Living with AIDS Video

Lusaka, Zambia Hospital
Common for all the beds to be taken by people affected by HIV
Video was originally shown on BBC, from UK
  Part of Living With series (AIDS, Hunger, Refugees)
Shown on CBC in Canada
Emmy Award winning documentarian

Student: shocked by social structure, and disrespect
  Don’t know which comes from which, AIDS or structure
Boy shown in film is not entirely typical of Africa
  There is an attitude among population of not caring
  It is scary to face something alone, dealing with own mortality
Light of Hope in Zambia, good teacher of HIV and related issues, Poso is HIV positive himself
The sexual norms in different places than US
  IE, in Botswana not getting married until 30s and having children already to demonstrate to husband you can have kids
Structure of society and taboos to prevent talking about it

Trials of people knowingly having sex with others while having AIDS. Won’t have that effect with Governments in Africa (general) Some officials are going through AIDS experience themselves
  Additionally, the government isn’t set up to deal with that

Amy in Botswana
  Seeing lots of advertisements while in Peacecorps (86-90)
  That kind of awareness still hasn’t completely effected

Governments getting the message across
  People are getting mixed messages
  Government may say one thing, and Pastor may say something else
  Certain programs working effectively to help

What is different about the Stigma in Africa vs Western world
  Particular strain in Africa is more easily transmitted through heterosexual contact
  Not considered a disease of homosexuals or drug users
  Just a typical disease that is transmitted
Stigma is there (10 years ago it was there)
  It has become normalized
  Student: message is “god will heal you”
  People don’t take ARVs because of this.
  This also adds to the amount of infection rate
In a simple way, you have always been told by your parents to wash your hands because of germs and things. It has set up your acceptance of other types of knowledge and information.

Issue of counterfeit drugs
Company has a system of SMS system to find out if your drugs are real or fake. This is an issue with different types of drugs around the world.
"I heard that 50% of the drugs in Nigeria aren’t real" don’t know the factuality of this

What can be done to change the attitudes of people who don’t care...
I don’t know... It’s sad

Relation of Social Security and Children
In many places of the world, children are their social security. People need to know that there is something in place for them, for them to be willing to have fewer children. State in India that implemented social security, and saw decrease in population rates, Carola.