

AFRICAN MYTHS AND MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT THE HIV CURE !!

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Back ground



Africa the most beautiful Continent
Contributes 20% of global population
But has 27m people with HIV



Why do we want an HIV cure in Africa?

Burden, Mortality, Cost and dependency, Stigma, Toxicity, options, death
340000 Africans died UNAIDS

Misconceptions and Myths

Most are based on personal and unguided reasoning's

SUPPRESSION IS CURE

**ART kills + adherence= VLs
=abandon ART=HDR Education**

Educ about reservoirs/dormant

- Young persons

- caretakers



New prevention and treatment tools

Advances in ART

Put them on treatment

Let them fall one by one



Americans and Europeans have the cure

- 12 yrs ago Timothy
- An American cured in EU
- why not an African
- TRB drugs hidden
- Infections in Africa
- Infections in US too
- greener



WITCH CRAFT CURES HIV

Use this practice to cheat

Blood cleanse

Abls and children

Virgins cure HIV

Police in Uganda arrests a doc with 5
dead bodies



Pastors and prophets cure HIV

Just pray

Abandon your meds

Rising rates of HDR

Relatives don't pray

west supports these churches



Sensitive myths

An intelligence formed the virus and has the cure. The benefits of treating people outweigh the benefits of curing them.

FUNDERS, ADVOCATES AND PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES

- The energy in PrEP ,CaRT and vaccine research
- Advocates we are not doing enough we need to **ACT UP**
- **Pharmaceutical world is very slow when it comes to cure** eg new ART every scientific conference
- 80% of the funds NIH others, Africa.



Media



Cure breakthrough and its misconceptions

For Rich just like ART to Africa in early 90s
Resistance, Aging, pregnant mothers, comorbidities,
condoms/health systems will collapse

ENDING HIV BY 2030

27 million people with HIV in Africa need more simplified explanations about these global programs of ending HIV /AIDS by 2020 and 2030 .I was in Manafwa district in eastern part of Uganda where folks with HIV approached me for the on going rumours that actually UNAIDS with its international partners have the cure of HIV which they are planning to release soon so that whole world can be free of HIV by 2030.They still believed until I sat down with them to explain the UNAIDS 90 90 90 Global program of ending HIV.AIDS by 2030



Herbalists, no regulation and research



CONCLUSION

Fake news ,lies and misinformation's about the HIV CURE give false hopes to folks with HIV and threaten to reverse the good work being done by UNAIDS and its global partners to end HIV by 2030. A lot need to be done to create and empower community advocates with facts about the cure of HIV and the on going global cure research so that they can be able to pass on this vital information to the grassroots. Some of the impossibles in 1990 are now possible due to enthusiasm and commitment. A cure of HIV is very possible if all the stakeholders can agree to double their enthusiasm, energy and funding

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