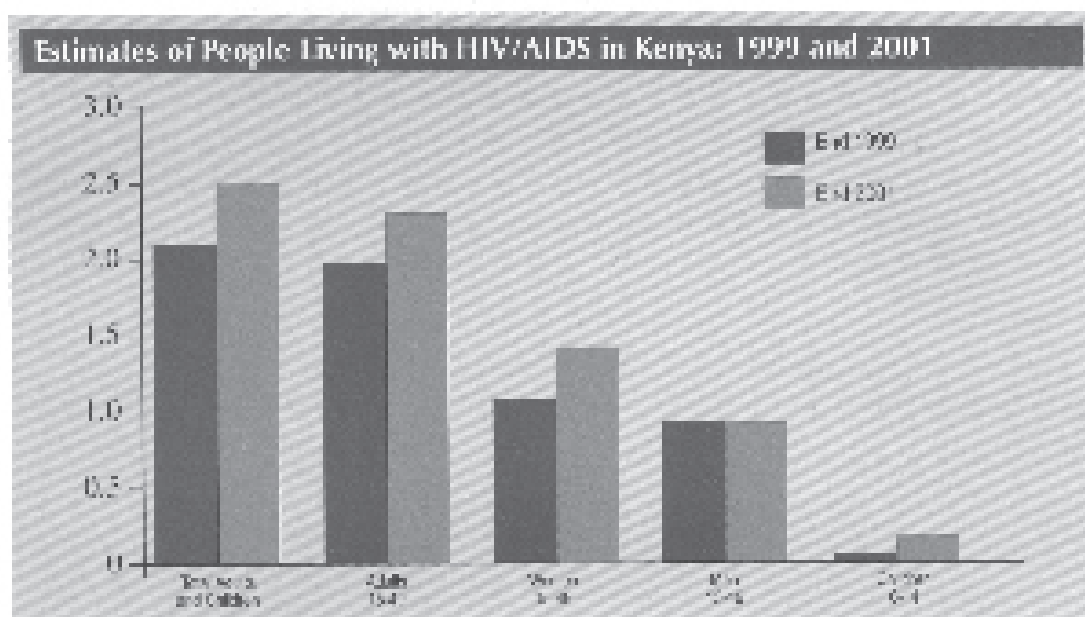


# Some Facts and Statistical Data On HIV/AIDS<sup>1</sup>

- **The good news.** Infection rate of adults has been reduced from ten percent to seven percent. UNAIDS: November 2005
- **Children made orphans in Kenya.** As of 2003, 9% of children under 15 had lost their father, 4% had lost their mother, 2% had lost both parents. 11% of children under 15 had lost one or both parents, an increase of 2% from 1998.
- **On the positive side.** Knowledge of the cause of the HIV virus in Kenya is very high: more than four out of five persons know that the chances of getting the HIV virus can be reduced by limiting sex to one faithful partner.
- **On the negative side.** 39% of women and 26% of men do **not** know that the virus cannot be transmitted by mosquito bites. Similarly, 29% of women and 19% men still hold the erroneous belief that one can be infected by the virus through sharing of utensils with a person who has AIDS.
  - 75% of AIDS cases in Kenya are among people in their most economically productive time of life, i.e. in the 20-45 age bracket.
  - 75% of the HIV virus transmission are by hetero-sexual contact.
  - 30-40% of babies of HIV-positive mothers are born HIV-positive. More than 100,000 children under age 5 are infected.
- A positive attitude towards those who are HIV-positive is strongly related to level of education.
- Wealth is positively associated with knowledge of HIV transmission. The poorest are disadvantaged in all aspects of HIV knowledge.
- In Kenya higher educational level does not protect one from HIV infection; HIV has spread through all regions and sectors of society.

## Note

1 All data from Kenya Demographic and Health Survey, 2003. Calverton, MD [USA]: Central Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Health and ORC Macro.



Source: UNAIDS. *AIDS Epidemiological Update*: December 2002

HIV/AIDS is an epidemic that is occurring in every district of Kenya. The latest data for Kenya estimates 1.4 million women in the age brackets from 15-49 years compared to 0.9 million men in the same category. The estimated number of adults and children who died of AIDS in Kenya during 2002 alone was 250,000.