

INTEGRATING CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES AND HIV&AIDS INTERVENTIONS TO IMPROVE OVCY OUTCOMES

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Session overview

- The session showcases integration of child protection and HIV interventions to improve outcomes of OVCY & children affected by violence.
- The objective of the session:
 - - present evidence,
 - - assessment tools to strengthen child protection services and HIV interventions
 - - DSD's newly developed therapeutic programme to enhance effectiveness and quality of child protection practice for children and families

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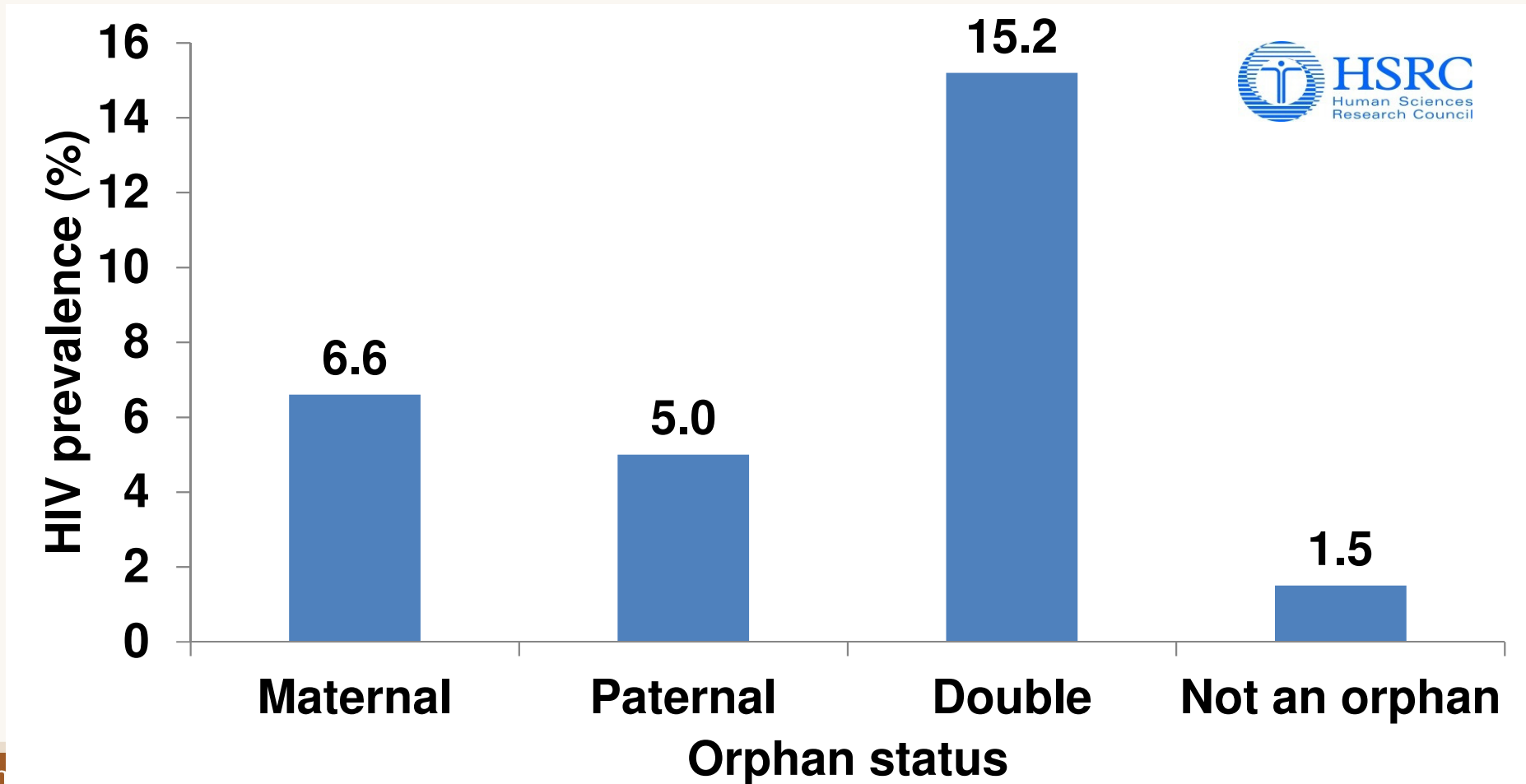
Status of children in South Africa

- Stats SA Mid Year population estimates that there were more than 20 million children in South Africa.
- An estimated 3,344,832 children were orphans, 2011 Census.
- According to Stats SA, KwaZulu-Natal has the largest percentage of orphans at 26.9% followed by the Eastern Cape at 24.7% and the Free State at 21.9%.
- Children that are orphans are more vulnerable to HIV&AIDS and require child protection.

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HIV prevalence by orphanhood status among children 0-14 years, South Africa (HSRC, 2012)



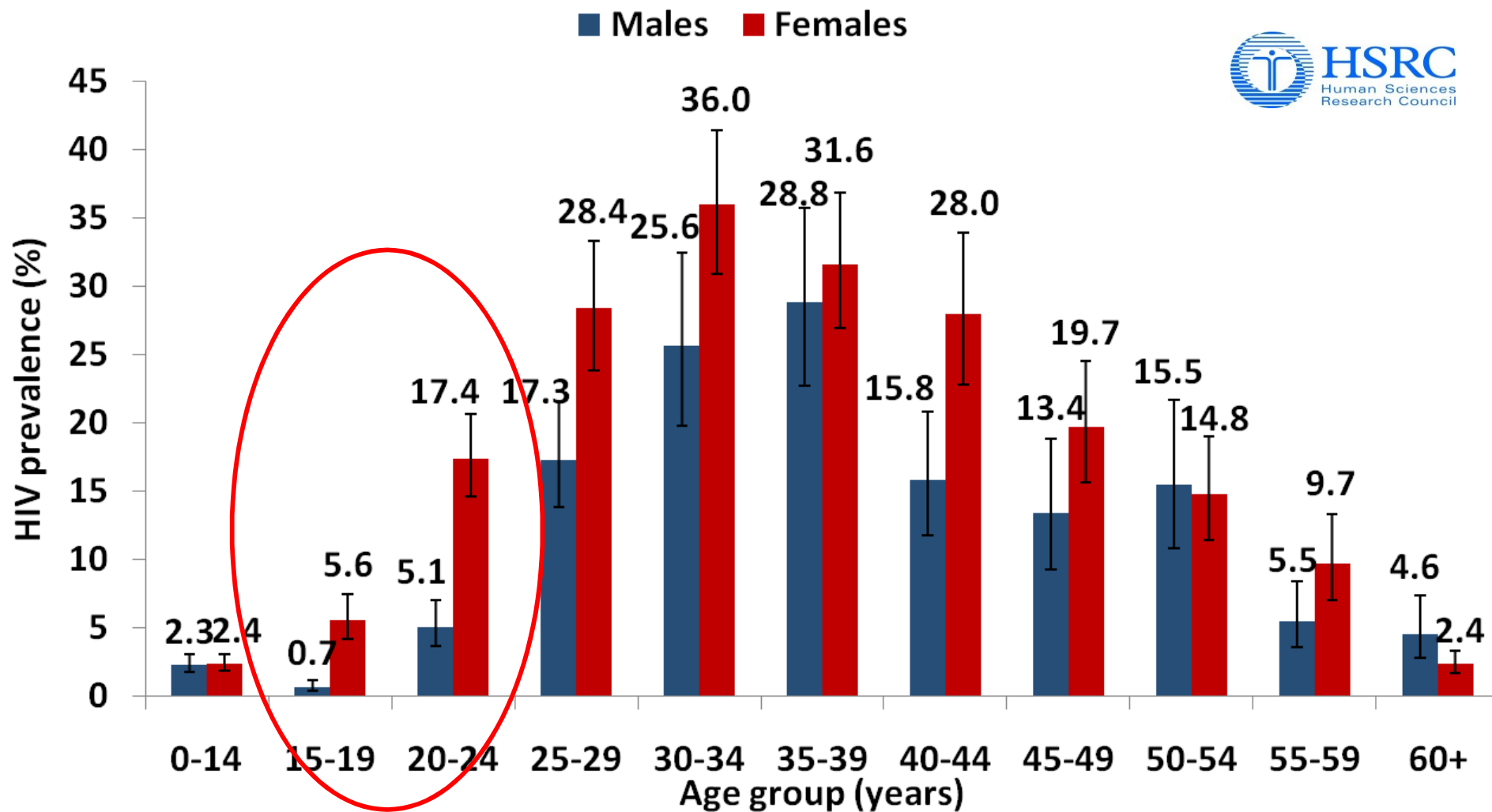
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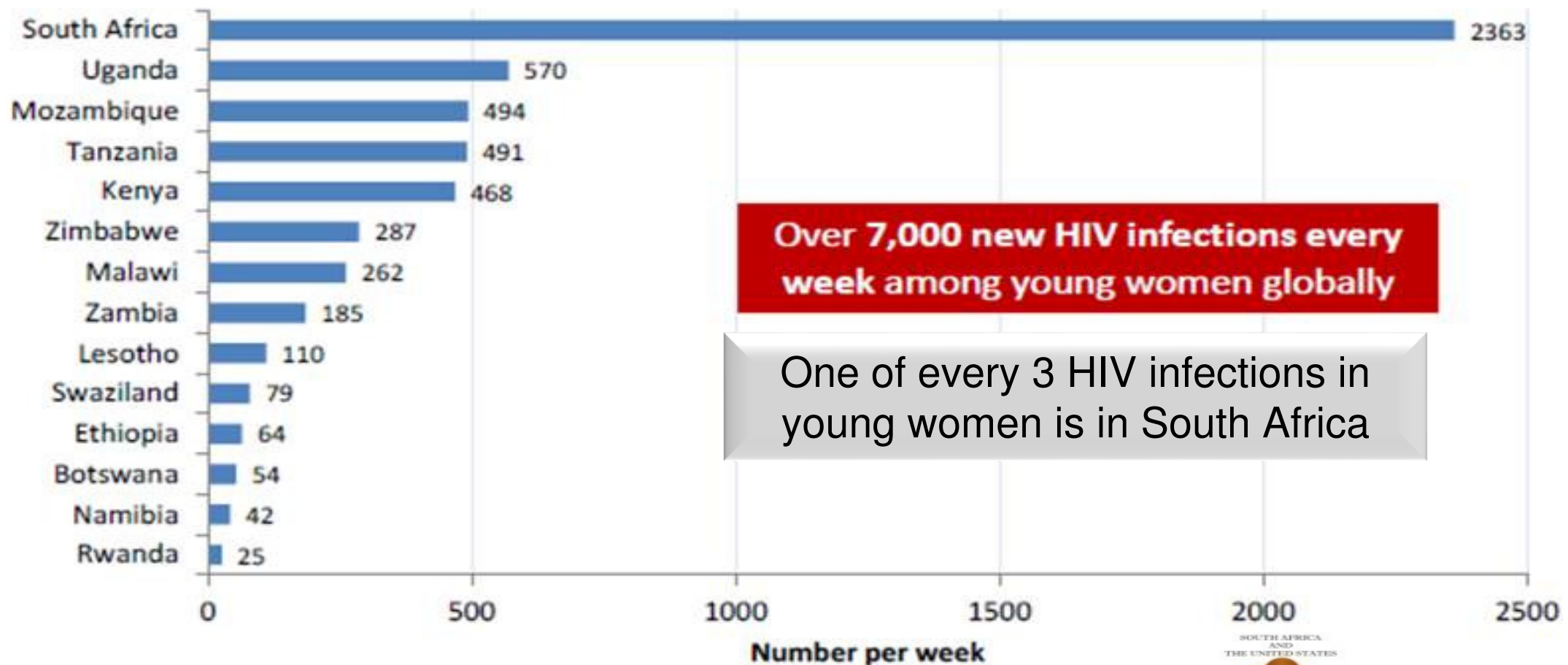
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HIV Incidence among Young Women

More than 1/3 New HIV Infections Globally Occur among Young Women in Africa

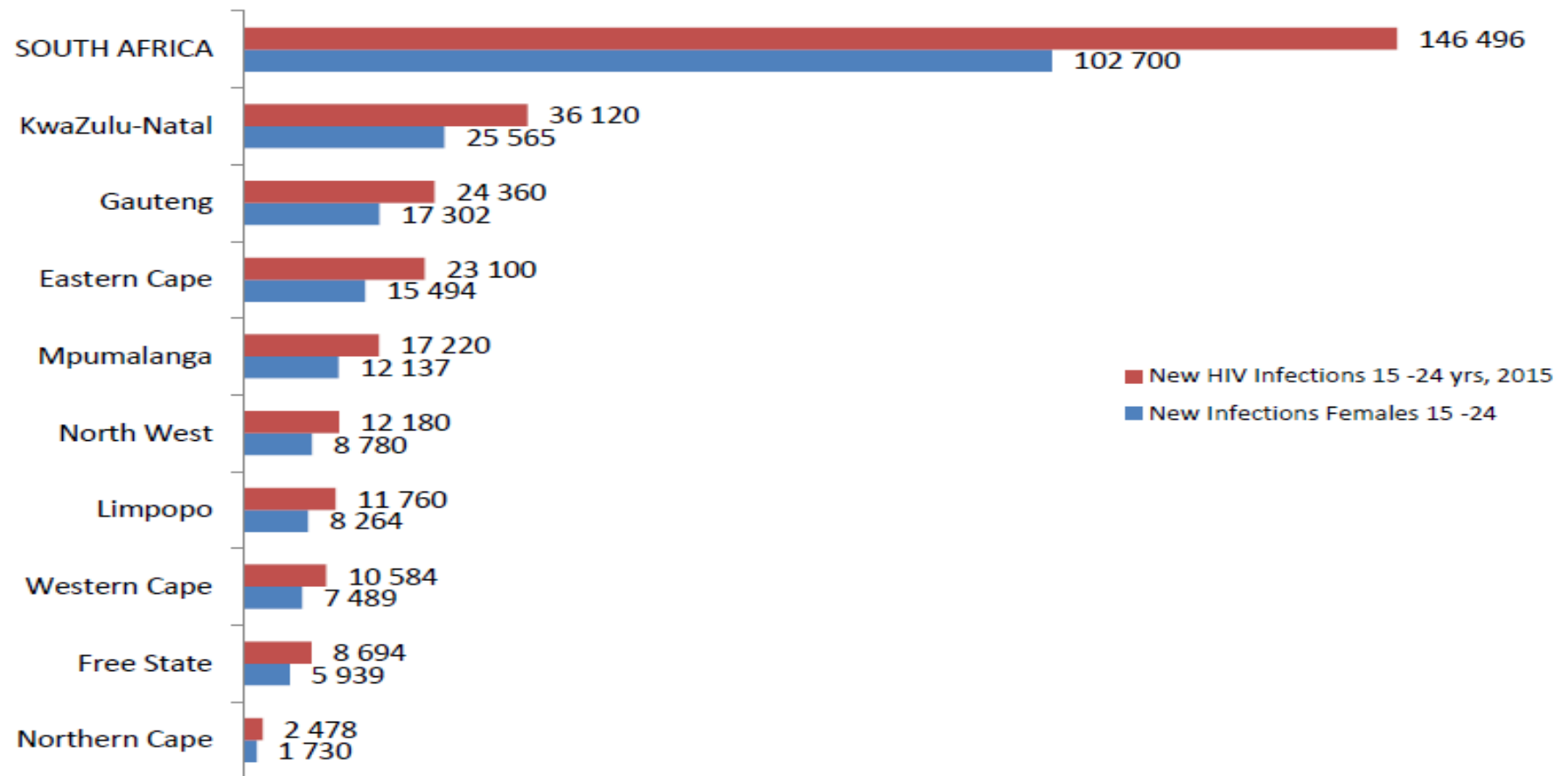
Estimated number of new HIV infections *per week* among young women aged 15-24 years in East and Southern Africa, 2012

Data source: UNAIDS 2013



Annual: Young Women and Girls

Estimated annual new HIV infections among young women (15 -24 years) by Province, South Africa - 2015



[Source: Calculation based on Spectrum 2015 estimates]

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- Children are affected and made vulnerable by a myriad of factors.
- These include:
 - Violence and abuse
 - Poverty
 - Substance abuse
 - Family disintegration and poor parenting
 - HIV&AIDS
 - Inequality and inaccessibility of services

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- Integrating child protection services and HIV&AIDS services became important as it:
 - Maximises resources;
 - Increases access of children to holistic package of services/resources available in their communities;
 - Reduce stigma and labelling of children, especially children made vulnerable by HIV&AIDS.
- DSD uses current resources to provide integrated services to all children irrespective of factors that made them vulnerable.
- Social workers are providing therapeutic and support services to all children.
- Current DSD infrastructure provide holistic services to children e.g. Community based child and youth care services, Community Care Centres, Child and Youth Care Centres (Secure care facilities).

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In Conclusion...

- Improved outcomes for vulnerable children are central requirements to the continued growth and stability of South Africa.
- NDP is clear on the need and approach to supporting our country's vulnerable children.
- ***A holistic approach*** that involves ***building partnerships*** can help in caring for these children.

Thank you



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