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Background: HIV/AIDS in Botswana

Botswana:
- 360,000 people living with HIV (3rd highest HIV prevalence)
- 10,000 new infections per year

Pediatric:
- 330 new HIV infections among children in 2015
- In 2009, about 900 new infections
- 3% rate of mother to child HIV transmission
- In 2009, rate 6%
- 95% children with HIV have access to antiretroviral therapy

Reflection

- Gained experience in care of children and adolescents with HIV
- Great example of the work that goes into creating a locally-run clinic for global health
- Focus on education and awareness for patients in Botswana is still needed
- Greater appreciation for our own resources

Future Directions

Planning potential global health elective in Costa Rica next academic year

Objective

Gain experience treating patients with HIV/AIDS in limited resource setting

Preparation: BIPAI

- BIPAI organized living, clinic, driving arrangements
- Read about HIV treatment and infectious diseases in Botswana
- Official language English, unofficial language: Setswana
- Common phrases “Dumela!” “O tsogile jang”