AIDS FACTS TO KNOW

• Youth aged 15-24 make up 67% of newly infected individuals in the developing world

• Almost 2/3 of these are young women

• In Sub-Sahara Africa, young women are three times more likely to be infected than young men

• Marriage is no protection against HIV; HIV infection rates are higher among young married women (aged 12-19) than among their sexually active unmarried peers.

• In the next 70 years, if current levels of preventions and treatment don’t change, 68 million people are expected to die of aids worldwide.

• Multiply one mother’s plea by 40 million. That’s how many people are infected with HIV in the world. 70% of them live in Sub-Saharan Africa

• Without prevention efforts, 35% of children born to an HIV positive mother will become infected with HIV. At least a quarter of newborns infected with HIV die before age one, and up to 60% will die before reaching their second birthdays.

• Only one in ten persons infected with HIV worldwide has been tested and knows his/her HIV status.

• By the end of 2005, 40.3 million people were living with HIV/AIDS, including 17.5 million women and 2.3 million children under the age of 15