



BOTSWANA BY NUMBERS

FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT THE SITUATION OF CHILDREN AND WOMEN

- In real terms, Gross Domestic Product in 2003/2004 grew by 5.7 percent representing a drop of 2 percent from the prior year (Source: Government of Botswana 2005 Budget Speech).
- Botswana's leading industry, diamond production, showed an 11 percent profit in 2004, and a record breaking 31.1 million carats were produced (Source: Press Release, Anglo American 25 February 2005, Daily News, April 20, 2005).

- The poverty rate has declined in Botswana. Figures for 2002/2003 show 30 percent of the population living below the poverty datum line compared to 47 percent in 1993/1994 (Source: Central Statistics Office (CSO), Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES), 2002/2003).
- There are a total of 737,241 children under the age of 17 in Botswana, representing 43.9 percent of the total population. 48 percent of children live in urban areas and 52 percent reside in rural areas (Source: The 2001 Botswana Population and Housing Census, CSO).
- Child mortality rates in Botswana increased significantly between 1991-2001: infant mortality increased from 48 to 56 deaths per 1,000 live births and under five mortality increased from 63 to 74 deaths per 1,000 live births (Source: The 2001 Botswana Population and Housing Census, CSO).
- The Department of Social Services reports that 47,725 orphans were registered in 2004 and an estimated 90 percent receive assistance from the Government of Botswana (Source: Department of Social Services, MLG 2004).
- The national unemployment rate is estimated at 23.8 percent, whereas the rate for 20-24 year olds is estimated at 49.4 percent (Source: Central Statistics Office, HIES 2002/2003).
- Preliminary results of the Botswana AIDS Impact Survey (BAISII) show:
 - o A national prevalence rate of 17.1 percent for persons between 18 months and 64 years of age;
 - o The highest prevalence rate is among people 30 to 34 years of age, at 40.2 percent;
 - o Women aged 30-34 have the overall highest prevalence rate at 43.7 percent compared to 36.2 percent for men of the same age. The largest gap in prevalence rates between the sexes is in the 25-29 age group where women show a prevalence rate of 41 percent compared to 22.9 percent for men the same age;
 - o The prevalence rate for children 18 months to 4 years is 6.3 percent; for 5-9 year olds the rate is 6.0 percent; for 10-14 year olds the rate is 3.9 percent; and for 15-19 year olds the rate is 6.6 percent. (Source: Preliminary results 2004 Botswana AIDS Impact Survey (BAISII) CSO).
- Participation in ARV therapy has increased. As of December 2004, 37,600 Botswana living with HIV/AIDS had started treatment. However, an estimated 110,000 HIV-positive persons are eligible for ARV therapy. Botswana's 3x5 target is 55,000 patients on ARV therapy. (Source: Masa Project Team 2004, ACHAP).
- Life expectancy at birth in Botswana has decreased. In 2001, it was 56 years compared to 65 years in 1991 (Source: The 2001 Botswana Population and Housing Census, CSO).
- In 2004, 64.6 percent of Botswana households received care and assistance for people who had been seriously ill for at least three months (Source: Preliminary results 2004 BAISII, CSO).