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How did the Apartheid regime shape the volatile foundation that fuelled the HIV/AIDS prevalence among the black population in South Africa ?

South Africa has the highest HIV/AIDS epidemic in the world

- 6.3 million people are infected with HIV/AIDS
- 19.9 % of the population -> 19.5% are black people ->
- Highest prevalence: young black woman, aged 15-35
- Vulnerable & Submissive position in society -> Gender inequality
- Highest Prevalence in rural underdeveloped areas → “Townships”



1652: Dutch imperialists -> 1602: British Empire re-captured colony

- Discovery of Diamonds, Gold. -> Rich natural resources

- Colonialists initiated the segregation & discrimination of black people

- Contain **inferior black population** -> Exploitation of resources

- 1948-1994: Apartheid regime has intensified & deepened this process

-> Legal foundation for suppression and discrimination of "Blacks"

Migrant-Labour System – ‘Slave-System’

Black men resided in single-sex barracks -> widespread prostitution

➤ Initiated epidemic of Sexual Transmitted Diseases

- The Regime did not take any action to counter & contain the HIV epidemic

-> Problem of “blacks & gays” -> Contain, control, damage black population

-> Racial Discrimination -> Stimulate deepening & Expansion

➤ **Reinforcing Vicious Circle -> Explosive Expansion**

Fragmented & Volatile foundation

3 epicentres of HIV in South Africa, count for 65% of infections

-> deep rooted structural determinants:

Lack of solid educational institutions, rule of law is not respected, corruption, poverty, criminality, alcohol/drug abuse, Sexual-violence -> Insecurity

➤ FERTILE FOUNDATION for expansion of HIV.

-> Treatment is a ineffective -> focus on fundamental root causes of epidemic

3-point Action Plan -> Strengthen position of black women in society

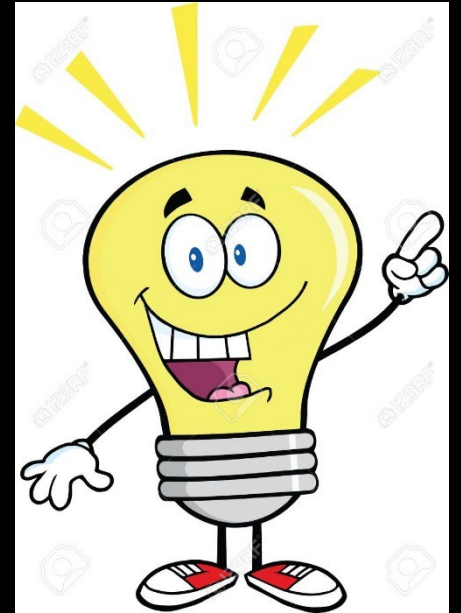
-> Provide young generation with combination of preventive & repressive Instruments to contain and counter HIV epidemic.

- **1: Short-term:** Distribution of Free condoms -> Sexual Active Population
- Main objective -> Contain and prevent further explosive expansion of HIV
- Accompanied by informative & stimulating national campaign
- -> Conducted through television, radio & social media
- "Road-Shows" -> Target underdeveloped areas
- Objective: Break through stigma -> Counter risky sex-behaviour



2. Medium-Term: Centralized Community Centre's -> CCC's

- Enriching & Informative melting point -> Target young generation
- Exchange Information, Experiences & Advice. -> Subdivided by age
- Equiped with computers, televisions, libraries -> Educational purpose
- -> Stimulate relaxation & development of skills & competencies -> knowledge level
- Healthcare-equipment & Medicines -> (medical)-students + consultations with doctors
- Preventive & Repressive Focus -> Unite forces in society + stimulate personal development



3. Long Term: Micro-loans -> Snowball-effect

- Young generation -> especially women -> Strengthen position
- Unconnected steps will devise a fertile foundation
- -> employment, development -> living standards -> Education ->
- Ongoing Progress -> Positive Reinforcing Vicious Circle
- Young black generation can contain & counter HIV epidemic
- > Essential instruments, Skills & Financial aid government

