



# Community-Based HIV/AIDS Prevention Strategies among Adolescent Girls in South African Slums: A Qualitative Exploration

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## Abstract

Adolescent girls living in South African slums are disproportionately affected by HIV/AIDS due to socio-economic factors and lack of access to healthcare services. A qualitative study employing semi-structured interviews with community leaders, health workers, and adolescent girls. Focus groups were conducted to gather insights on existing prevention programmes. Participants highlighted the importance of culturally sensitive education and peer support networks in preventing HIV/AIDS among adolescent girls. Community-based interventions that incorporate local knowledge and resources have significant potential for reducing HIV/AIDS prevalence among this vulnerable population. Implementing community-led initiatives with strong educational components could lead to more effective prevention strategies.

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