

ANALYSIS OF HIV INCIDENCE RATES IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN NATIONS

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CONTEXT AND ANALYSIS GOALS

What is HIV?

- **Human Immunodeficiency Virus** attacks cells that help the body fight infection, making a person more vulnerable to other infections and diseases.
- It is spread by contact with certain bodily fluids.
- If left untreated, HIV can lead to the disease AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome).
- AIDS **life expectancy** without medicine ± **3 years**.
- There is no cure, but it is treatable with medicine: antiretroviral therapy or ART

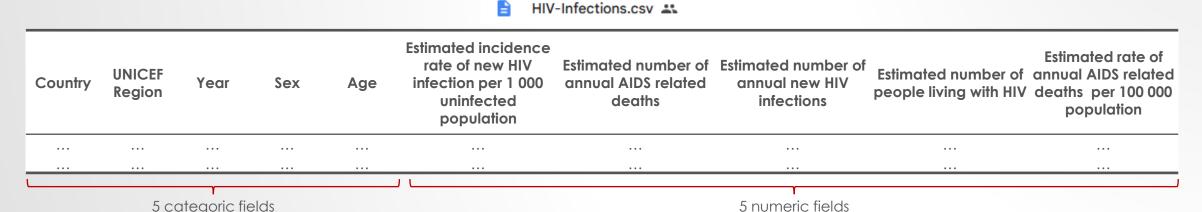
Context

- Sub-Saharan Africa remains the global epicenter of the HIV epidemic.
- X Young people aged 10–19 are a critical focus group due to unique vulnerabilities and challenges.
- **Gender dynamics** play a significant role in shaping the impact and spread of HIV.
- <u>December 1st</u>: World AIDS Day an opportunity to reflect on progress and areas needing urgent action.

Key questions guiding the analysis

- What are the **trends in new HIV infections** across countries?
- How many young people are living with HIV?
- Are there significant differences between males and females in HIV prevalence and impact?

THE DATASET



- 10 columns & 2640 rows
- Data limitations:
 - Region: Sub-Saharan Africa (44 countries)
 - Age: 10 19 years old (female & male)
 - Time period: 1990 2019

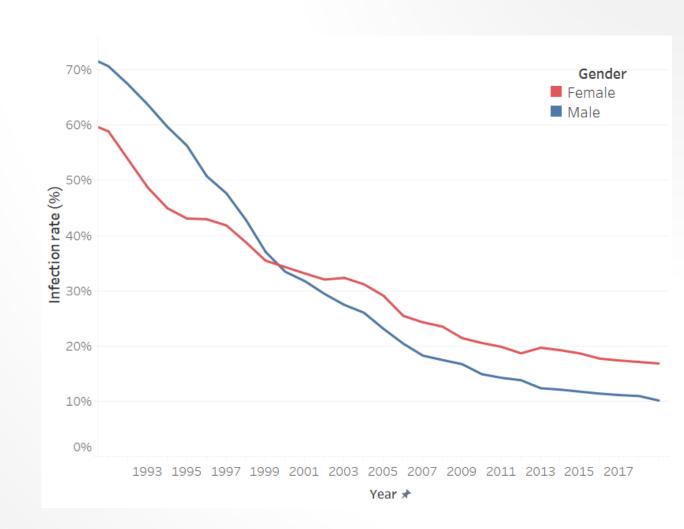
- Analyzed Metrics
 - Estimated HIV incidence rate per 1,000 population
 - Estimated number of AIDS-related deaths
 - Estimated new HIV infections per year
 - Estimated number of people living with HIV
 - Estimated AIDS mortality rate per 100,000 population

HIV INFECTION RATE CURVE

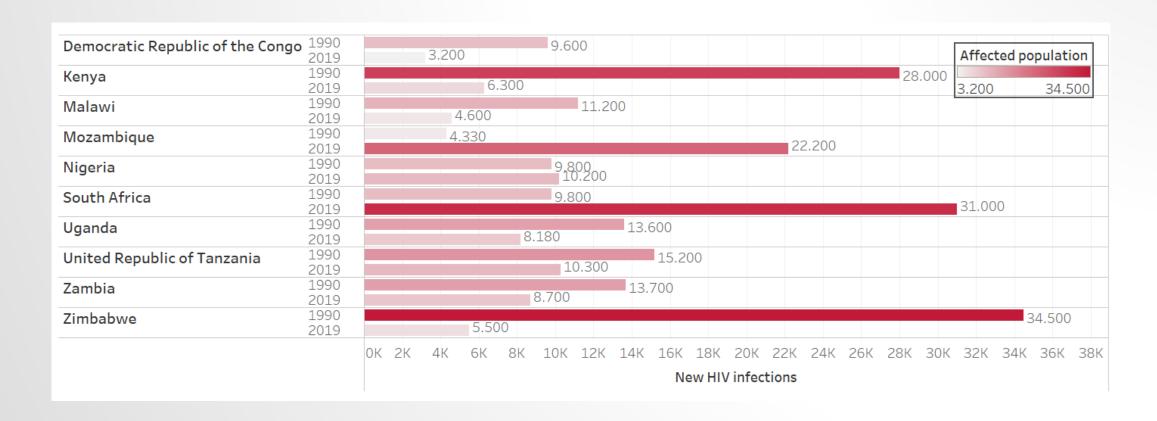
To determine the proportion of **new infections** relative to the total infected population:

Infection rate (%) =
$$\frac{\text{new infections}}{\text{infected population}} \times 100$$

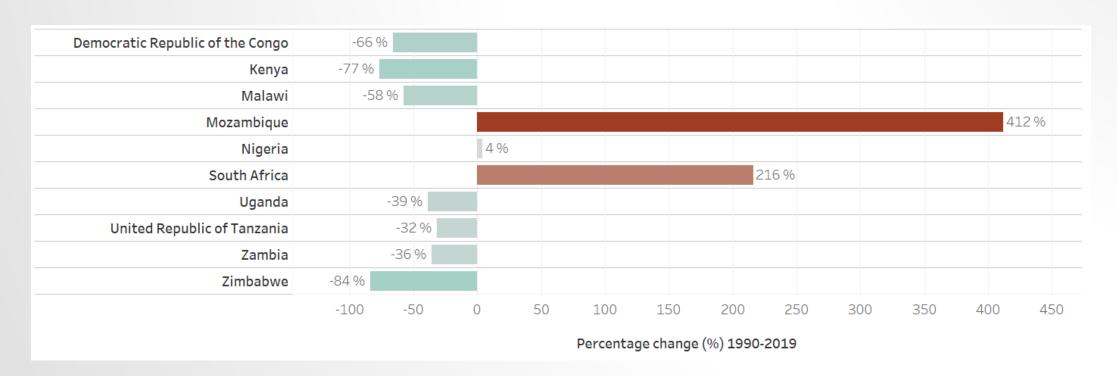
- This allows us to see the speed at which the infection grows relative to the already infected population.
 - The infection rate has decreased significantly over the years, especially for males.



EVOLUTION OF INFECTIONS BY COUNTRY (TOP 10)



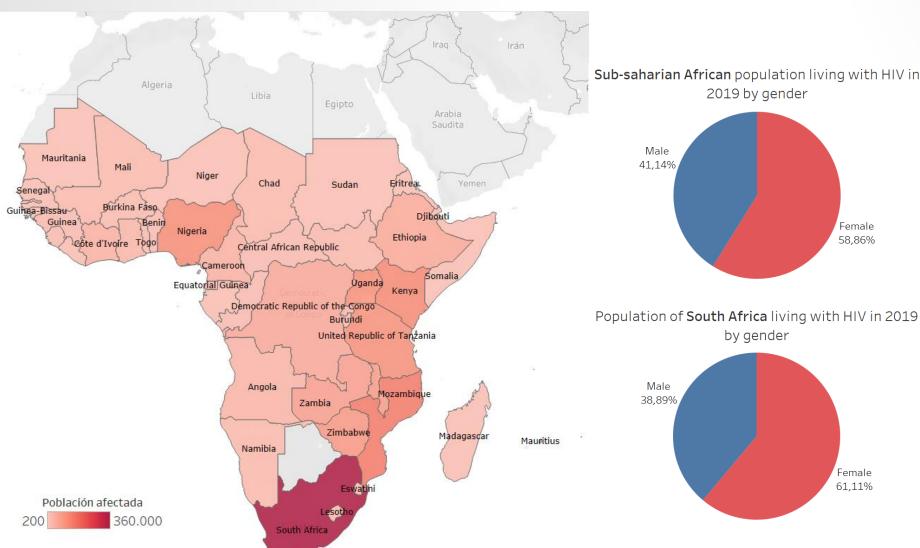
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Percentage change (%) = $\frac{\text{new infections in 2019 - new infections in 1990}}{\text{new infections in 1990}} \times 100$

★ Highest infections → South Africa & Mozambique

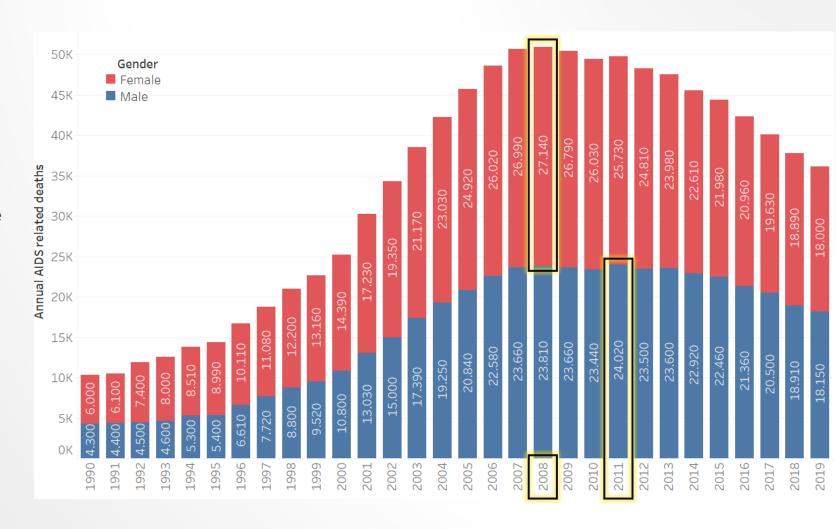
GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV IN 2019



- South Africa has the highest rate of affected population.
- Women are more likely to be infected with HIV than men.

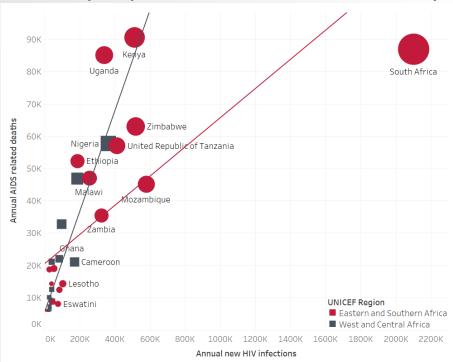
ANALYSIS OF AIDS-RELATED DEATHS

- A higher number of AIDS-related deaths is observed in women.
- Death rates initially rose but have decreased in recent years, likely due to advancements in treatment and increased testing.
- The peak in deaths occurred earlier for women (2008) than for men (2011).



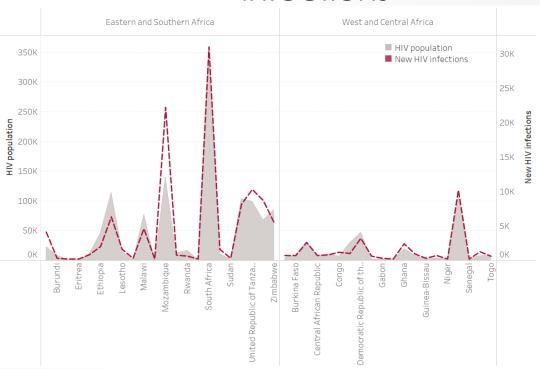
COMPARISON BETWEEN ES-AFRICA AND WC-AFRICA IN 2019

HIV population vs. Mortality



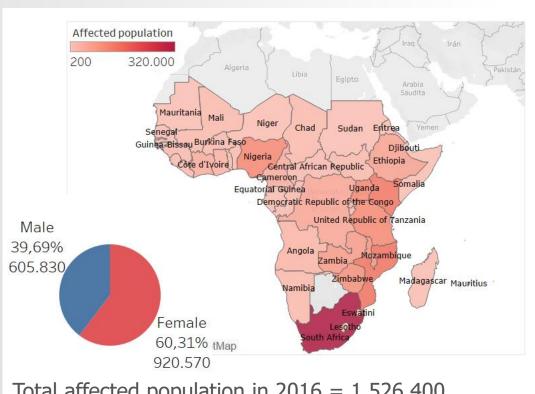
- Higher impact in **E&S Africa** (red).
- Kenya & Uganda highest ratio of deaths to new affected population. [outliers]
- **South Africa** highest number of affected population and AIDS-related deaths.

HIV population vs. New infections



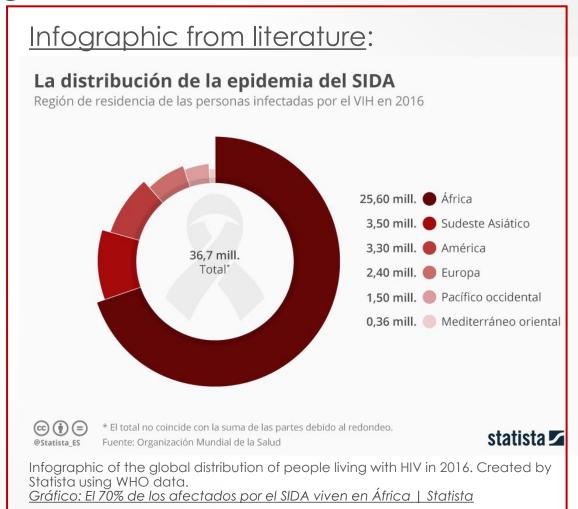
- Countries in E&S Africa have a higher burden of infections.
- If new infections exceed the HIV population, the infected population will grow faster. [tendency]
- If the dashed lines decline, it means there are fewer new infections.

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF PEOPLE **LIVING WITH HIV IN 2016**



Total affected population in 2016 = 1.526.400

- The HIV data for sub-Saharan Africa in 2016 differ from those reported in the literature.
- Please note that these data do not represent the entire continent or population.



CONCLUSIONS

- The infection rate decreased considerably over the years, likely due to greater accessibility to testing and antiretroviral treatments.
- A higher incidence is observed in women compared to men, probably because the main mode of transmission occurs through heterosexual relationships.
- There are **regions** or countries where the impact of the infection is greater and even increases over time, indicating that **prevention policies need to be strengthened** in these areas.



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