Determinants of HIV

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Motivation and Research Question

1. Understand why some countries failed to achieve MDG 6A

- *MDG 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases*
- *Target 6A: Have halted by 2015 and begun to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS*

Source: http://www.mdgmonitor.org/goal6.cfm

2. Explore disease-specific determinants of health

Research Question: Are community level factors significant determinants of HIV/AIDS incidence rates?
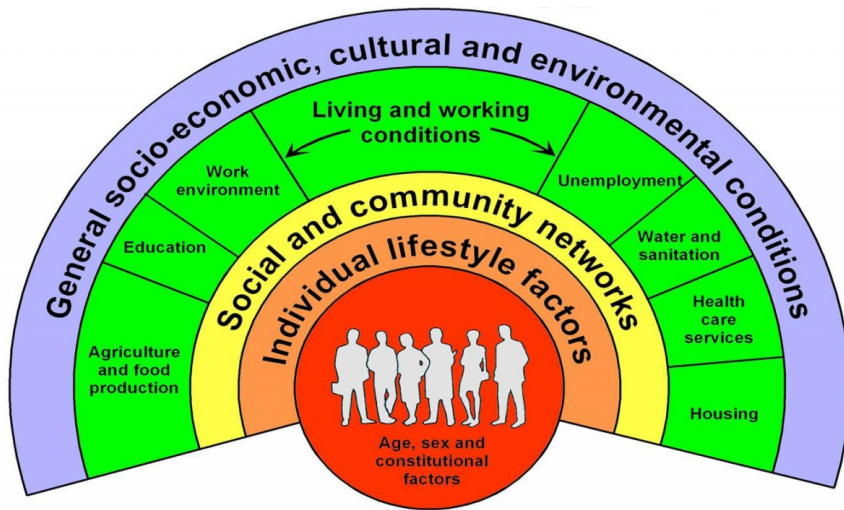
Methodology and Dataset

Methodology

- We will. . .

Datasets

- We will use the World Development Indicators (WDI) for the independent variables and a dataset from UNAIDS for the HIV/AIDS prevalence rate.
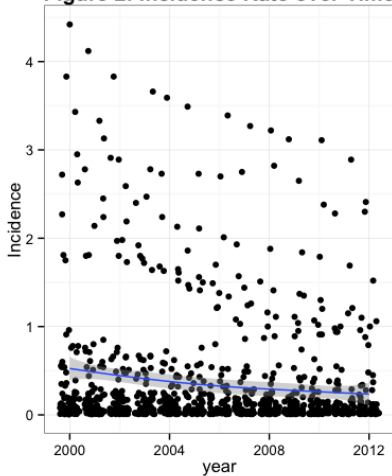
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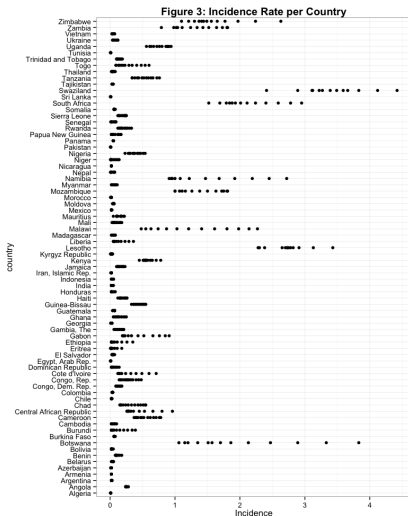

Source: Dahlgren and Whitehead, 1991

Descriptive Statistics

Figure 2: Incidence Rate over Time

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Figure 3: Incidence Rate per Country

The Model

To answer our research question we will estimate the following equation:

$$I_{it} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 SE_{it} + \beta_2 WLC_{it} + \beta_3 SCN_{it} + \beta_4 ILF_{it} + \epsilon_{it}$$

Where I stands for HIV/AIDS incidence, SE stands for socioeconomic factors, WLC stands for working and living conditions, SCN stands for social and community networks and ILF stands for individual lifestyle factors.

Findings

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## Attaching package: 'dplyr'
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## The following object is masked from 'package:stats':
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##     filter
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## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
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##     intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
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## You have loaded plyr after dplyr - this is likely to cause
## If you need functions from both plyr and dplyr, please load
## library(plyr); library(dplyr)
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Imputed missing values

Conclusions and Limitation