

## **HIV/AIDS vulnerability of the Armed Forces.**

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**Abstract:** From 1985 (when a number of HIV related cases were reported) up to 1992, the AIDS prevention programme was targeted to the civilian population only. This meant that all the donor resources meant for people living in Zambia to fight AIDS left out a large number of vulnerable men and women aged between 18-45 yrs. This age group being sexually active, highly. This age group being sexually active, highly mobile with long periods of absence from home compounded with peer pressure. The rise in the mortality rate necessitated the civil/military collaboration which has yielded positive results. An education campaign of at least 60 service men and women is on going. The curriculum capitalises on peer pressure to yield positive result. The peer educators/counsellors high-light the social cultural risk factors peculiar to men and women in Armed Forces'