HIV/AIDS in Namibia: Behavioral and Contextual Factors Driving the Epidemic

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Description:
This report identifies and describes what current evidence indicates are the main behavioral and contextual factors that are driving the HIV epidemic in Namibia. The report is intended to assist in the development of a national prevention strategy for combating the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Data from several sources are triangulated to assess which factors are most likely to contribute to the spread of HIV across the population. In the absence of a national seroprevalence survey, the following were examined to identify the main drivers of the Namibian HIV epidemic: 1. The prevalence, distribution, and trends over time of proximate determinants of HIV infection within Namibia (obtained from an analysis of the Namibia Demographic and Health Surveys [NDHS] and other local surveys). 2. Socio-demographic factors associated with HIV infection among clients who were tested for HIV in select New Start voluntary counseling and testing (VCT) facilities throughout Namibia (obtained from analysis of these data). 3. The findings and conclusions of other researchers who have investigated various aspects of HIV/AIDS vulnerability in Namibia.4. Factors most associated with HIV infection in neighboring countries, and in other generalized epidemics for which representative HIV prevalence surveys exist.

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