

“Poverty and HIV/AIDS”: Are they Related? An Ecological Issue

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ABSTRACT This paper looks at the theoretical relationship between HIV/AIDS and poverty. The paper makes reference to various research conducted by various HIV/AIDS Centers. The paper tries to evaluate the impact of the studies conducted and draw from their work. It is true that there is a relationship between HIV/AIDS and poverty. However the study did embrace service poverty as a focus. It can be concluded that poverty has a huge impact in accelerating the epidemic. Such inference can be made with regard to financial means to survive. It was also established that women are more likely to be exposed to HIV/AIDS risk as they don't negotiate safe sex because of their dependence on men. The results showed that there should be more emphasis on sex education; community members should be knowledgeable about HIV/ AIDS and the use of condoms. The usage of means to promote sex safe behavior should be encouraged among community members; this will require the need to reflect more on cultural, economic and moral issues.