# HIV/AIDS: A thermometer for the future of the poor — India, a case study

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## What makes HIV/AIDS unique

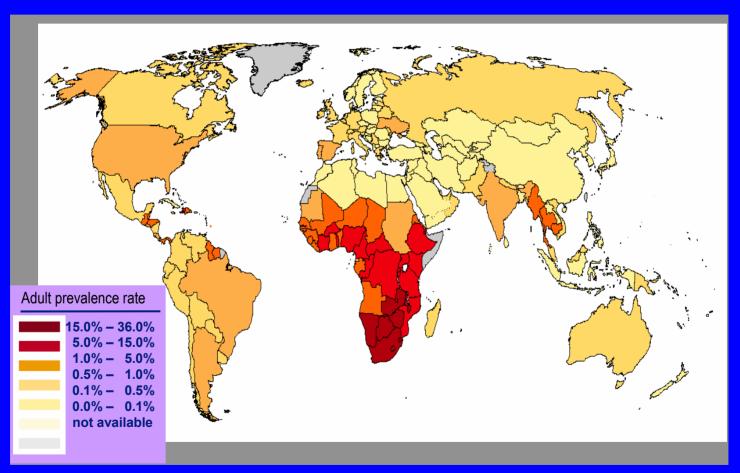
- Long asymptomatic infectious period (~10 years)
- Almost always fatal
- No cure or vaccine
- Sex and IV drug use major transmission routes
- Stigma keeps risky sex and drug use underground
- Youth most vulnerable
- Poor marginalized populations most vulnerable

#### HIV/AIDS: a devastating modern pandemic



#### Global status of HIV infection

40 million people living with HIV/AIDS and about 30 million have died as of end 2004



SOURCE: UNAIDS

# Adults and children estimated to be living with HIV/AIDS as of end 2004



Total: 39.4(35.9-44.3) million

**SOURCE:** UNAIDS 2004

# Estimated number of adults and children newly infected with HIV during 2004



Total: 4.9(4.3-6.4) million SOURCE: UNAIDS 2004

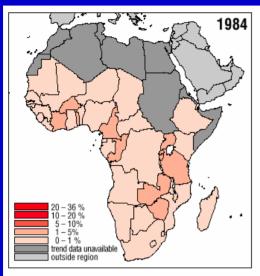
# Estimated adult and child deaths from HIV/AIDS during 2004

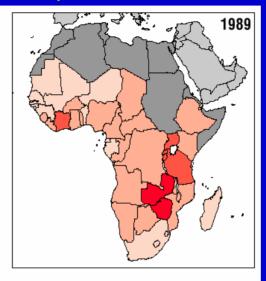


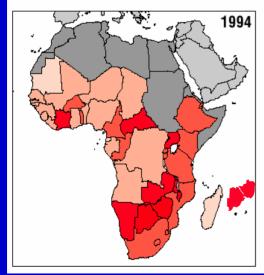
Total: 3.1(2.8-3.5) million

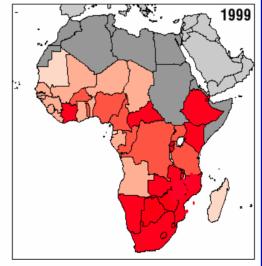
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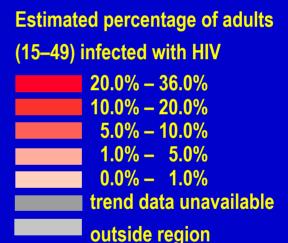
# Fast Spread of HIV in Sub-Saharan Africa, 1984 to 1999







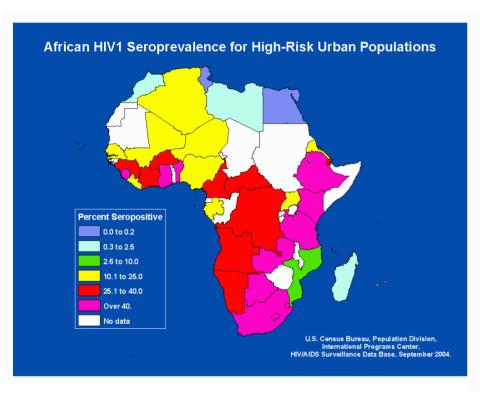


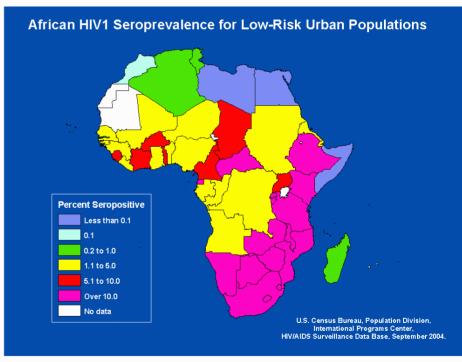


**SOURCE: UNAIDS 2000** 

# **CONSEQENCES**

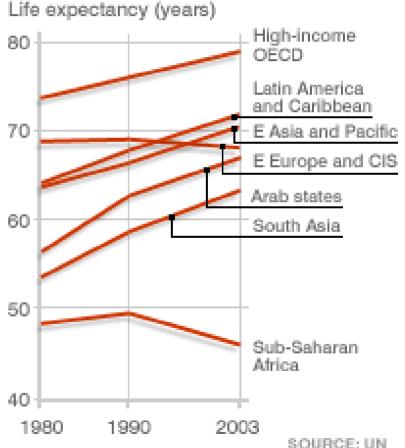
# Africa: 1980-2004 a runaway pandemic





# MOST PRODUCTIVE SECTOR (YOUNG ADULTS) LOST

#### CHANGING LIFE EXPECTANCY

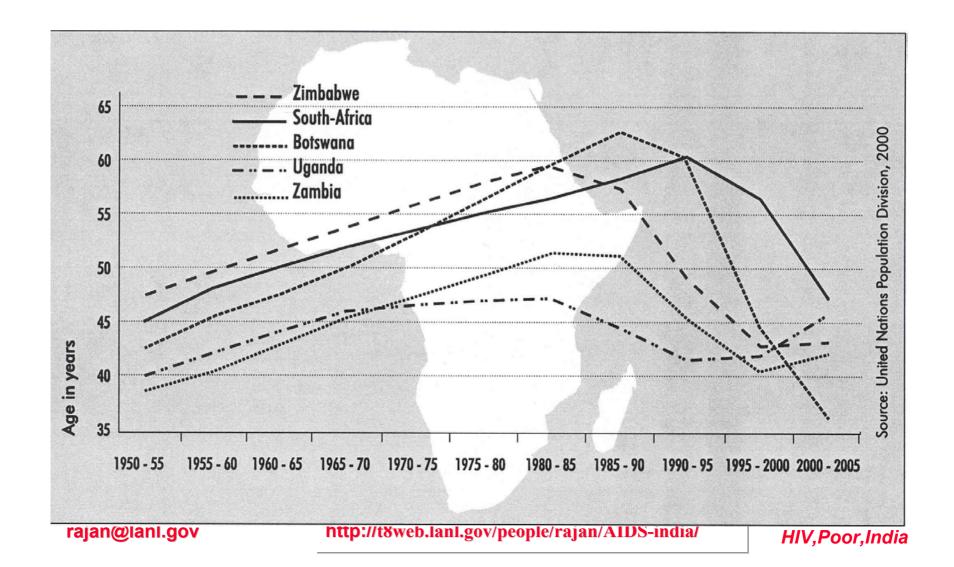


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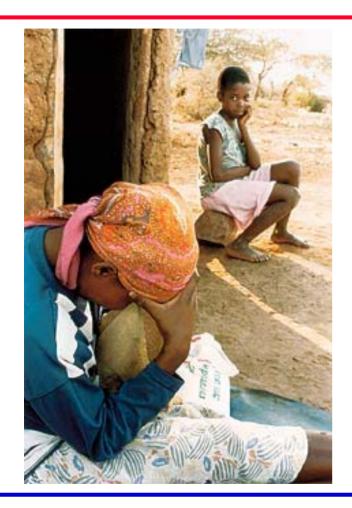
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#### DECREASING LIFE EXPECTANCY; KILLING THE MOST PRODUCTIVE



### 15 MILLION AIDS ORPHANS (2003)



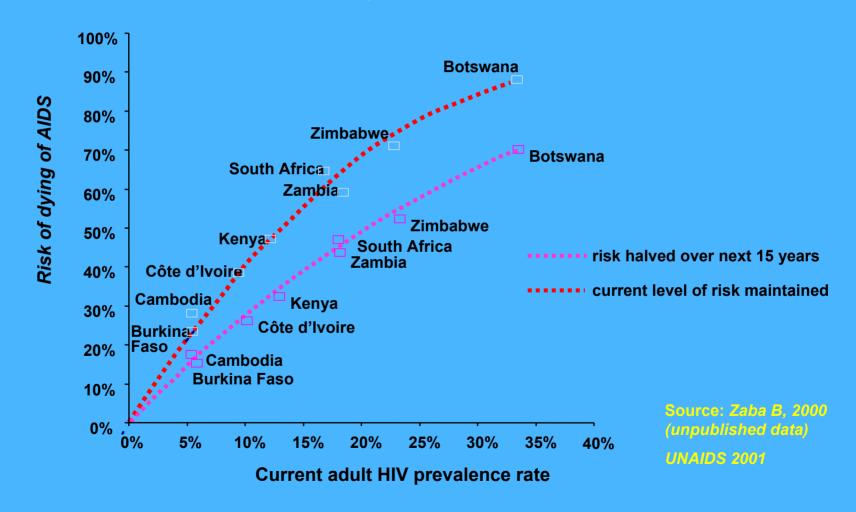


Source: James Nachtwey



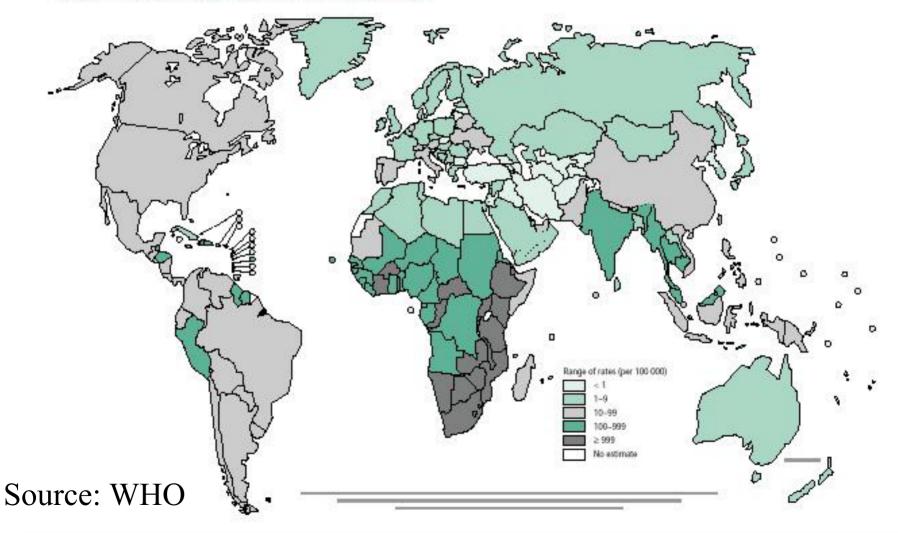
What is their future?

# Lifetime risk of AIDS death for 15-year-old boys, assuming unchanged or halved risk of becoming infected with HIV, selected countries



## TB and HIV Co-infection

#### 2. Estimated TB/HIV co-infection rates, 1997



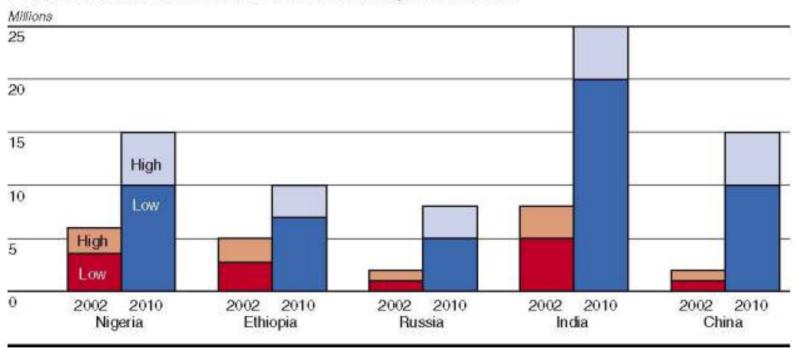
# FUTURE The Second Wave

# The 2002 NSC/CIA report lists 5 important countries in the next wave

- Nigeria
- Ethiopia
- India
- China
- Russia

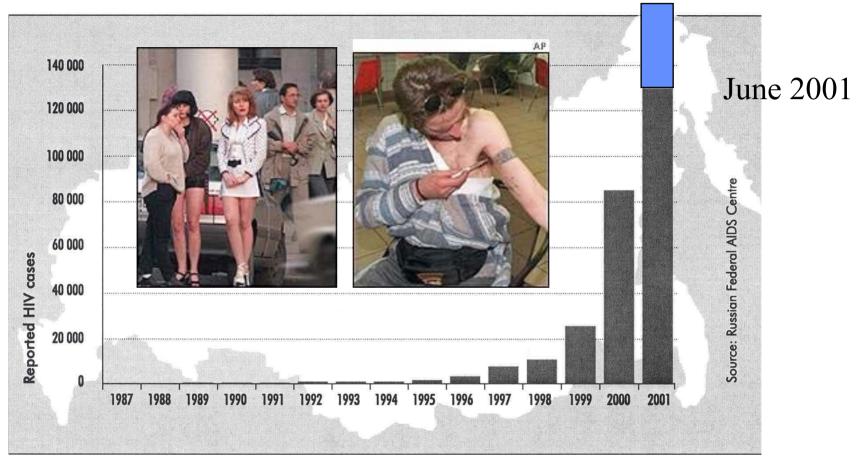
## **PROJECTIONS**

Figure 1
High and Low Estimates of Current and Future
HIV/AIDS-Infected Adults in Next-Wave Countries, 2002 and 2010



Source: NSC/CIA report 2002

# **RUSSIA:** NIC concluded that at this rate of growth, 10% of all Russians aged 15-49 will be HIV+ by 2010



Estimated Infections (2004) ~900,000

### Russia: Health and Demographic Crisis



Official HIV+ Numbers: 300,000

Expert Estimates: 900,000

BIRTHS AND DEATHS IN RUSSIA: 1985 TO 2004

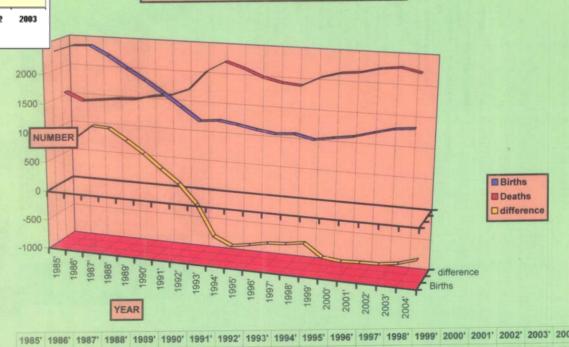
M. Feshbach 05(WWCS) HIV/AIDS in Russia.

Population decline by ~ 800,000/year

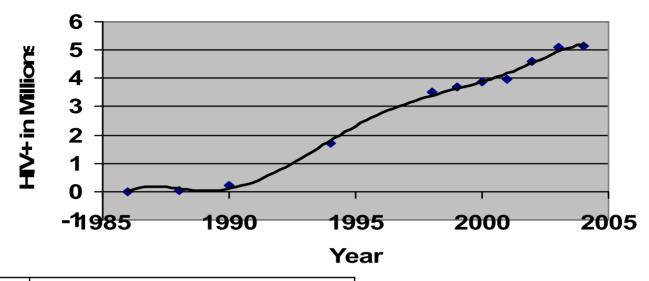
Life M 60.5 Expectancy F 74.0

Births

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#### **HIV Estimates: India**



Year	Total HIV positive persons		
1998	3.5 million		
1999	3.7 million		
2000	3.86 million		
2001	3.97 million		
2002	4.58 million		
2003	5.11 million		
2004	5.134 million		

Estimates of 5.134 million based on cumulative 111,608 reported cases!

No estimates of deaths

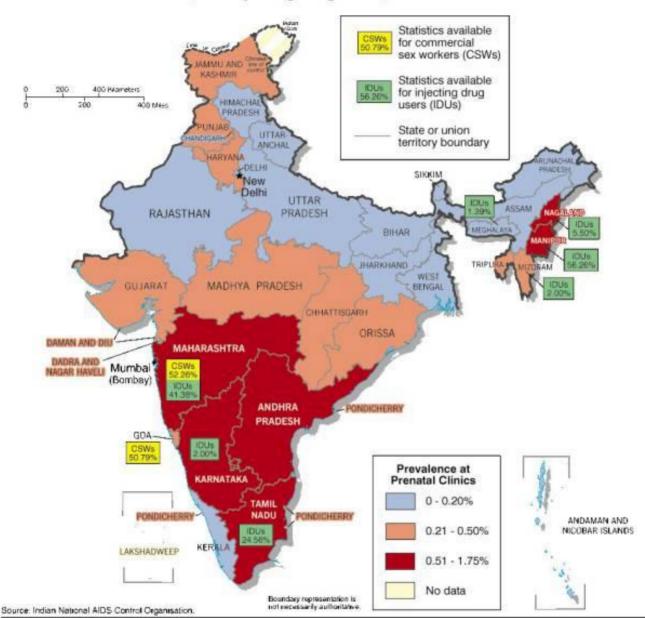
2004 anomaly due to change in analysis in 2003

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#### India: HIV Prevalence Among Women Attending Prenatal Clinics, Commercial Sex Workers, and Injecting Drug Users, 2001





#### India: Some Key Issues

- About 85% of infections are attributed to sex with sex workers (3-8 million). (soliciting is illegal; status of prostitution is ill defined. Poverty and stigma prevents their development)
- Truck drivers are major transmission vectors (5-10 million)
- Men having sex with men: No national figures (≈ 5%)
   (Mumbai and Chennai surveillance show high prevalence)
- IV drug use: most focus is on Eastern states (Manipur, ...) (IV drug use common amongst menial workers in all cities)
- Accidental spread due to needles/blood is claimed negligible. (2005 study found that of roughly 3-6 billion injections 63% were unsafe and 1/3 carried risk of blood borne infections)
- Migrant workers: about 200 million in agriculture and industry (most stay away from families for months at a time)
- Street kids kids out of school (about 50 million)
  Victims of sexual, physical, emotional abuse→ Risky behaviors

#### **Vulnerable to HIV/AIDS**

- Poor
  - Survival dominates day to day existence
- Illiterate
  - Hard to teach and motivate behavior change
- Marginalized
  - -Sex Workers
  - -Men having sex with men
  - -IV drug users

Risky behavior stays underground

# Rich versus Poor

- Health care: do they have access to
  - Testing and counseling
  - Treatment and care
  - Anti-retroviral therapy
- Education matters
  - Prevention messages leading to:
    - **Behavior change**
    - **protection (condoms) (no vaccine)**
- Livelihood (freedom to make safe choices)

#### Two extreme worlds



Life is not the same or perfect but functional

1999



One has access to the best, the other has little

No ART





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In developing countries HIV/AIDS will not be controlled as an isolated health problem.

We will need to simultaneously address issues of poverty and development.

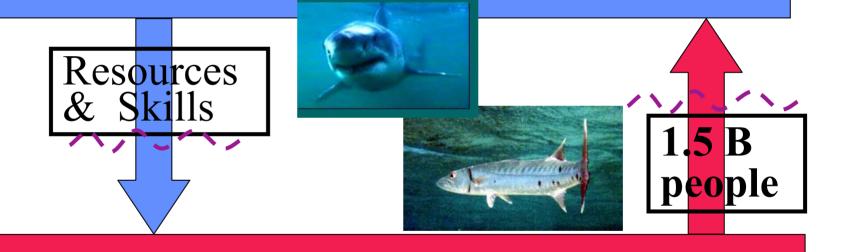
Intervention will require a long-term holistic approach that builds local leadership and institutions

# The continued spread of HIV/AIDS is an indicator of a much larger problem

# THE VERY FUTURE OF THE POOR, THE ILLITERATE, AND THE MARGINALIZED

## Challenge: people living under \$2/day





3 billion in 18<sup>th</sup> century

(population growth is happening here)

# Eight key enablers

- Governance peace, security, equity, civil society
- Population growth mostly in poor populations
- Health care will the poor get even the basics?
- Education will there be quality education for all?
- Jobs  $\text{ in } 21^{\text{st}}$  century want jobs that add value
- Energy will clean, cheap, copious supply of energy be available as conventional oil and gas production peaks? Global climate change?
- Water food security, nourishment, disease
- Environment air and water pollution, severe droughts and storms, erosion, loss of ecosystems, poor depleted soil, and climate change will impact the poor the most.

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## India: a pivotal strategic region

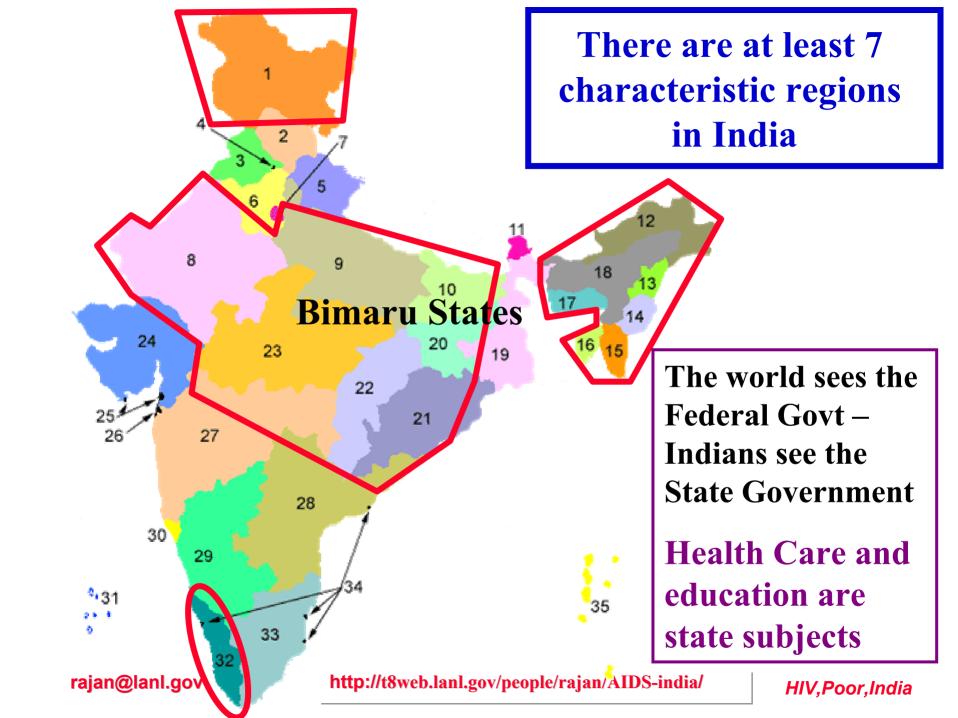
- 1/6 of world population
- 1/4 of world poverty
- Strategically located
- Democratic, free, secular
- Values education:
   English and math skills
- Rising middle class



# Can India provide adequate resources to 1.1 billion people?

### India: Political Landscape

- Few national parties (Congress, BJP, Janta Dal) many regional parties
- Coalition governments: national+regional parties
- Caste, communal, religious card played often
- Many politicians have criminal records
- Corruption has become "normal"— a way of life
- ❖ Inflated, inefficient, corrupt bureaucracy
  - \* Rich muddle through; Poor are devastated



# Demographics and Population Growth

Population growth can be checked if modern means are provided

### Projected population growth (PRB)

	2005	2025	2050
N. America	329	386	457
C.A.& Caribbean	186	235	269
S. America	373	467	536
Europe	730	716	660
Oceania	33	41	46
Africa	906	1350	1970
Asia (-China)	2617	3283	3888
China	1304	1476	1437
India	1104	1363	1628

# Vulnerable population under 15

Region	Population	Population		Vulnerable
	(Millions)	under 15 (million)		Pop. under 15 (million)
Africa	861	362	(42%)	~290 (80%)
Cent. America	144	50	(35%)	~25 (50%)
South America	358	111	(31%)	~50 (45%)
West Asia	204	73	(36%)	~30 (40%)
S&C Asia	1563	580	(37%)	~350 (60%)
South East Asia	544	180	(31%)	~90 (50%)
East Asia	1519	334	(22%)	~110 (33%)
East Europe	301	54	(18%)	~11 (20%)

Source: Population data are from Population Reference Bureau 2003 <a href="http://toweb.lanl.gov/people/rajan/AIDS-india/">http://toweb.lanl.gov/people/rajan/AIDS-india/</a>

# Of the 3 billion living on less than \$2 (PPP) per day, about a billion are children below age 15 who

- live amidst violence and poverty
- have little or no family supervision
- are not part of the knowledge society
- will not have access to higher education
- lack distinction between right and wrong
- are vulnerable to diseases and poor health

# Who will provide them hope and what will keep them from becoming destructive?

#### India: key statistics

- Population (millions): 1104 (2005); 1363 (2025); 1628 (2050)
- Population increase:  $(25-9 \approx 16)$  million per year
- Population below 15 years old: 36% ≈ 400 million
- Rural population:  $72\% \approx 800$  million
- Births by attendants: 43%
- IMR: 56/1000 live births (CIA, 2005)
- TFR: 3.4 (low 20%) 2.6 (mid 20%) 1.8 (top 20%)
- Vaccinated: 21% (low20%) 41%(mid 20%) 64%(top 20%)
- Most used birth control: Female Sterilization

PRB 2005

# CAMPAIGN: Reproductive Health & Family Planning

Every man and women should have easy and free access to modern family planning and disease prevention methods (pill, IDU, condom, vaccines, ...)

Global Fund: Free "pills" and condoms. <\$15B per year

#### **India: Health Care**

- Central Budget (MOHFW)  $\rightarrow$  INR 22+53 B  $\sim$  \$2 billion
  - ARV + care for 5 million HIV+ would require \$2 billion
- 75-80% of medical expenses are out of pocket
- Generic (low cost) medicines are essential
- Rural India served by about 22,000 Primary Health Care (PHC) centers. Most are dysfunctional
- Malnutrition in children ~ 43%
- Mental health: Essentially unknown
- Growing emphasis on research

Health tourism is a growth industry

### India: Education (~4% of GDP)

- 24-25 million children born each year
- About 8 million clear 8<sup>th</sup> grade (33%)
- About 4 million clear 12<sup>th</sup> grade (17%)
- Quality
  - $-\sim 0.5$  million sit for college entrance exams
  - About 25,000 get education of international quality in science, engineering, medicine
  - Another 40,000 graduate from foreign universities
- Most State run universities are failing
- Investment in centers and research institutes

Only 60/350 million kids (1990-2005) got high school degrees

#### Health and Education

- Don't have enough doctors (500K), nurses (750K), or trained paramedics
- Don't have enough good teachers. Teaching is becoming less and less rewarding
- Good teachers, doctors, nurses can migrate to wherever they want. Who will serve rural communities? And how?
- Good health care and schools are fast reaching international costs

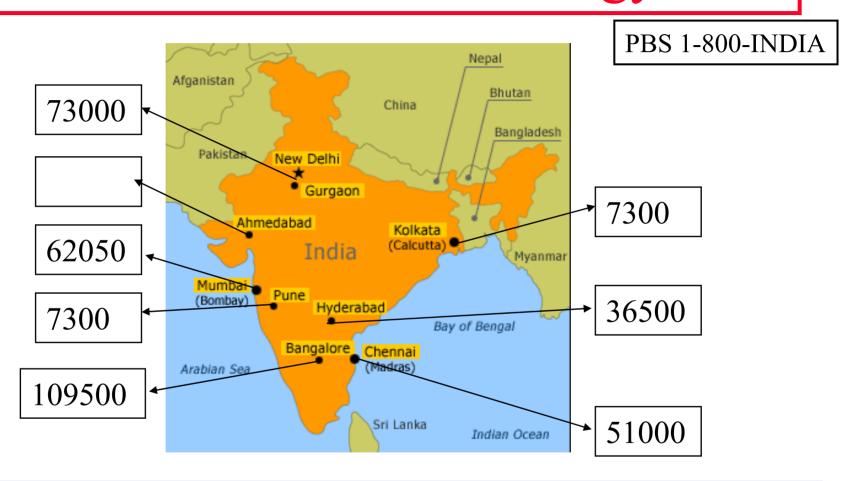
Poor remain vulnerable to HIV/AIDS, TB, Malaria, Hepatitis, ...

## Business Landscape

- A new breed of talented, confident, cocky entrepreneurs (post 2002)
  - Very global in outlook and willing to compete at all levels
  - Creating their own infrastructure (electricity, water) decoupled from public works
- India offers better opportunities for small businesses than China

3 Indias: Progressive, "Bimaru", unstable states

### Information Technology



350,000 IT workers have put India on the Map

## Exports (\$76 billion in 2004)

- Agricultural products
- Textiles and Garments
- ~ 20%
- Precious and semi-precious stones: \$11 billion
- Pharmaceuticals: Generic drugs: \$3 billion
- Chemicals
- Engineering goods: \$18B (~15%↑ in 2005)
  - Automobile parts
- Software and IT services: \$18B (34%↑)
- Diaspora: 25 million  $\rightarrow$  \$21.7B remittances

#### Financial Situation

- GDP \$692B (\$3363B PPP) (2004)
- Growth 6-7% over the last decade
- Revenues \$67B expenditures \$104B
- Exports \$76B Imports \$97B (WTO, 2004)
- Foreign Exchange Reserves ~ \$137B
- External debt is large \$125 billion (2005)
- "Bimaru" states are in financial trouble
- Government debt, including borrowings by provincial governments, is 81 percent of GDP

#### Needs second round of structural changes

#### Rural India

- About 650,000 villages 750 million people
- 80% agricultural
- 1st Slogan: Roti, Kapra, Makan
  - (Food, Clothes, Shelter)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Slogan: Sadhan, Bijli, Pani
  - (livelihood, electricity, water)

Needs transition strategy as agriculture becomes a business competing in a global economy.

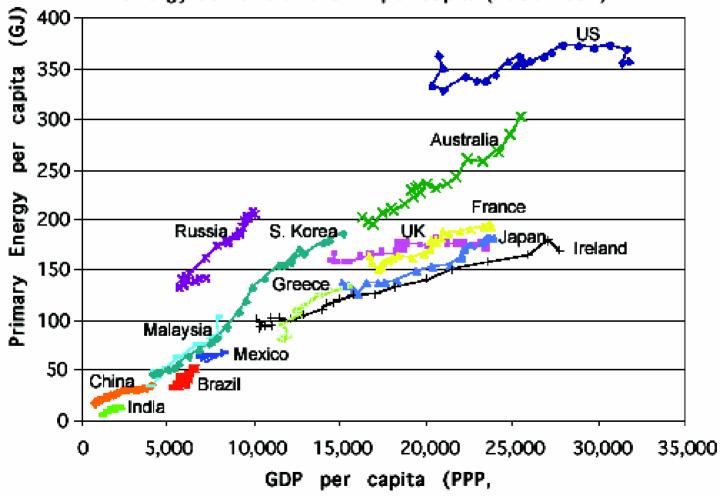
## India: Energy a choke point

- In 2004 India consumed 2.4 M barrels a day
- Growth in demand  $\sim 4\%$  per year
- Oil and gas reserves are small
- Importing 1.6 M barrels a day
  - Cost at \$60/barrel = \$35 billion
  - Consumes 47% of export earnings of \$74 billion
- Growth in use of coal will require strict pollution controls.

#### Energy use grows with economic development

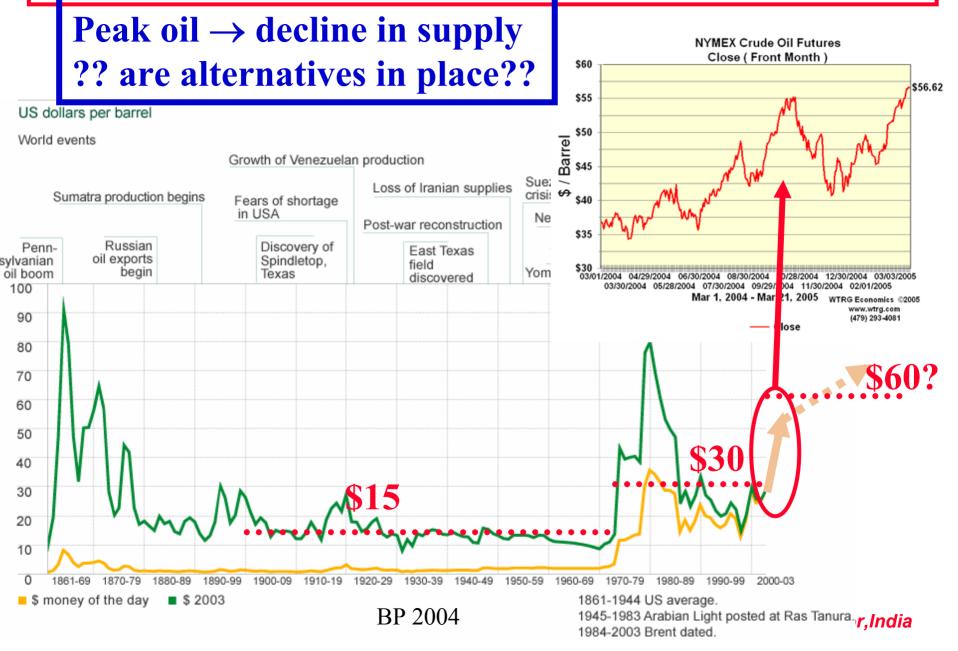






Source: UN and DOE EIA

ENERGY: Need cheap, clean, copious supply!





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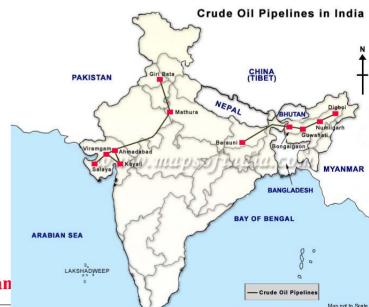
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No Coal

## **Energy Priorities**

- Develop Iran, Pakistan, India gas pipeline (USA wants to isolate Iran)
- Develop refinery capacity for ME oil (happening)
- Promote renewables (wind, solar, biomass, small hydro) and distributed generation
- Develop nuclear power with advanced fuel cycle (Thorium)





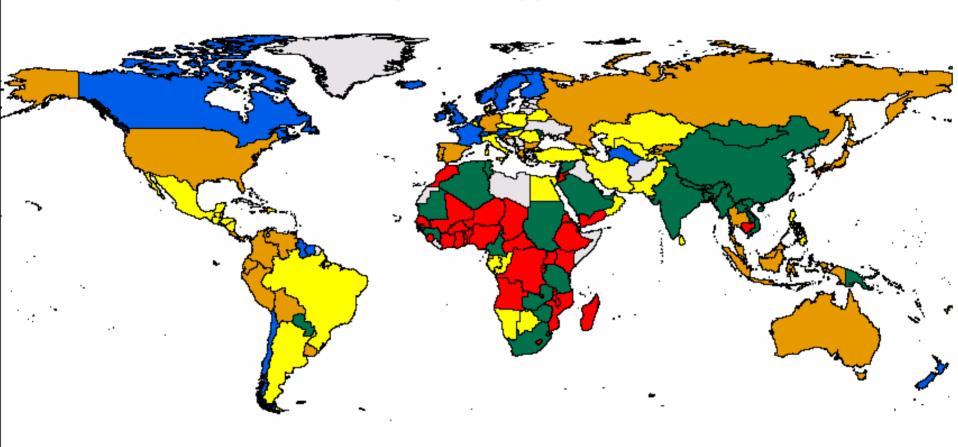
# Water Soil Environment

A hidden crisis

#### Water Poverty Index (WPI)



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#### Water Poverty (The lower the score the bigger the problem)







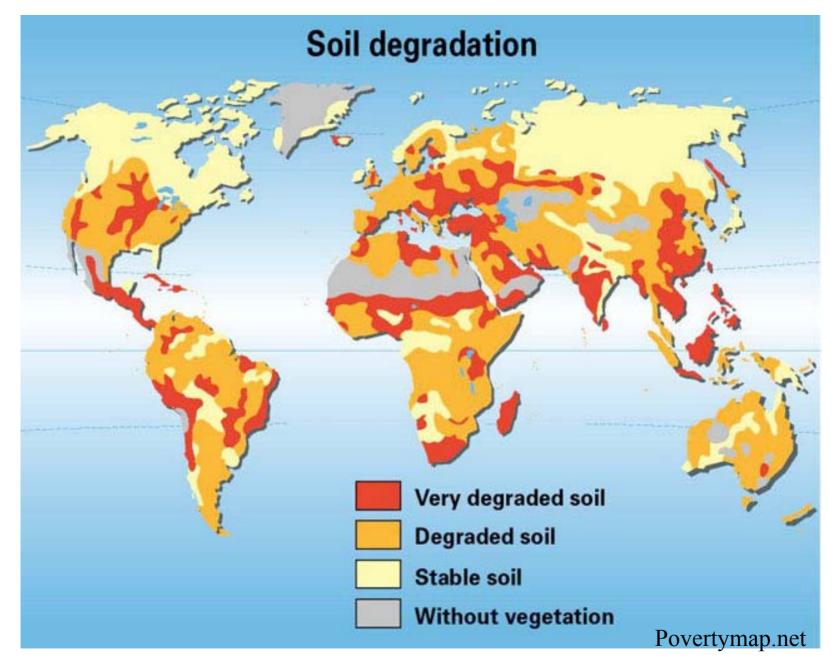
Medium (WPI 56-61.9)



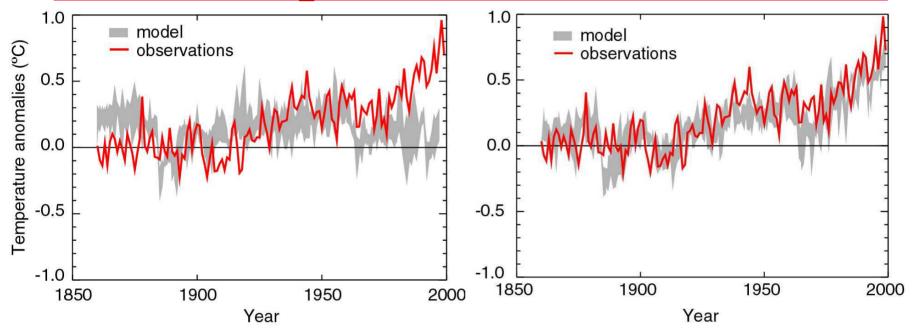
Medium Low (WPI 62-67.9)



Low (WPI 68-78)



# Climate change will impact the poor the most



"Simulations of the response to natural forcings alone ... do not explain the warming in the second half of the century"

Stott et al, Science 2000

"..model estimates that take into account both greenhouse gases and sulphate aerosols are consistent with observations over this\*period" - IPCC 2001

### India faces severe challenges

- Falling groundwater tables
- Air and water pollution
  - Pesticides, fertilizers, industrial and domestic waste in water
  - Crowded, polluted cities
- Deforestation, loss of ecosystems
- Increasing salinity of soil in irrigated areas
- Overuse of soil depletion of nutrients
- Growth of cities without adequate resources or infrastructure

## NEEDS

## Thresholds are increasing rapidly

- Nurturing children fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> century takes very significant investment in time & money
  - Health care and nutrition
  - Education
  - Stable home environment (emotional health)
  - Healthy leisure time activities
- Infrastructure  $\rightarrow$  job creation
- Access to energy and potable water

Poor cannot cross them without significant help

GOAL: Providing each person with a full complement of childhood immunizations, health care, adequate daily food, and good education

## Deploy enabling Technologies

- Medicines and vaccines
  - Global jackpot fund for essential medicines and vaccines
- Cheap, clean, copious sources of energy
- Quantity and quality of water

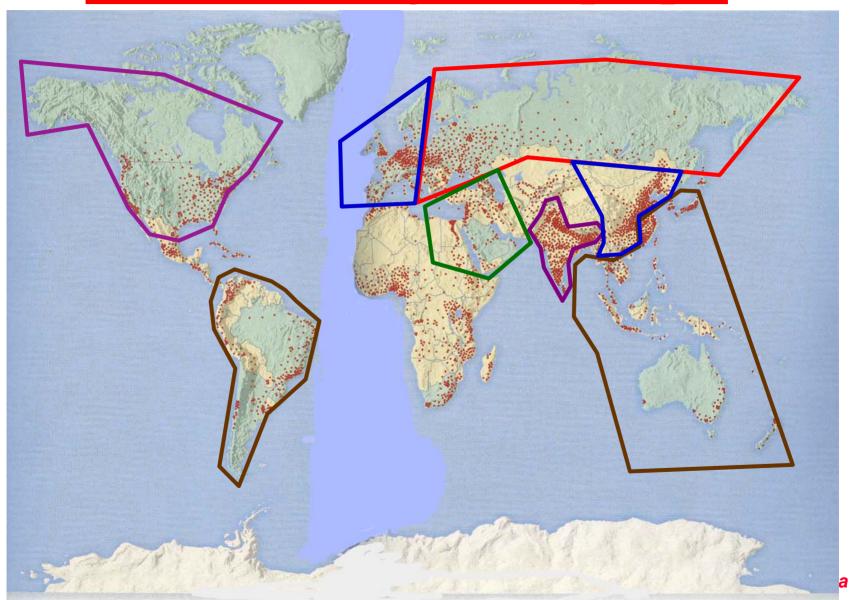
## Migration and Reinvestment

- Migration has created a global Indian community
- This community has skills, capital, entrepreneurship
- Many are keen to help
- Need to figure out a way to also engage them outside of IT (in poverty reduction)
- Help develop local leadership

The number of good NGOs make India a hopeful case!

# Scenario Under Business-as-Usual

# Eight Economic Zones of about 400M "global" people



The more we ignore the needs of the poor and marginalized, the more we empower the despots, the sharks and the barracudas!

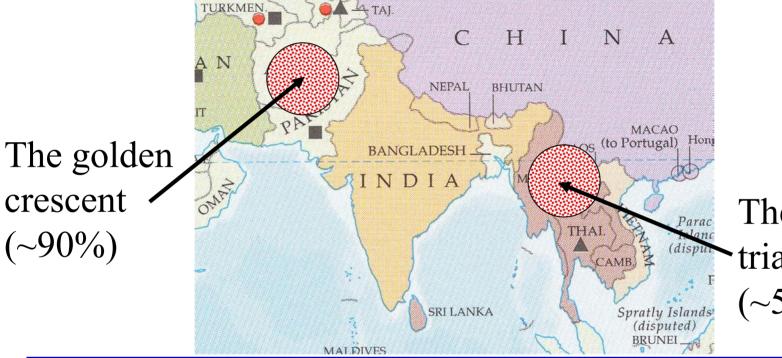
# Impediments to development: Sharks and Barracudas come in many guises

- Despotic, corrupt governments
- National and transnational criminals
- Fanatics and terrorists
- Exploitative multinationals

# Confront criminal organization and rogue economies

- Alcohol (major impediment to development)
- Tobacco
- Drugs
- Weapons
- Money laundering
- Corporate/government corruption
- Illegal trade in resources

#### HEROIN THREAT



The golden triangle (~5%)

India will increasingly be targeted by drug cartels as prosperity grows

# In the absence of healthy leisure time activities people gravitate towards

- Shallow television
- Gambling
- Alcohol and drugs
- Risky sex HIV/AIDS

Need education and meaningful jobs

# Campaign: Ban international trade in cigarettes

- Recognized health hazard
- Growth in smoking predominately in developing countries
- Advertisements target the youth
- Savings in health care costs will offset profit
- Moral victory for developed nations

# Conclusion

500 million Indians need health care, education, job skills, energy and potable water to develop