

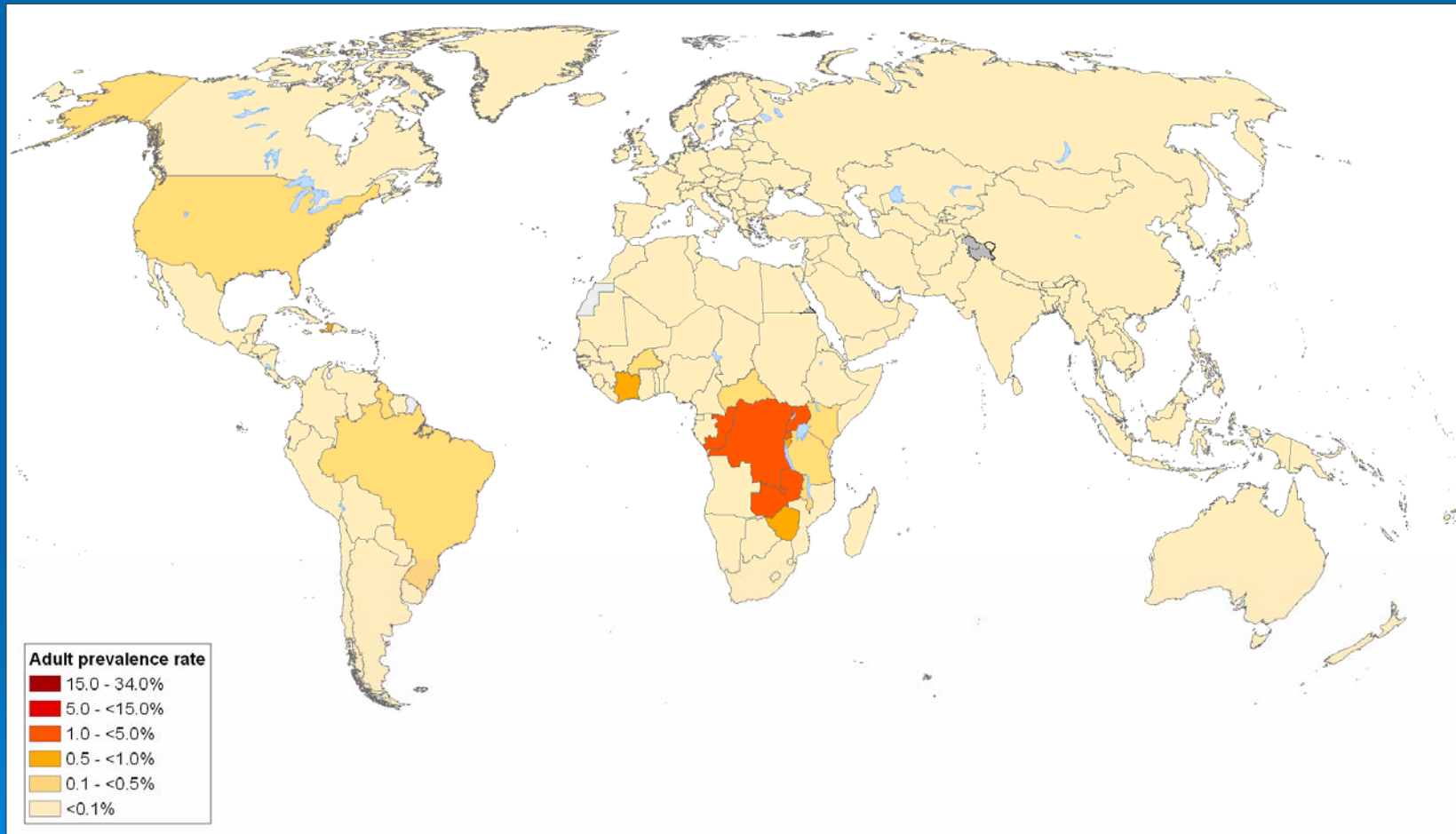
Good Politics, Bad Politics and the Future of AIDS

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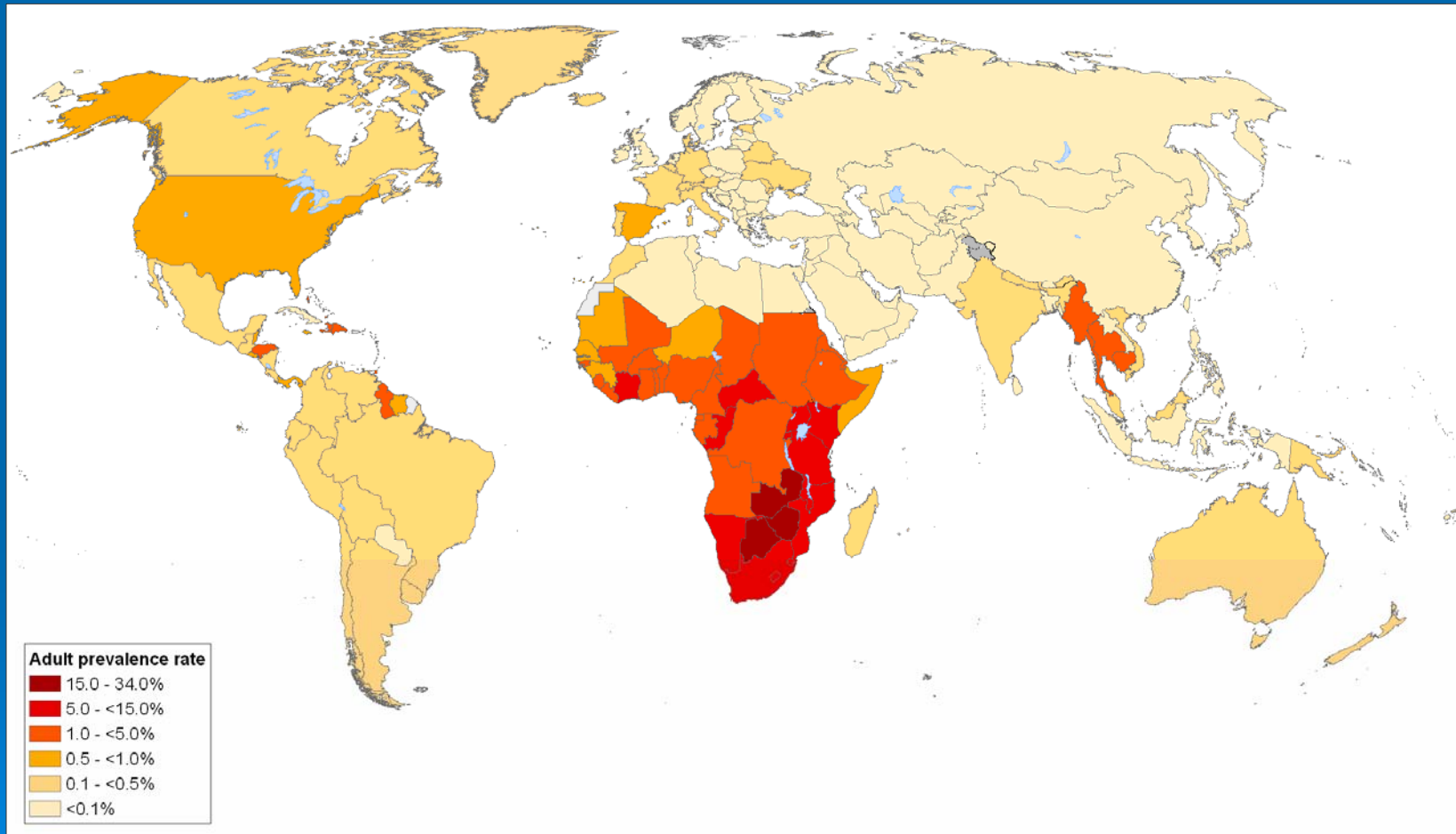
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Global HIV prevalence in adults, 1985

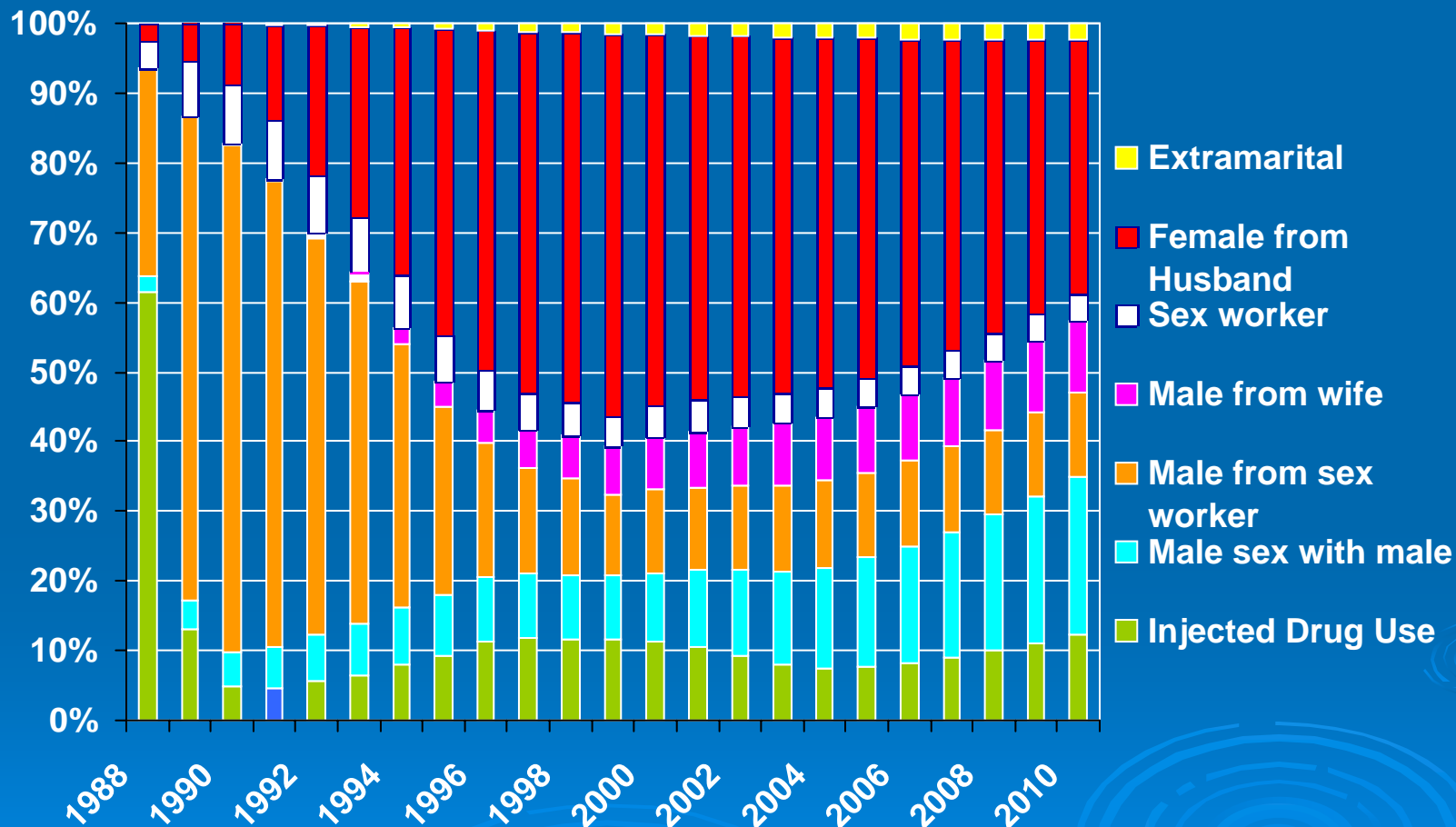


Global HIV prevalence in adults, 1995



Changing dynamics of the epidemic

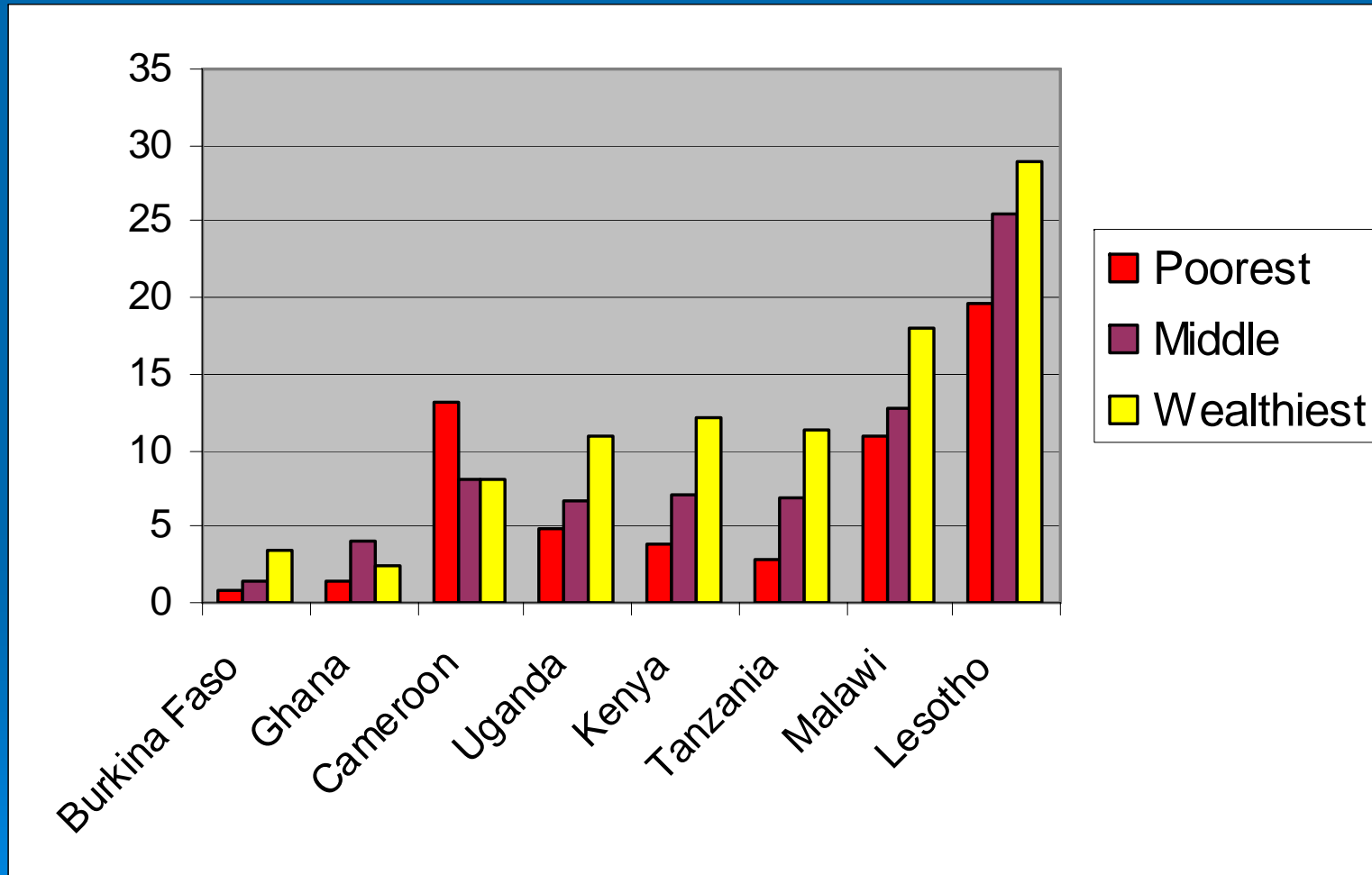
Proportion of HIV infections from different population groups, 1988-2010 (estimates to 2005, projections >2005)



Source: Towards Universal Access by 2010: Thailand National HIV and AIDS Program Thailand National HIV/AIDS Program Bureau Of AIDS, TB and STIs Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand, 2006



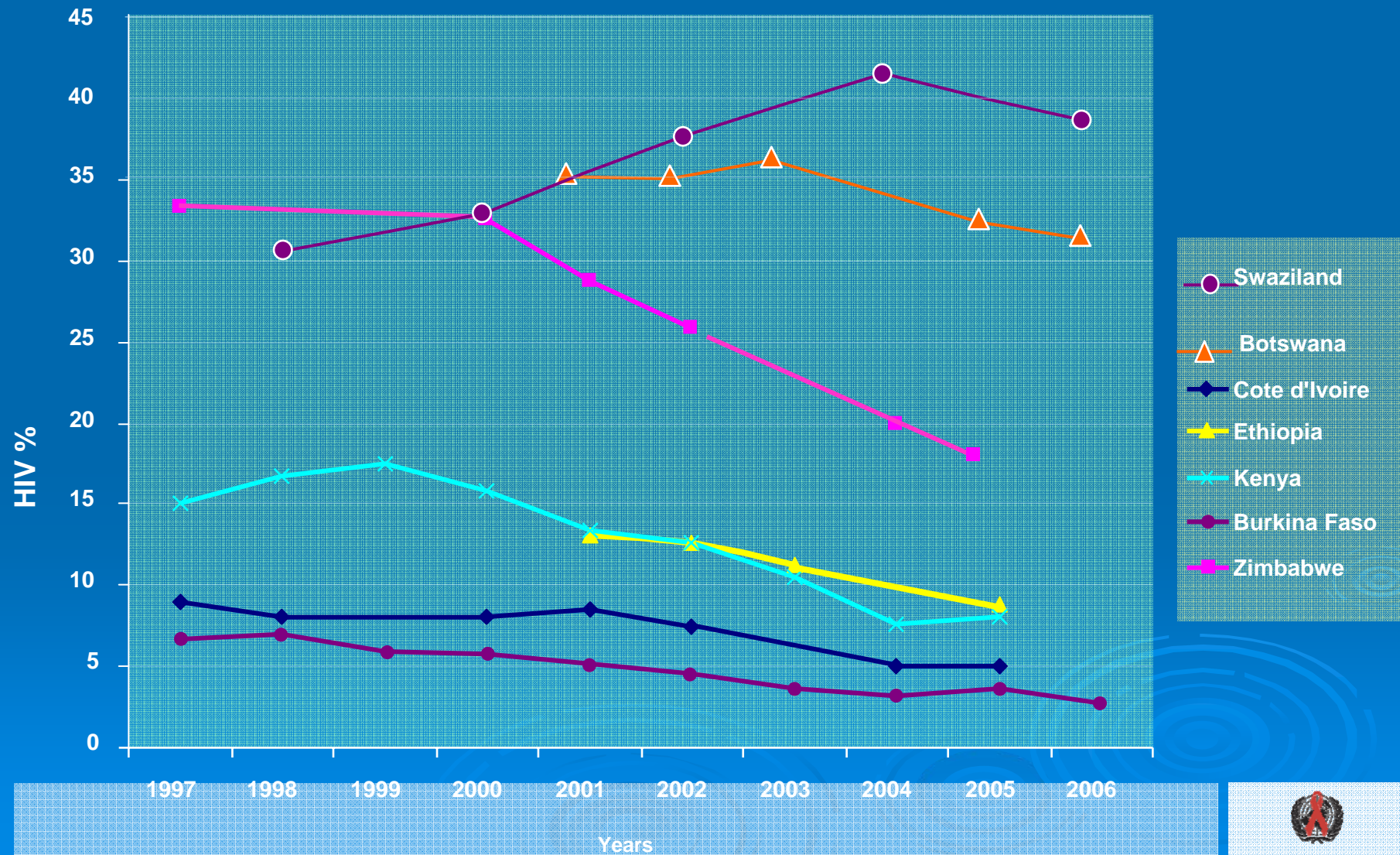
HIV Prevalence by Wealth Quintile of Women in Eight African Countries



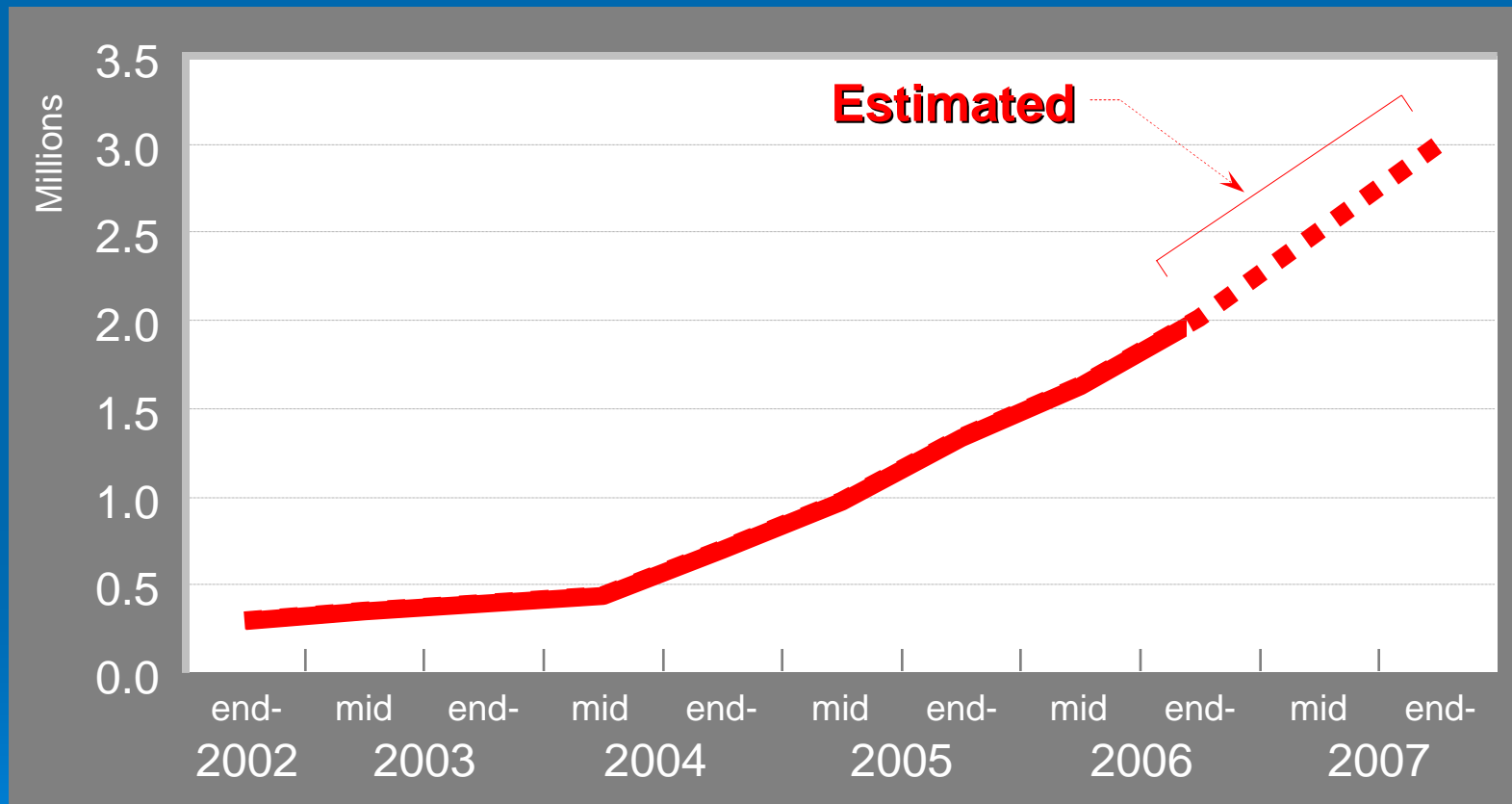
Mishra V, Bignami-Van Assche S, Greener R, Vaessen M, Hong R, et al. (2007) HIV infection does not disproportionately affect the poorer in sub-Saharan Africa. AIDS (supplement)



HIV Prevalence among pregnant women attending Antenatal clinics in Sub Saharan Africa 1997-2006



Number of people on antiretroviral therapy in low- and middle-income countries, 2002–2007



How did we get here?

Convergence of:

- Activism
- Political leadership
- Availability of treatment
- Favourable funding climate



Activism



Zackie Achmat (second from left) from South Africa's Treatment Action Campaign demonstrates with Archbishop Njongonkulu Winston Hugh Ndungane of Cape Town (second from right) at the 13th International AIDS Conference in Durban, South Africa.



Leadership



*Former President
Fernando Henrique
Cardoso of Brazil.*



Leadership

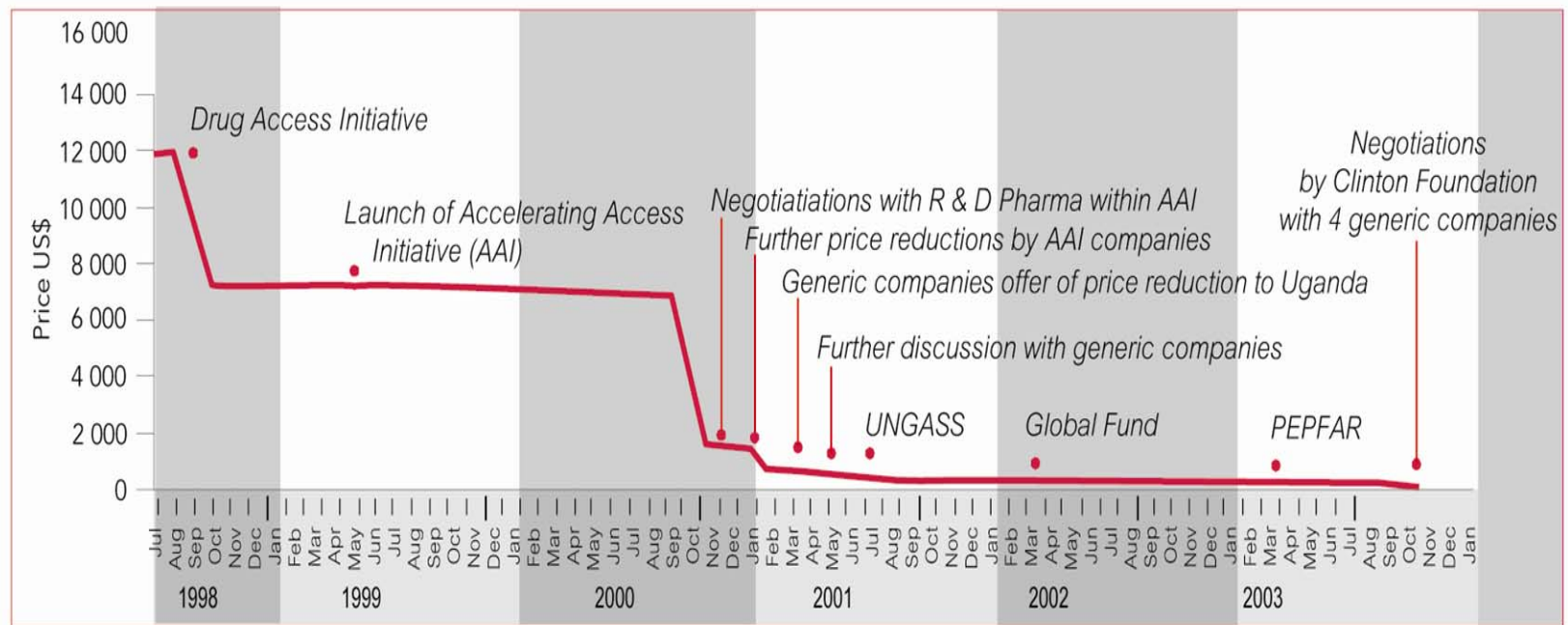


Here with UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Al Gore, Vice President of the USA, chaired the first debate on AIDS as a major security issue at the UN Security Council in January 2000.



Availability of treatment

Prices of First-Line Antiretroviral Regimen in Uganda: 1998-2003



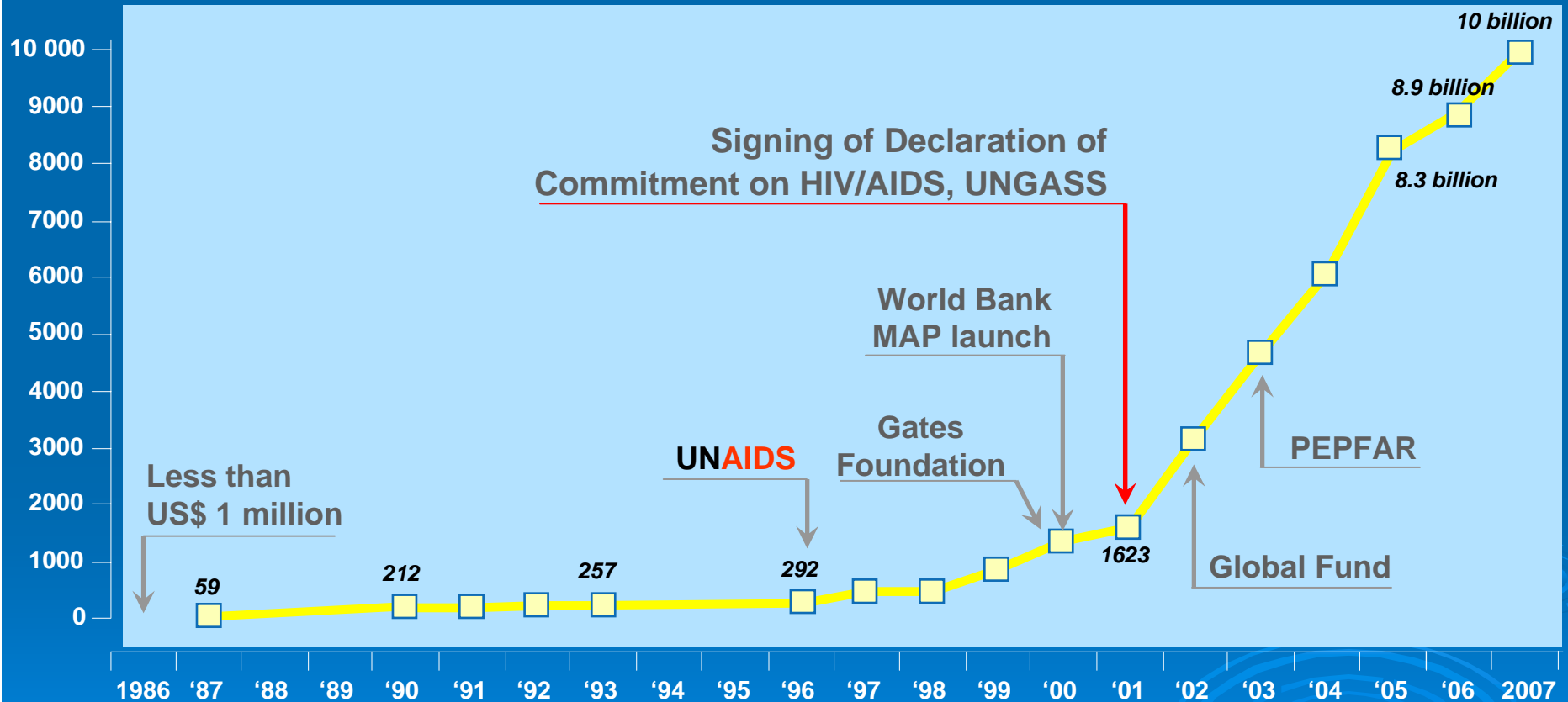
Prices (US\$/year) of first-line antiretroviral regimen in Uganda: 1998-2003



Funding

Total annual resources available for AIDS 1986 – 2007

US\$ million



Notes: [1] 1986-2000 figures are for international funds only
[2] Domestic funds are included from 2001 onwards

[i] 1996-2005 data: Extracted from 2006 Report on the Global AIDS Epidemic (UNAIDS, 2006)

[ii] 1986-1993 data: AIDS in the World II. Edited by Jonathan Mann and Daniel J. M. Tarantola (1996)



Negative Politics

- Policy debates around sex and drugs
- Government leadership and policies
- Donor policies



Policy debates

- Sex education in schools
- Abstinence only
- Condom promotion, particularly for adolescents
- Homosexuality
- Harm reduction among injecting drug users





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One of the Biggest Challenges to Society



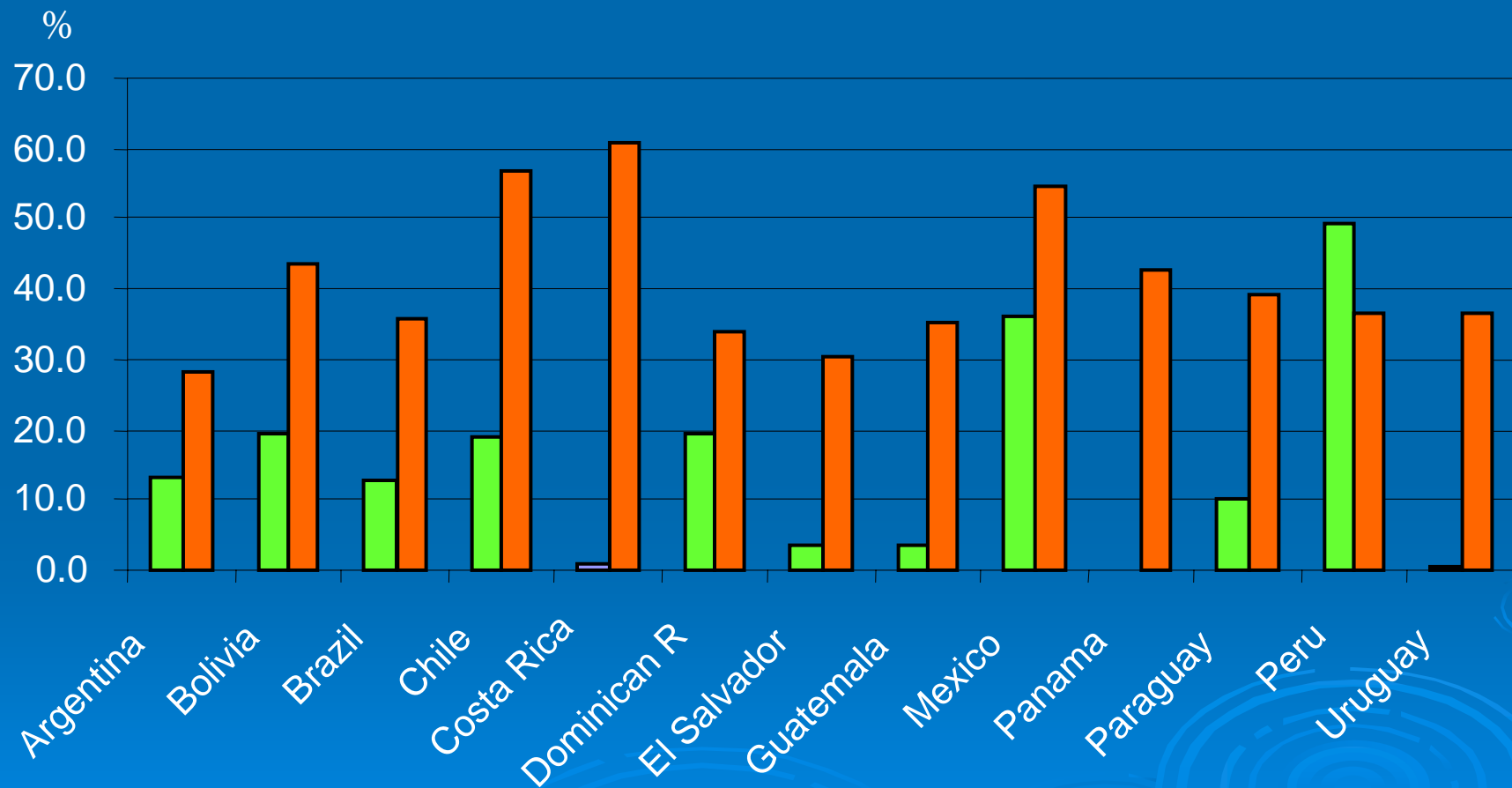
Government Leadership

- Leadership
- Governance and accountability
- Funding allocation and spending
- Space for civil society
- Link with development



Funds not going where the epidemic is

Preventive expenditure for men who have sex with men against % of AIDS cases



Source: SIDALAC/ UNAIDS. 2001.

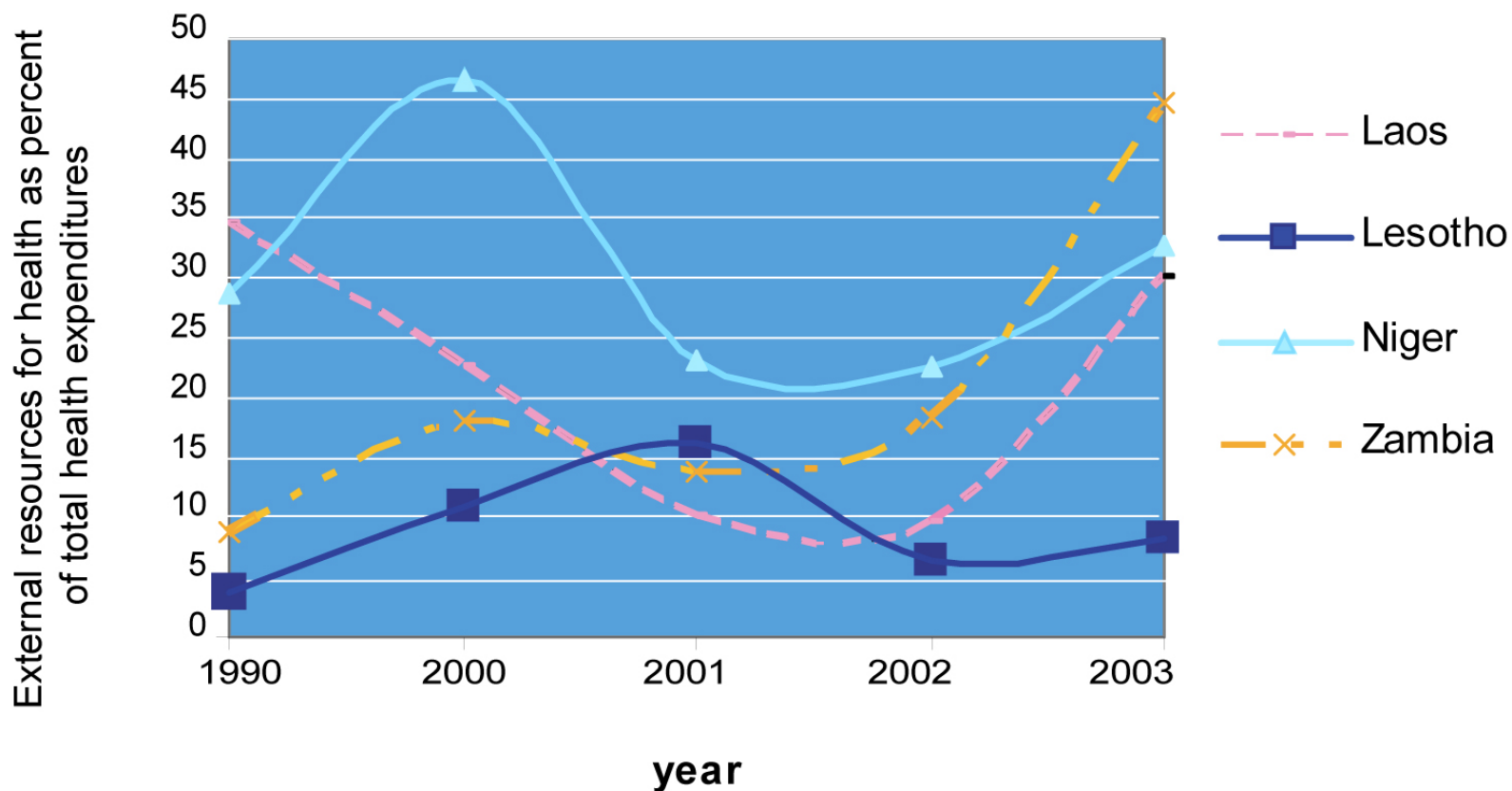


Donor Policies

- Short term and volatile
- Lack of coherence and coordination
- Conditionalities
- Trade and TRIPS policies
- Opposition to treatment until 2002/3

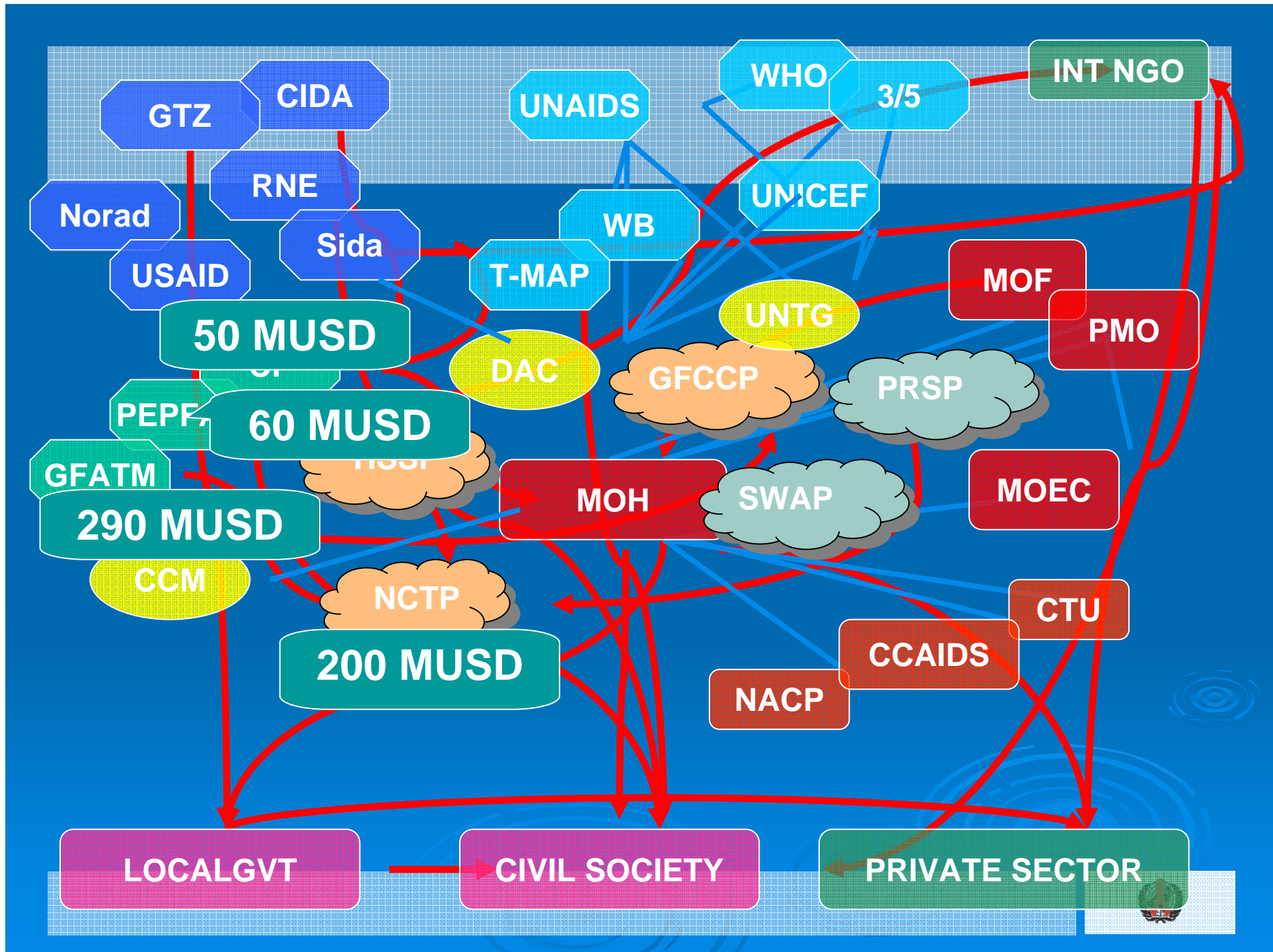


Volatility in Aid for Health, Selected Countries, 1999–2003



Source: World Health Organization, 2006





The need for a long-term approach to AIDS

- AIDS becoming a long-wave event
- Long-term challenges

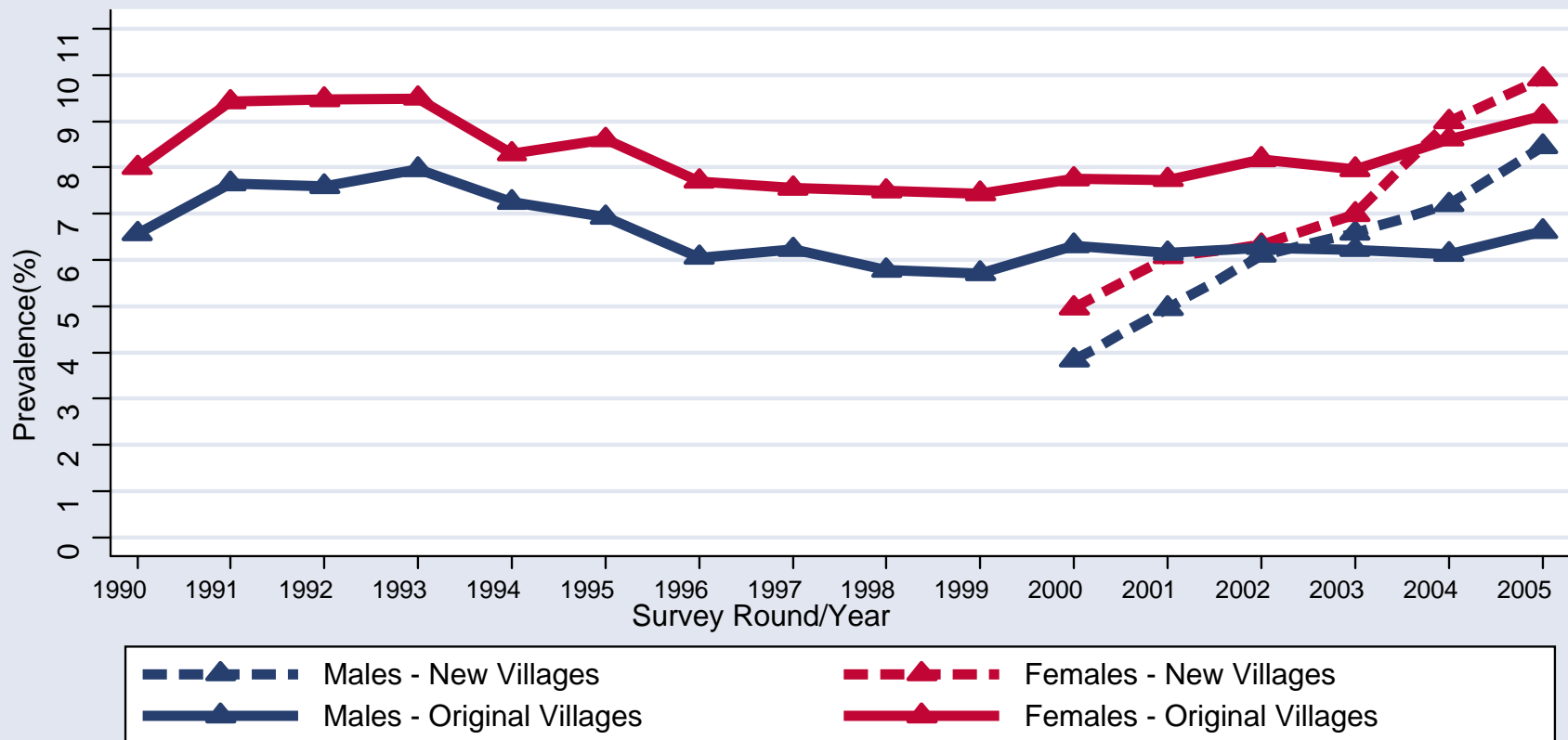


Long-term Challenges

- Politics and leadership
- Evidence-informed policies
- Funding
- Programme implementation



Crude Prevalence by Sex - Masaka Rural Cohort Uganda



Source: LA Shafer et al., Ministry of Health Uganda, MRC, UVRI, 2006



Long-term Challenges

- Sustainability of impact
- Social change
- Technological innovation



AIDS transcends traditional boundaries of health and development



Lessons

- **Anything can happen**
- **Solution must come from within**
- **Global action does make a difference**
- **Don't take success for granted**
- **Politics does make a difference**

