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Fact sheet

Children Orphaned by AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa

- More than 11 million children under the age of 15 in sub-Saharan Africa have lost at least one parent to HIV/AIDS; 34 million children have been orphaned overall.
- More than half of those orphaned by HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa are between the ages of 10 and 15.
- Eighty percent of all the world's children orphaned by HIV/AIDS reside in sub-Saharan Africa.
- The orphan crisis in sub-Saharan Africa will worsen dramatically in the coming years. By 2010, there will be approximately 20 million children in sub-Saharan Africa who have lost at least one parent to HIV/AIDS.
- If not for HIV/AIDS, the number of orphans in sub-Saharan Africa would be decreasing.
- The percentage of the region's orphans whose parents died from HIV/AIDS has grown from 3.5 percent in 1990 to 32 percent in 2001.
- By 2010, about half of all the orphans in sub-Saharan Africa will have become orphans because of HIV/AIDS.
- No other region has been as hard hit by HIV/AIDS as sub-Saharan Africa, which is home to nearly three-quarters of the worldwide population of people living with HIV/AIDS.
- At the end of 2002, there were more than 29 million people in sub-Saharan Africa living with HIV/AIDS. Nearly 10 million of them were young people between the ages of 15 and 24. Almost three million of them were children under the age of 15.
- HIV/AIDS killed about 2 million adults in sub-Saharan Africa in 2002.

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