against AIDS.

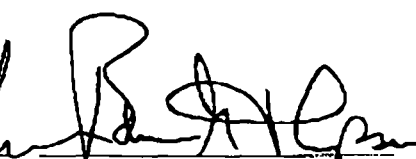
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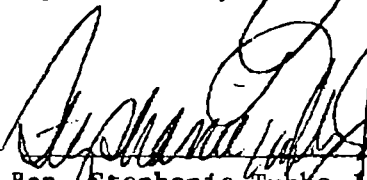

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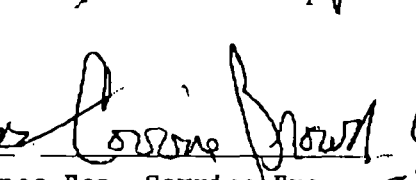

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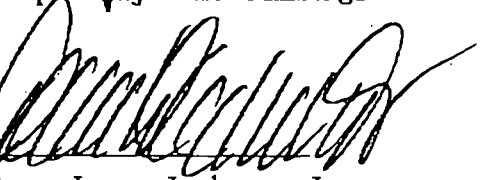

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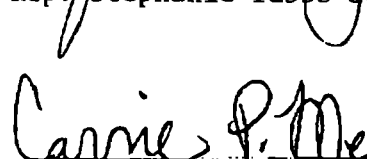

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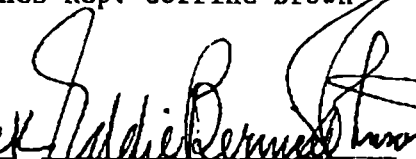

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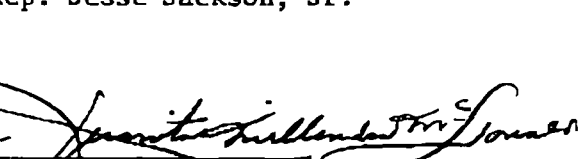

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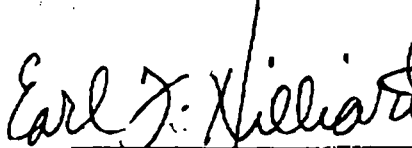

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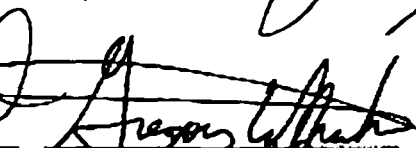

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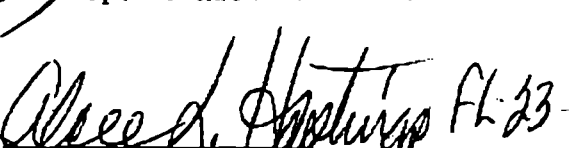

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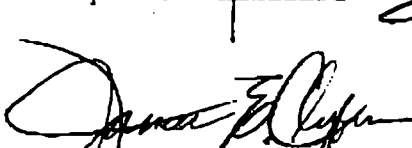

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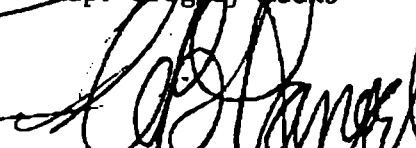

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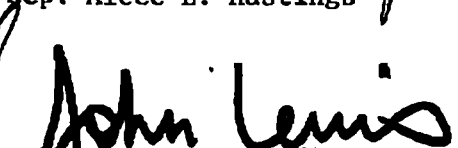

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Washington, DC 20515

June 9, 1999

The Honorable William J. Clinton
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The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Once again, thank you for your leadership on your trip to Africa, which established a good foundation for stronger ties between the United States and the countries of Africa. One issue which must be more aggressively addressed as we build these ties is the impact of the AIDS epidemic in Africa.

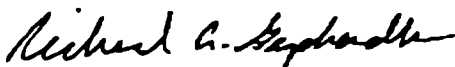
We commend you for sending a Presidential Mission to sub-Saharan Africa in April to investigate the impact of HIV/AIDS on children. We support the efforts by Sandra Thurman, Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy, to raise awareness of the growing global AIDS crisis. But, more must be done to address AIDS in Africa.

Across the continent, AIDS is devastating entire communities and undermining long-term investments in human and economic development. In Sub-Saharan Africa, 23 million people are living with HIV/AIDS, 4 million are newly infected every year, and each day, 5,500 men, women, and children die of AIDS. It is projected that there will be 40 million orphans in Africa by the year 2010 because of the AIDS epidemic.

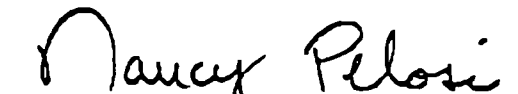
In light of the epidemic's magnitude, we believe that the Administration's FY'2000 budget request for global AIDS is insufficient. We urge you to amend your budget request to respond to this crisis. While we are aware of the severe funding constraints for international affairs created by the Republican budget plan, we nonetheless support a substantial increase for global AIDS. Such an increase cannot come at the expense of other infectious disease programs. We urge you to take bold action and hope you will use the opportunity of the release of your upcoming report on AIDS in Africa to call for a significant increase in the global AIDS program and to make such an increase an Administration priority.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns. We look forward to working with you on providing the needed funds to meet the challenges of the global AIDS epidemic.

Sincerely,



RICHARD GEPHARDT, M.C.



NANCY PELOSI, M.C.

cc: John Podesta
Jack Lew

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2101

June 11, 1999

Mr. Jack Lew
Director
Office of Management and Budget
252 Old Executive Office Building
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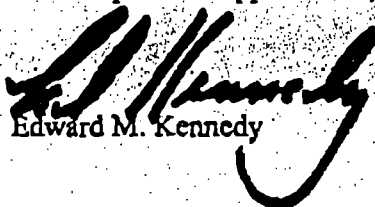
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I commend the Administration for drawing much needed attention to the issue of AIDS in Africa and to the global AIDS epidemic generally. By sending a Presidential Mission to the frontlines of the battle against AIDS, you have enlisted America in this vitally important effort. Millions of lives and futures are at stake. The time for us to act is now, before it's too late.

As you review the findings of this recent Presidential Mission and consider options for addressing this crisis, I strongly urge you to include a substantial increase in funding for the USAID global AIDS program. While HIV and AIDS have exploded in recent years, the global AIDS budget has remained level funded. A distinguished list of national and international organizations -- including AIDS Action, Save the Children, the National Urban League, and the Foundation for International Community Assistance -- have called on the Administration to support a \$100 million increase in the global AIDS program for FY2000. I strongly support this increase.

The Administration deserves our gratitude for sounding the alarm on the growing emergency of AIDS in Africa. It is a crisis for children and families and communities that cannot be ignored. Thank you for your time, attention, and commitment. I look forward to working closely with you to win the global battle against AIDS.

With respect and appreciation,



Edward M. Kennedy

July 5, 1999

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and AIDS Action, we are writing to urge you to dramatically improve the US response to our global AIDS emergency. Since you took office in 1993, this global pandemic has exploded with a 300% increase in the number of new HIV infections. Current estimates are that 47 million people worldwide are already infected, and that number will more than double by the year 2005. AIDS now kills more people annually than any other infectious disease, and in many sub-Saharan African nations, one-quarter of all children have already been orphaned by AIDS.

On May 11, 1999, the World Health Organization announced that HIV/AIDS is now the "world's most deadly infectious disease", and holds fourth place among causes of death worldwide. Unfortunately, the US investment in global HIV prevention and AIDS care and support has fallen far short of keeping pace with this raging pandemic. While the death toll soars, the US global AIDS budget remains largely flat funded -- and has for years. If adjusted for inflation, this funding stagnation is actually equivalent to a 25% cut in real spending on our global AIDS effort. For a nation as wealthy as ours, so much more can and must be done.

We are thankful that you, Vice-President Gore, and the ONAP Director Sandy Thurman have traveled to Africa and witnessed the toll the epidemic has had on this continent. Average life spans in several African nations have now fallen to the shortest in the world -- under 40 years -- due to high AIDS mortality rates. It is also estimated that over two-thirds of the global AIDS population is located in Africa. We urge you to amend your FY2000 budget request and push for a \$100 million increase in our global AIDS effort. This new investment will put our nation on track toward a global AIDS program that begins to address the magnitude of this pandemic.

A minimum down payment of at least \$100 million would help stem the rising tide of HIV and bring some modest level of care and support to those who are suffering. We must immediately escalate our current efforts, and continue to do so until we have not only gained ground but begun to get ahead of the curve. This investment must be new money, rather than funds shifted from the strapped budgets of other essential development accounts. Health, education, child-survival and micro-finance are all

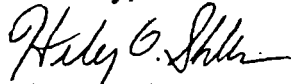
interconnected parts of a comprehensive human investment and AIDS strategy that must not be traded against each other.

Families are being shattered, economies are being decimated, and hundreds of millions of US dollars invested in broad-based development objectives are being obliterated by our failure to fully engage in the battle against AIDS. Every day 16,000 more people become HIV infected -- one every 5 seconds. The global AIDS epidemic has already cost an estimated \$500 billion. A new investment of \$100 million increase in our global AIDS programs would not only save lives, it will help to secure our goals of economic growth and political stability.

Last December on World AIDS Day, you envisioned a world without AIDS and spoke eloquently about our responsibilities as a leader in our global community. Last April, you traveled to Africa and called for new and vibrant partnerships with its many and varied nations. You are a Presidential pioneer in these endeavors. However, if we fail to put this nation's efforts on the war footing needed to combat the scourge of AIDS, it will surely devastate this vitally important legacy.

Every day counts. Together, let us seize this opportunity to secure your legacy of hope in Africa and around the world, through determined leadership in the battle against AIDS.

Sincerely,



Hilary Shelton
Director
NAACP Washington Bureau



Daniel Zingale
Executive Director
AIDS Action

cc: Jack Lew
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June 7, 1999

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Every day counts. Together, let us seize this opportunity to secure your legacy of hope in Africa and around the world, through determined leadership in the battle against AIDS.

Sincerely,

Mothers' Voices and

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AIDS Legal Referral Panel
AIDS National Interfaith Network
ADIS Nutrition Services Alliance
AIDS Policy Center for Children, Youth and Families
Advocates for Youth
Americans for Democratic Action
American Association for World Health
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GLOBAL HEALTH

COUNCIL

May 24, 1999

President William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton:

We write to urge you to take bold action to **increase America's response to the global spread of HIV**. We do so upon learning that the breadth of this problem has recently been brought to your personal attention as a result of your national AIDS policy director's fact-finding trip to southern Africa.

It is our hope that you will act immediately in light of the significant global worsening of this pandemic since you took office.

- Since 1993, the number of people infected with HIV worldwide has grown 300% -- from 14,000,000 to over 47,000,000. *HIV now kills more people annually than any other infectious disease in the world.*
- Since 1993, Africa has been devastated by the spread of HIV. In the Republic of South Africa, for example, 4% of pregnant women were infected in 1993. Now nearly 20% of pregnant women are infected with HIV nationwide, and in some provinces the figure rises above 35%. In rural areas of East Africa, 40% of children under the age of 15 have been orphaned by HIV.
- Since 1993, Asia has undergone a devastating spread of HIV, with whole nations that previously had little virus now reporting millions of cases. For example, India (which had virtually no cases in 1993) now has between 5 to 10 million infected people, and in some states we are seeing that 2% of pregnant women infected.
- The number of HIV infections in Eastern Europe has increased nine-fold in just three years, growing from less than 30,000 HIV infections in 1995 to an estimated 270,000 infections by December 1998.

In short, Mr. President, since 1993, we have witnessed the greatest development disaster in modern history: the explosive growth of HIV around the world and the death of tens of millions of people from this disease.

This emergency demands an aggressive response not only for humanitarian reasons, but also to protect our nation's goals for global economic growth and political stability. In 1995 alone, experts estimated that the global economy had already lost 500 billion dollars due to HIV. The onslaught is having a serious effect on the long-term economic viability of many countries, decimating a limited pool of skilled workers and devastating health systems.

We are deeply concerned that the administration has essentially straightlined funding for global AIDS programs in your budget proposal to Congress. In a time when HIV/AIDS is ravaging the world, eliminating entire communities, severely undermining economies and destabilizing militaries, **your administration's FY 2000 budget request included no increase for USAID health programs**, and chose not to continue a \$10 million emergency program for AIDS-affected children.

Mr. President, don't let this be your legacy on the global AIDS pandemic. We appeal to you to take bold action to strengthen our nation's response to AIDS. Specifically we urge you to:

- Increase funding for international AIDS and other health programs. We urge that you seek major increases for global AIDS programs immediately. These funds should be new money, not diverted from other development programs and they should be targeted to reach community groups in nations most at risk. These funds should be over and above the current level of funding in the 150 account. It does no good to rob Peter to pay Paul.
- Direct the Agency for International Development, the Department of State, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Department of Defense to immediately prioritize AIDS and related health programs, and to identify new and bold actions they will undertake jointly to expand their program activity. Lack of funding makes it very difficult for agencies to prioritize areas that are of great importance to the epidemic at this time, such as effective preventive strategies, vaccine development, and care for those affected.
- Launch a major White House initiative on global AIDS by convening a high level international meeting on the pandemic. This could take the form of an "AIDS Summit," as was held in 1994 in Paris, an AIDS-specific meeting of the G-8, or other high visibility event. The purpose would be to inform other nations that the US is committed to addressing HIV as a top global security issue.

Mr. President, time is short. Within the next decade, the cumulative number of HIV infections is projected to exceed 100 million by 2007. AIDS orphans are projected to exceed 40 million children by the year 2010.

We greatly appreciate your past role as a great champion on domestic AIDS funding. We challenge you to champion global AIDS funding as well. There is still time to alter the horrific projections of the spread of HIV in the next century. **We implore you to act now and to act boldly.**

Sincerely,

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June 8, 1999

President William J. Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Hugh B. Price". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Hugh B. Price
President



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June 23, 1999

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The Honorable Bill Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Secretary

Dear President Clinton,

I write, first to thank you for appointing John William Marshall the next Director of the U.S. Marshall's Service. Once again you have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to insuring that minorities receive a fair share of Presidential appointments, and I appreciate your leadership.

I am also writing to ask you to amend your Fiscal Year 2000 budget proposal to increase funding for global prevention and treatment of AIDS to \$100 million. As you know funding for the U.S. AIDS global outreach has increased very little in recent years, and amounts to a net reduction when inflation is taken into consideration. A modest increase of \$100 million in funding, however, would substantially improve our prospects for addressing the worldwide AIDS crisis.

Such an increase would be a cost-effective investment, which would save many lives and strengthen the ability of developing nations to more effectively manage their health care resources. It would also improve their ability to trade with the U.S. and help protect the growing global market for U.S. products. The global AIDS pandemic infects 16 thousand people every day, and has already cost an estimated \$500 billion. This figure will increase dramatically in the years ahead --- unless we embrace the challenge of making a meaningful investment in global AIDS prevention and treatment while we still can.

Mr. President, You have an impressive record of leadership in providing strong support of AIDS research, prevention and treatment programs. If you will now support this modest increase in U.S. funding for AIDS prevention and treatment, I believe we will have a chance to halt this deadly pandemic, save lives and improve the quality of life for millions of people.

Sincerely,

Coretta Scott King



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TO THE PRESIDENT**
WIL DUNCAN

June 2, 1999

William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The Coalition of Black Trade Unionists urges your leadership, Mr. President, to stem the suffering that HIV/AIDS has brought to millions of working families, young people and children around the globe. We know that through the good offices of Sandra Thurman, you are kept apprised of the staggering toll the disease is taking here at home, worldwide, and particularly on the African continent.

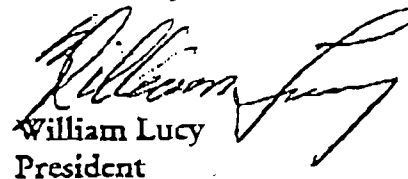
Ms. Thurman's recently concluded fact-finding mission to southern Africa highlighted the fact that,--without bold leadership--this pandemic will not only change the face of Africa, but will reach into every corner of the planet--leaving a path of devastation in its wake. Now is the time to substantially increase the United States' financial commitment to combat the disease internationally and to challenge other industrialized countries to do the same. U.S. unions and their brothers and sisters overseas can be a critical resource in this important struggle as well.

Mr. President, America's capacity to wage war on HIV/AIDS here at home and abroad is in serious need of revitalization. It is time to take stock of: what has been accomplished; the mechanisms now in use; and whether we are best positioned to respond to the future challenges that will be posed by the pandemic. We need to challenge assumptions, infuse creativity and benefit from the tremendous knowledge, experience and energy of the world's grassroots activists--in the U.S. government's efforts to fight this disease.

Domestically, we applaud your efforts to respond to the soaring infection rates among America's ethnic communities, but we sadly note that the resources devoted to education and prevention efforts among working people in the U.S. have nearly been eliminated. Internationally, even though "The U.S. International Response to HIV/AIDS" strategy document cites the important global role of trade unions in HIV/AIDS education and prevention, next to no resources have been extended for such efforts--rendering them impotent.

Years ago we rolled up our sleeves to fight HIV/AIDS, and we are ready to join you in the next stage of the fight against this scourge: in the workplaces and in the homes of working families around the world.

In solidarity,


William Lucy
President

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May 25, 1999

President William Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

via fax: 202-456-2604

Dear Mr. President:

I write this letter to request a meeting with you to discuss the global threat of HIV/AIDS and the AIDS Marshall Plan for Africa (AMPFA). I have become very active in the effort to provide treatment and care to HIV/AIDS victims throughout the world. I now chair the Constituency for Africa (CFA), and serve on the board of directors for AIDS Action.

As you know, since my retirement from Congress I have been very active in seeking solutions and answers to combat the growing pandemic of HIV/AIDS. I have tried repeatedly to meet and share information with members of your Administration regarding the worsening situation caused by HIV/AIDS in Africa. Needless to say, I am both frustrated and surprised by the lack of follow through and access to key members of your Administration.

I am certain that you are aware of the problems caused by the global spread of HIV/AIDS and how its exponential growth threatens the security of the world. According to UNAIDS, there are currently 7.8 million orphans on the continent of Africa because of HIV/AIDS. That number could expand to 40 million by 2010. Additionally, 11.5 million people have died in sub-Saharan Africa, and 22.5 million will die in the next decade if measures are not developed to slow the spread of the virus.

The above statistics only begin to give you an idea of the extent of the problem caused by HIV/AIDS throughout the developing world. Since October of last year, I have met with several ministers of health from various African countries regarding the problems and solutions for the HIV pandemic. I have shared with them my intention to bring this matter to the attention of the American government. As a result, I have met with the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) and they have endorsed the concept of the AMPFA. The CBC has tasked Congresswoman Barbara Lee to draft and introduce legislation that will embody the concept of AMPFA.

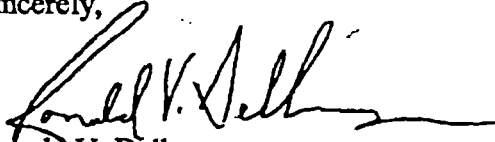
President William Clinton
May 25, 1999
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You should also know that there is considerable interest in the AMPFA in Africa and throughout the world. I am certain that our discussion is vital and that you will agree that we are pursuing a solution that is worthy of your support. Ms. Sandra Thurman, Director of National AIDS Policy, is familiar with the AMPFA and has provided me with valuable insight and information

Mr. President, the problems caused by HIV/AIDS throughout the world deserves and need the attention of America. We cannot be witnesses to a situation that will kill more people than all world wars combined and will cause severe devastation to the human family. We have a responsibility to prevent another holocaust and therefore, I seek your prompt attention and reply to my request for a meeting.

Please call me directly or contact Charles Stephenson or Ann Brown, of my staff, at 202-857-3290 to arrange for a meeting at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ronald V. Dellums", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ronald V. Dellums
Chair

June 15, 1999

President William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to urge you to set the U.S. response to the global AIDS epidemic on the proper course by dramatically increasing funding for international prevention and treatment programs.

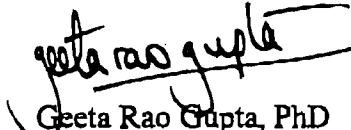
We applaud your recent remarks in which you acknowledged that "AIDS has surpassed tuberculosis and malaria to become the leading infectious killer in the world, claiming 2.5 million lives in 1998 alone - and growing...at truly breathtaking rates in Africa and India - we cannot afford to waste a second in our fight against it." Translating this call into action demands that the U.S. respond to this epidemic in proportion to its global impact. While there has been a 300 percent increase in the number of new HIV infections since 1993, U.S. funding for global AIDS programs has remained constant for years. Adjusted for inflation, this means a 25 percent cut in real spending.

Your Administration has made unprecedented contributions toward improving the economic and social status of women worldwide. The hard-won progress women have enjoyed in recent years is now threatened in many countries of sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia as women and girls fall victim to the AIDS epidemic, both by themselves becoming infected and by the need to care for sick family members. Women, especially young women, are one of the fastest growing groups among the infected. As a result, the number of children orphaned by AIDS is projected to reach 40 million by the year 2010.

The impact of the AIDS epidemic reverberates beyond the health sector. We urge you to instruct all U.S. government departments with international programs in countries affected by the epidemic to assess its impact on their areas of work and formulate responses that could help to mitigate and prevent further spread of the disease. The pervasive effect of the epidemic urgently requires a broad-based, comprehensive response.

As you near the end of your Presidency, on the threshold of the new millennium, we urge you to act boldly, swiftly, and wisely to ensure that the U.S. takes a leading role in addressing the global AIDS pandemic. The commitment of U.S. leadership and resources can lay the groundwork for an expanded global response to ameliorate the suffering and, ultimately to put an end to this human tragedy.

Sincerely,


Geeta Rao Gupta, PhD
President

Cc: . Albert Gore, Vice-President
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Frank Loy, Deputy Undersecretary for Global Affairs
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JAMES D. WOLFENSOHN
President

May 27, 1999

The Honorable
William J. Clinton
The President
United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The AIDS epidemic is reversing decades of progress in improving the quality of life in developing countries. More than 33 million men, women, and children are infected with HIV worldwide, and more than 90 percent of those infected live in developing countries—two-thirds in Sub-Saharan Africa. In the hardest-hit African countries, life expectancy is now 10-20 years shorter than it would have been without AIDS. Meanwhile 16,000 more people worldwide become infected each day.

AIDS has therefore become a core development issue, and confronting the AIDS epidemic in developing countries has become critical to all our efforts for poverty reduction, growth, and improved quality of life. I welcome the strong concern G8 leaders have shown at past meetings, but I believe we now have to move together to a new level of action, on three fronts:

First, we must reinforce political commitment and active leadership in preventing HIV/AIDS. There is no cure for AIDS and no vaccine, but there *are* educational and behavioral interventions that work *now* to curb its spread. Half of the population of developing countries—3.5 billion people—live in countries or areas where there is still time to prevent an epidemic. Top-level, visible political leadership can make a critical difference in bringing AIDS to the top of the social and political agenda.

Second, we must urgently find low-cost, effective therapies that are within the reach of developing countries—for example to prevent mother-child transmission and to fight AIDS-related infections like TB—and strengthen health systems to deal with the increased demand for health care. This is particularly acute in Sub-Saharan Africa, where the largest number of AIDS patients live, health systems are weak, and the ability to pay is very low.

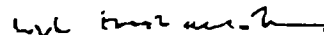
Third, we need to recognize that there is an emerging set of global health issues for which we need new approaches and instruments: accelerating the development of an HIV/AIDS vaccine that is affordable and effective in developing countries is a crucial instance. An AIDS vaccine for low-income countries is an *international public good* which is not likely to happen without innovative international public action. Private industry must play the critical role in developing and marketing a vaccine, but the private sector currently does not have the incentives to develop an AIDS vaccine for the strains of the virus and the health system capabilities of developing countries. There is growing consensus on the need for global partnership to ensure that AIDS vaccine development will move swiftly—but it will take a number of years, and much longer unless we act now.

The Bank is already hard at work on this through a special task force charged with developing new partnerships and financing instruments which bring the private and public sectors worldwide together to speed the advent of an AIDS vaccine. In this, we are working closely with UNAIDS, WHO, the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, and other international partners. And we are starting a major program to push much greater deployment of existing vaccines, which will be good for poor people's health now, and will also encourage industry to bring new vaccines onstream.

The World Bank has lent more than US\$765 million since 1986 to help developing countries deal with the AIDS epidemic, and in recent years has been lending about \$1.6 billion annually for programs to strengthen health systems. But this is not enough. We are developing a new initiative of intensified action against AIDS in Africa, and I am determined that we will dramatically increase our response to this global epidemic. On all these fronts, we will work closely with our partner institutions of the UNAIDS coalition.

It is time to take collective action on the G8 communiqués from Denver and Birmingham to spur the development of an AIDS vaccine, and perhaps to link this effort to other global health challenges, such as the need for new therapies and a vaccine for malaria. The international community, including the developing countries, urgently needs to elaborate a global strategy for advancing this effort, an understanding of what different actors are already doing, and where there are gaps that need to be filled. The World Bank is ready to play its part in bringing it to fruition.

We will warmly welcome your support and ideas, and your commitment to urgent international action.



Sincerely yours,



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