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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

**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

**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
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- Common phrases “Dumela!” “O tsogile jang”

**Future Directions**

Planning potential global health elective in Costa Rica next academic year

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