

Summaries of Community-based Research on the Gender Dimensions of HIV/AIDS

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UNIFEM sponsored community-based research in six countries as part of a pilot project to examine the gender dimensions of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. This document summarizes the research, highlighting key issues raised and suggests some points for action. Research conducted in the Bahamas generated information on the cultural context and the socio-economic causes and consequences of women's susceptibility to HIV/AIDS. In Vietnam, the focus of the research was to identify gender differentials in the impact of HIV/AIDS at the community and household levels. Myths and sexual practices, and their impact on the spread of the epidemic were analyzed in the research conducted in Senegal. In Mexico, the research focused on the intersection of gender, power, and HIV/AIDS. Gender discrimination in the home and community and its contribution to the spread of the epidemic, as well as, levels of knowledge and awareness of HIV/AIDS among men and women were examined in India. In Zimbabwe gender related causes and consequences of HIV/AIDS at the household level were researched, as well as how communities were coping with the challenges of being posed by HIV/AIDS.

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