

Roles of Traditional Healers in the Fight Against HIV/AIDS

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ABSTRACT HIV/AIDS is not just a regional but global challenge. Globally, about 40 million people are living with HIV/AIDS with 70 per cent living in the continent of Africa. Antiretroviral drugs have not yielded deserving results in checking the menace of the disease. Thus there is the need for a complementary measure to check the spread of HIV/AIDS. This paper examines the role of traditional healers and their product in the management and prevention of HIV/AIDS. The experiences of the countries using the traditional medicine and healers in the management of HIV/AIDS are examined. The paper concludes that given the necessary support, traditional healers can be integrated into research that will give hope to the entire human race in the control of HIV/AIDS.