

Group 2

Topic: HIV/AIDS

Objectives: To understand more about HIV/AIDS and its effect in many aspects such as Economic, Mortality in household and Social status.

Brief history

Scientists believe that HIV originally came from West Africa in 1930. The virus transmitted through blood changing on hunting chimpanzees. Then the virus starts through Africa and around the world. AIDS first discovered in 1981 at first this disease is called GRID (Gay related immune deficiency) because they think it will only affect gay men. In 1982 the disease is renamed to AIDS (Acquired immune deficiency syndrome) and realized that the disease spread through sex which caused the HIV.

What is HIV/AIDS?

HIV is a virus that debilitates the body immune system. Which will lead to AIDS if not treated properly. AIDS is the name used to describe a number of potentially life-threatening infections and illnesses that happen when your immune system has been severely damaged by the HIV virus. Once infected by HIV it can't be cured but it can be controlled with good medical care. In the present people who have HIV can live a healthy life with effective HIV treatment.

Impact on individual

The results indicated that the HIV-positive diagnosis had a profound impact on the individual's psychosocial aspects of life, particularly interactions with others. Most of those infected by the virus were lonely, had to cope with stigmatization, and suffered disruption of family and peer relationships. They were confronted with prolonged uncertainty about their lives and experienced intense, constant fear of disclosure of their illness and of being rejected by society, yet they were not always able to discuss these fears and anxieties openly with friends or family.

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