

India AIDS situation The following facts are based on a recent three city tour of India and participation in the World Economic Forum Southern Africa Economic Summit in May 1997.

- The global pandemic continues to accelerate very rapidly despite hopeful signs of behaviour change.
- African nations continue to suffer with alarming lack of action by many.
- For example a recent UNAIDS survey of 40 companies in Zimbabwe found that in a country with 80% of the population infected with HIV, only four companies had been prepared to do so without being paid by another organisation.
- Of those four, only two had been prepared to do so without being paid by another organisation.
- Many company Chairmen and CEOs continue to insist that very few of their workforce are infected.
- India is facing a similar catastrophe made worse by the absence of a high profile government health minister.
- The absence of government action is striking with 30 million lives at risk in India over the next five years.

Useful India AIDS links

<http://www.avert.org/aidsindia.htm>

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