



Baker greets a former child soldier in Mozambique. This boy is still traumatized by atrocities he was forced to commit during that country's 16-year civil war.

## THE IMPACT OF HIV/AIDS

One of the major barriers confronting human development in Africa is the impact of HIV/AIDS. Today, in sub-Saharan Africa alone, an estimated 7.5 million adults are infected with the HIV virus, over 50 percent of whom are women. Approximately one out of every three babies born to these women will be born HIV positive; the majority of whom will die of AIDS before their fifth birthday.

In developing countries, HIV/AIDS is spreading fastest among girls and young women, and in several African countries, AIDS is overtaking measles and malaria as a leading killer of children. In addition, there will be 10 million children orphaned or abandoned in Africa by the end of the decade because of AIDS—vulnerable in their turn to HIV infection as they take to life on the streets.

UNICEF is committed to fighting the further spread of HIV/AIDS in Africa with a campaign based on awareness and education and through the provision of technical and material assistance.

### WHAT YOUR DOLLARS CAN DO

With just... UNICEF can provide...

\$16	a first-aid kit with instruction book.
\$30	enough lifesaving oral rehydration salts to treat 200 children stricken with diarrheal dehydration in countries such as Namibia and Liberia.
\$45	immunization for three children against six killer diseases in countries such as Zambia.
\$77	a seeds and tools package for a family in Mozambique.

### Suggestions for Celebrating the Day of the African Child in Your Community:

- Set up an African Cultural Awareness Day through your school or community organization. Use local museums or libraries as sources of information.
- Hold a dance to raise funds for emergency relief in Rwanda or Somalia.
- Organize a discussion group on current events in Africa.
- Set up a raffle through a local organization, with proceeds going to famine relief in Africa.
- Hold art contests in schools, asking students to depict an aspect of life in Africa.
- Organize a walkathon or bicycle tour to raise funds for the children of Namibia.
- Present an award to individuals or groups whose efforts have benefitted African and/or African-American children.
- Organize a dinner at your local community center. Serve traditional dishes from different African countries. Donate proceeds to emergency relief in Liberia.



UNICEF has called for an end to the "apartheid of gender"—the discrimination and harmful traditions and practices experienced by the girl child.

- Yes, I'd like more information about UNICEF's work in Africa.
- Yes, I want to find out more about legislative issues so I can make my voice heard on children's issues.
- Yes, I'm interested in doing more. Please send me information about: greeting cards/educational material/fundraising events.
- Yes, I'd like to make a donation. Enclosed is my check made out to the U.S. Committee for UNICEF for \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Please send this coupon to the U.S. Committee for UNICEF, 333 East 38th Street, New York, NY

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