



Fighting HIV/AIDS in Africa: The Swazi Children Care Project

Know the facts

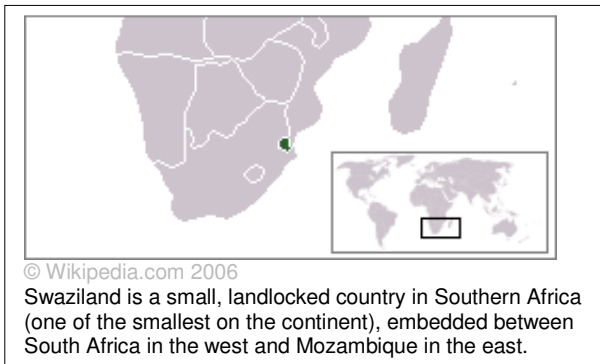
An estimated **38.6 million people** are living with HIV/AIDS -- that's more than twice the total populations of New York City, Los Angeles and Chicago combined.

More than **15 million children** worldwide have lost one or both parents to AIDS, nearly the same number as the number of American students enrolled in college.

In Swaziland, a small, landlocked country in southern Africa, **33.4 percent of the adult population** is infected with HIV/AIDS, and the disease has left thousands of children orphaned and at risk.

Swazi Stats

- Life expectancy has dropped from 65 years, in 1991 to 37 years in 2005.
- Swaziland is one of the hardest hit countries affected by HIV/AIDS
- 40% of Swazi children are stunted from malnutrition
- More than 43% of Swaziland's households hosts a child who has lost one or both parents (been orphaned) by AIDS.
- 69% of Swaziland's population lives below the poverty line, on less than \$1 a day.



UNICEF is working with Swaziland's communities to empower them to care for the country's children orphaned and made vulnerable by HIV/AIDS.

At UNICEF-supported Neighborhood Care Points, community volunteers provide young children affected by HIV/AIDS with a safe place, protection, medical care, and education.



Children are provided access to health services, water and sanitation services, and a warm meal. Older children may practice self-care and parenting skills, and ethical living skills.

Funds raised by Key Clubbers for the Swazi Children Care Project give Swaziland's will support existing Neighborhood Care Points and start new ones.



Volunteer Care Givers at Neighborhood Care Points prepare food, arrange for health care, give educational lessons, and provide a safe place for children during the day, so they can stay in their homes at night.

In 2007, Key Club committed to raise \$2 million for Swazi Children Care Points through Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF. So far, more than \$750,000 has been collected!



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