

THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIV/AIDS AMONG UNIVERSITY  
OF BOTSWANA STUDENTS

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### ABSTRACT

The HIV/AIDS epidemic continues to claim millions of lives worldwide. Africa alone represents the majority of HIV/AIDS cases, where the young aged 16-35, are at greatest risk. The research suggests HIV/AIDS knowledge levels between students in the University of Botswana. The purpose of this research is to explore the knowledge of HIV/AIDS among a group of students in University of Botswana. A descriptive cross sectional study was conducted among 100 university students. The HIV Knowledge questionnaire was used to measure participants' knowledge. The study findings demonstrate knowledge gap in HIV sexual transmission among a vulnerable population. 52% of students are said to be moderate on knowledge about HIV/AIDS protection. Future research is needed such that HIV/AIDS awareness campaigns can be specifically tailored to the student population within Botswana.

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