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Urban, Rural and Economic Development A Conceptual Framework to Help Understand Interactions Between Poverty & HIV/AIDS

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- Everybody 'knows' that HIV and poverty are linked
- But the nature of the relationship is far from simple
- Nor is the relationship unidirectional





INTRODUCTION

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- Poverty = risk factor for & consequence of HIV infection
- Extensive literature on poverty and HIV/AIDS, but most fails to link the two.
- Need to examine the interactions between poverty and HIV/AIDS



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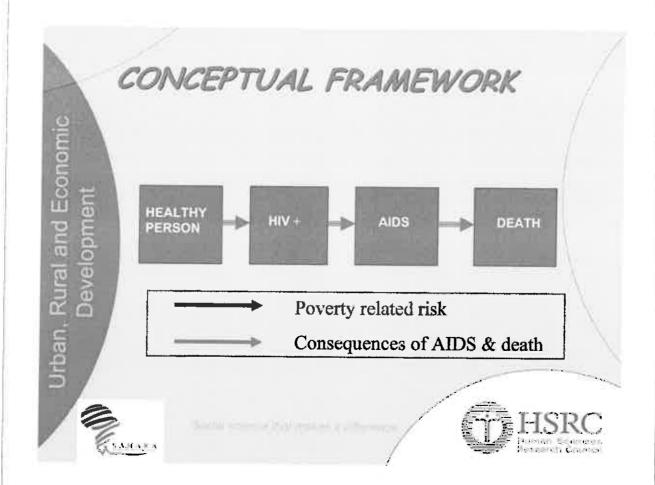


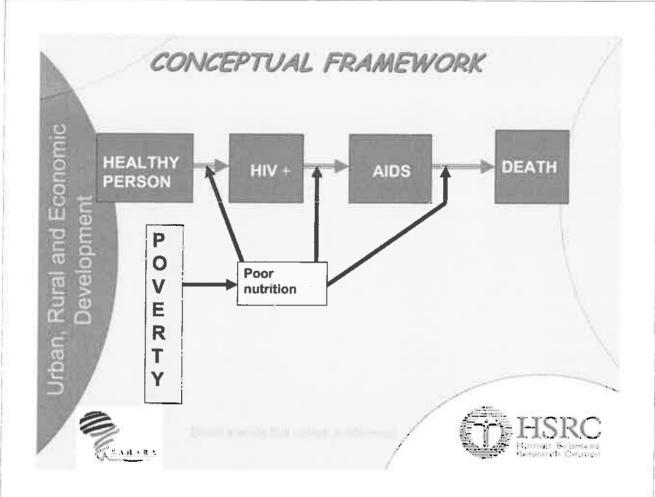
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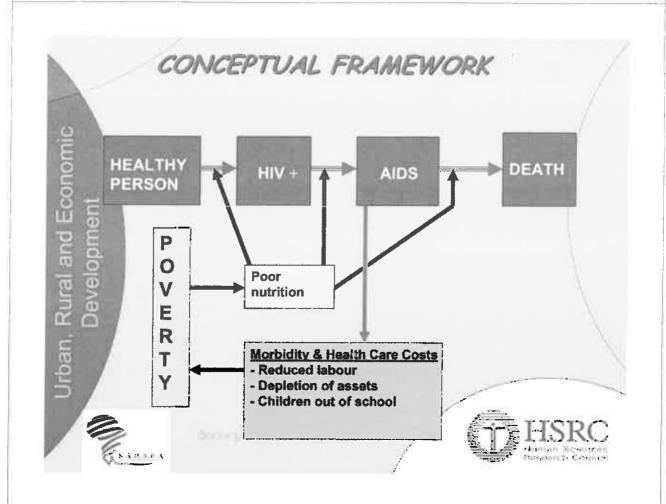
HIV infection results in:

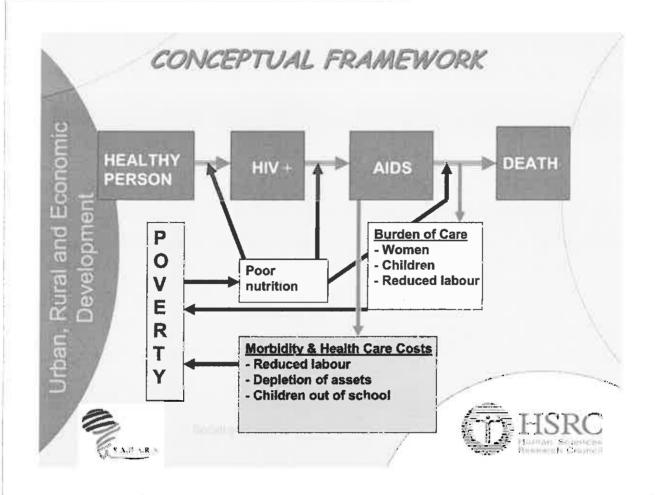
- · Direct economic impacts
 - loss of income, increased health care expenditure
- · Indirect economic impacts
 - social exclusion/stigma
- · Increased burden of care
 - especially women and children
- Economic impacts of orphans on households
 - effects of child care grants etc.
- Declining food security, nutrition & health
 - loss of labour

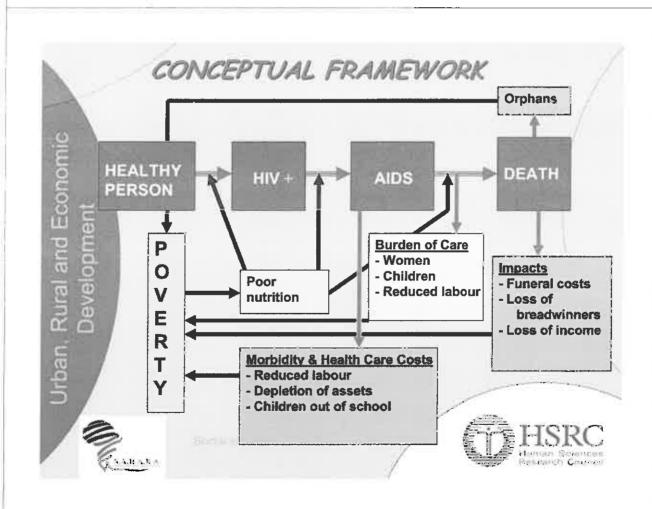












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The way forward

- Empirical evidence is needed to establish the relative importance of the identified relationships
- Evidence needs to be both qualitative and quantitative because poverty is multidimensional
- Various aspects of the relationship will be presented in the papers that follow this one



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Thank you!

