

AIDS IN AFRIKA: DIE BANGUI-DEFINITION

Provisional WHO clinical case definition for AIDS^{*)}

ADULTS

AIDS in an adult is defined by the existence of at least 2 of the major signs associated with at least 1 minor sign, in the absence of known causes of immunosuppression such as cancer or severe malnutrition or other recognized etiologies.

1. Major signs

- a) weight loss $\geq 10\%$ of body weight;
- b) chronic diarrhoea > 1 month;
- c) prolonged fever > 1 month (intermittent or constant).

2. Minor signs

- b) persistent cough für > 1 month;
- c) generalized pruritic dermatitis;
- d) recurrent herpes zoster;
- e) oro-pharyngeal candidiasis;
- f) chronic progressive and disseminated herpes simplex infection
- g) generalized lymphadenopathy.

The presence of generalized Kaposi's sarcoma or cryptococcal meningitis are sufficient by themselves for the diagnosis of AIDS

CHILDREN

Paediatric AIDS is suspected in an infant or child presenting with at least 2 of the following major signs associated with at least 2 of the following minor signs in the absence of known causes of immunosuppression such as cancer or severe malnutrition or other recognized etiologies.

1. Major signs

- a) weight loss or abnormally slow growth;
- b) chronic diarrhoea > 1 month;
- c) prolonged fever > 1 month;

2. Minor signs

- b) generalized lymphadenopathy;
- c) oro-pharyngeal candidiasis;
- d) repeated common infections (otitis, pharyngitis, etc.);
- e) persistent cough;
- f) generalized dermatitis;
- g) confired maternal LAV/HTLV-III infection

AIDS Cases Reported to WHO by Year as of 12 January 1988

	?	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	Total
Africa	1	0	0	0	3	14	82	206	2441	5946	8693
America	68	14	66	277	1054	3188	6267	11302	17090	17632	56958
Asia	0	0	1	0	1	8	4	29	54	127	224
Europe	8	0	4	16	72	218	578	1392	2635	3852	8775
Oceania	0	0	0	0	2	6	45	124	240	325	742
Total	77	14	71	293	1132	3434	6976	13053	22460	27882	75392

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