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children
living in
a world with **AIDS**



More children are
contracting HIV than
ever before, and
there is no sign that
the infection rate is
slowing...

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In eastern European orphanages sick and neglected infants lie dying of AIDS, with no family to comfort them.

In villages in Africa, graves mark the homes where parents have died leaving grandparents to care for their children. In some of the worst hit areas, only children and old people are left.

In India almost half a million children working in the sex trade are at risk of acquiring HIV. There is a constant demand for younger sex workers, because of the belief that they are less likely to be infected.

In Thailand WHO estimates that by the year 2000, 1.5 million women will be HIV+, and one third of their offspring will die from AIDS.

Most HIV-infected children acquire the virus from their mothers. The risk of an infected mother passing the virus to her baby is between one in three and one in four. With women of childbearing age making up an increasing proportion of people with HIV, there is a desperate need to increase education amongst this group.

Even in the developed world only one in five infected children survive to see their tenth birthday. In Africa, two thirds die before the age of three. **If the spread of HIV is not controlled, by the year 2010 AIDS may double child mortality in some areas, wiping out recent improvements in child health.**

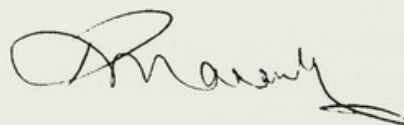
Worldwide over 2° million children are believed to have become infected with HIV since the beginning of the epidemic. But nine million have lost their mothers to AIDS. The emotional impact of these losses upon families and the economic impact on

regions can hardly be overestimated.

Yet even the millions of children orphaned by AIDS are just the tip of the iceberg. The parents of millions more are left too sick to care for them.

The children of families living with HIV frequently suffer prejudice and stigma. For some the loss of schooling, health care and inheritance rights may be the result.

The needs of children living with HIV and AIDS are enormous, but at ACET we want to play our part in helping to meet them. Please help us to continue to safeguard the future for our children, and for the children of the world.



Pat Macaulay
Chief Executive, ACET



Because of *your* generosity, and that of others like you:

Last year over 250 people in the UK with HIV and AIDS were enabled to continue living in their own homes

Over 25,000 school pupils in the UK received face-to-face education about HIV, AIDS and sexual health in the last academic year

Education and training programmes in Uganda have been credited with levelling off the rate of HIV infection

What you give really does make a difference.

"The disastrous impact AIDS is having on children has not been given enough attention"

Dr Peter Piot, Executive Director, UNAIDS

Every day 1,000 children worldwide become infected with the HIV virus, and 1,000 die from AIDS related illnesses. Thousands more are affected in other ways...

○ **ORPHANED**

9 million children worldwide have lost their mothers because of AIDS

○ **IMPOVERISHED**

Countries like Kenya expect to lose 15% of their future income because of AIDS

○ **INFECTED**

Almost a million children under the age of fifteen are HIV positive

○ **DYING**

1.4 million children have already died from AIDS-related illnesses



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In communities around the world ACET provides unconditional care for those with HIV and AIDS, practical education and training about AIDS and its prevention.

Worldwide ACET supports and co-operates with others who are responding to AIDS in their community.

ACET works with national and international agencies to promote policies to reduce the spread of HIV.

ACET was established in 1988 as a Christian response to HIV and AIDS

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