

# Children on the Brink 2000

New Estimates and Strategies for  
Children Affected by HIV/AIDS



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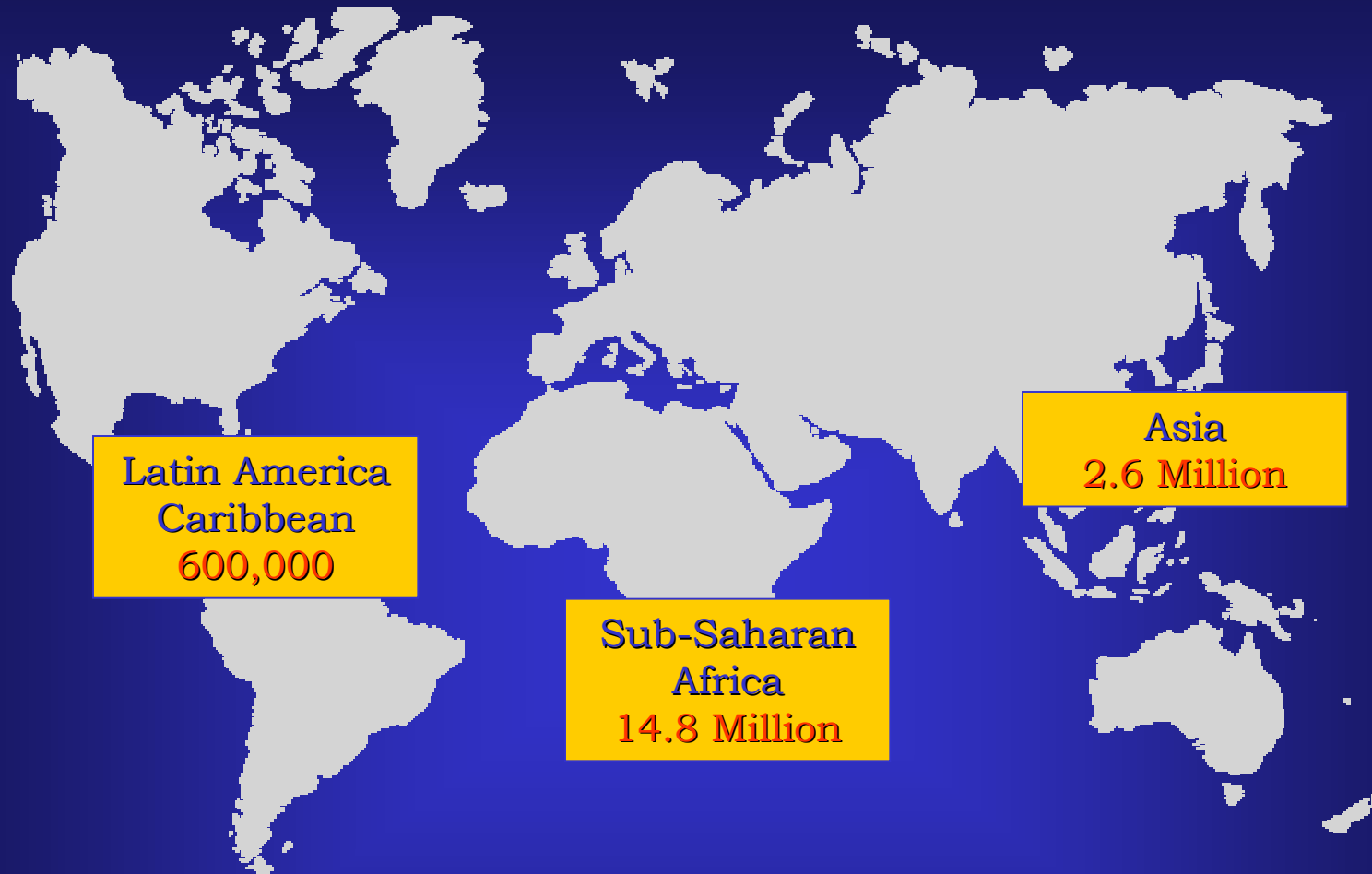


The Global HIV/AIDS Pandemic

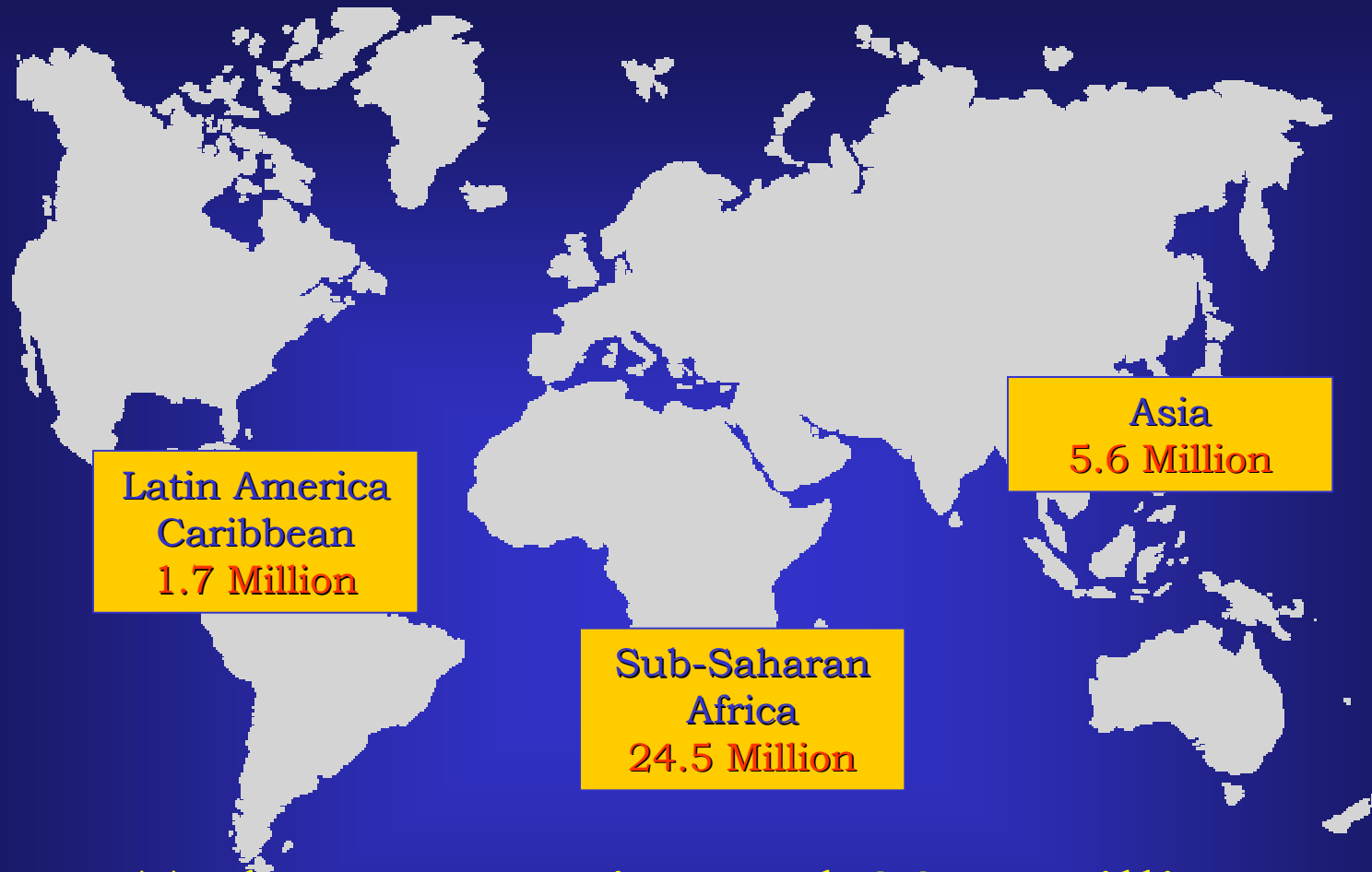
The New Orphan Estimates

Impact on Children

A New Strategic Agenda

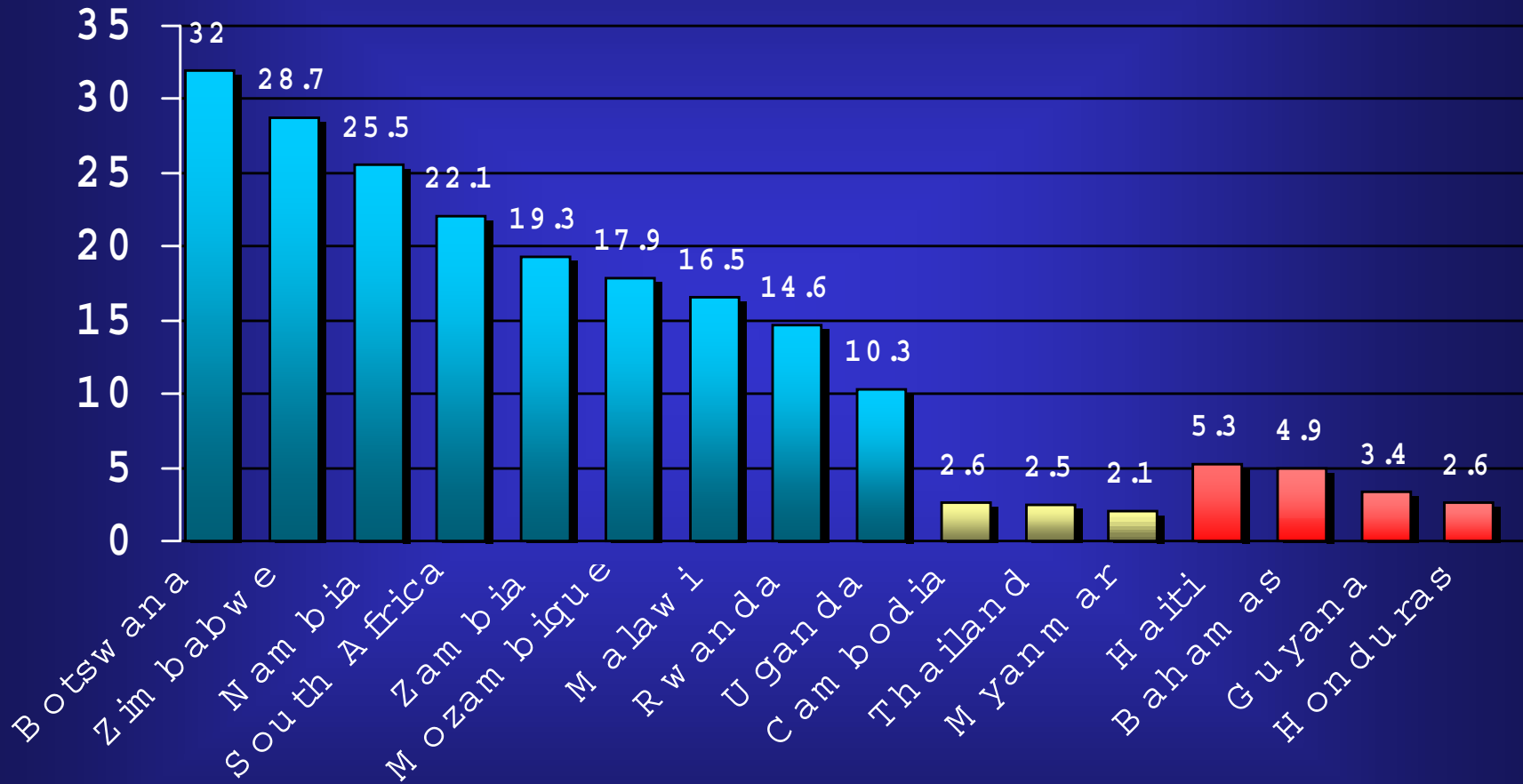


**An Estimated 18.8 Million Adult and Child  
AIDS Deaths Have Occurred  
Since the Beginning of the Epidemic**



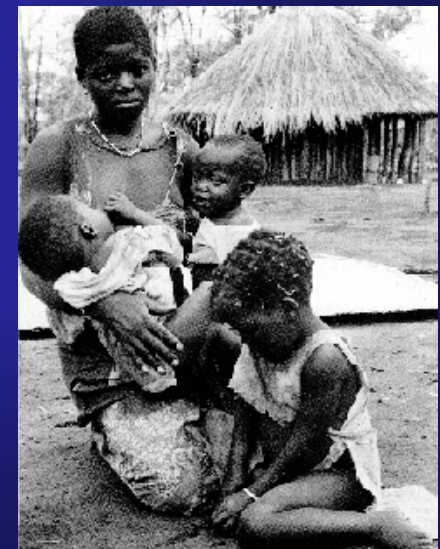
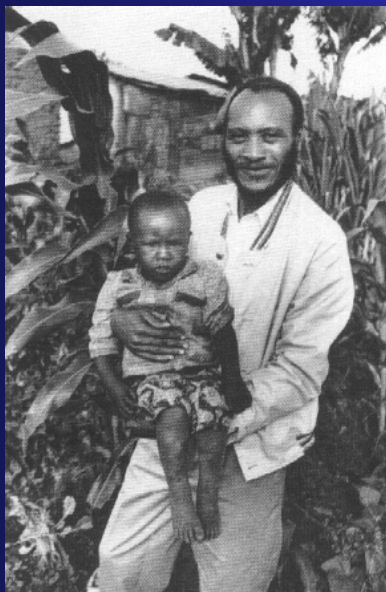
**Today, An Estimated 33.4 Million  
Adults and Children Are Living With HIV/AIDS,  
Most in Developing Countries**

# Infection Levels are Higher than Ever Imagined



And They Are Worsening

1 in 3 Adults in Botswana  
1 in 4 Adults in Zimbabwe, Namibia, Swaziland  
and 1 in 5 Adults in South Africa and Zambia

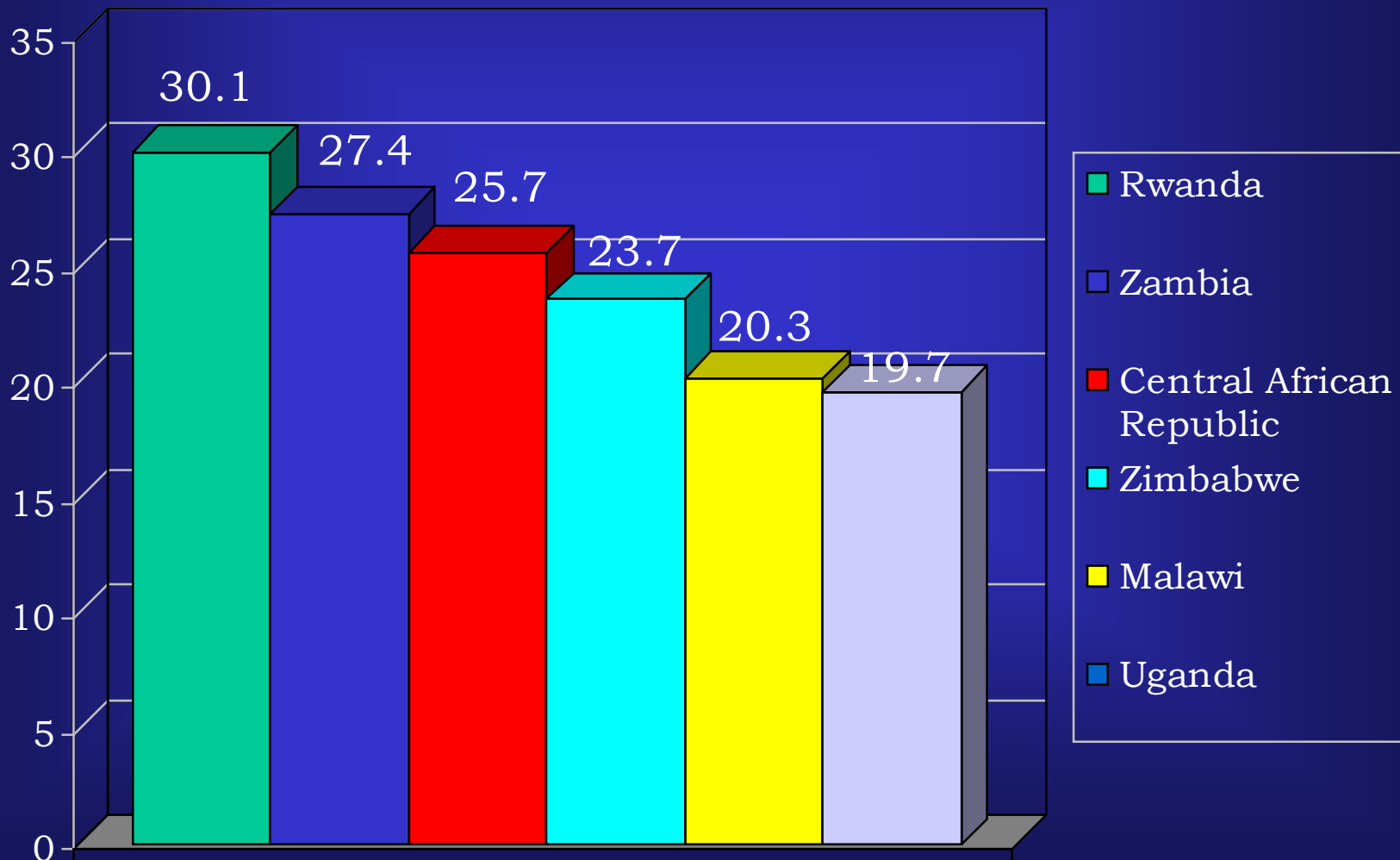


Are  
infected and  
expected to die  
within 7 to 10  
Years



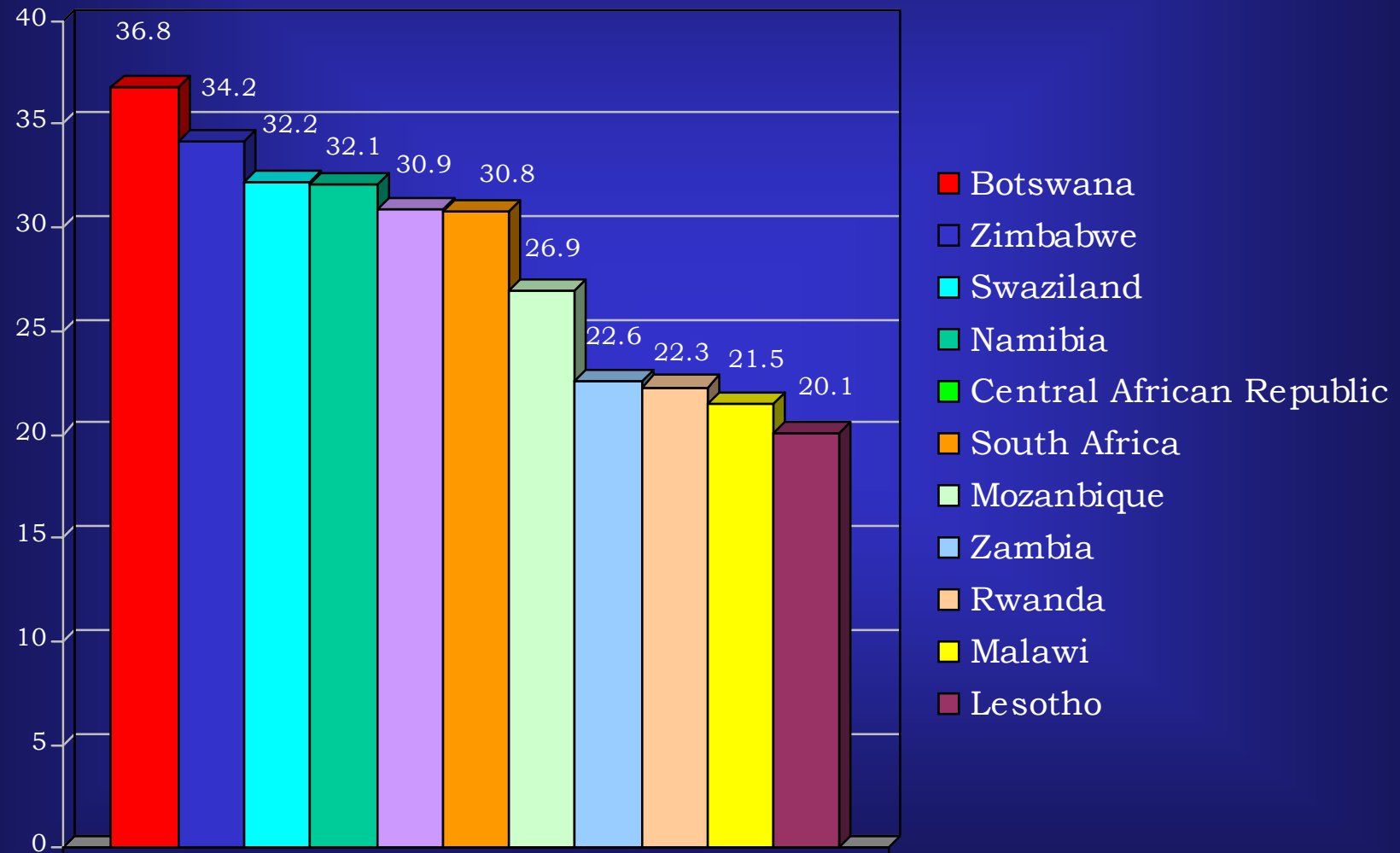
Today, There are 34.7 Million Orphans  
of AIDS and Other Causes,  
According to *Children on the Brink 2000*

**In six sub-Saharan African countries, 20% or more of all children under age 15 are currently orphaned**

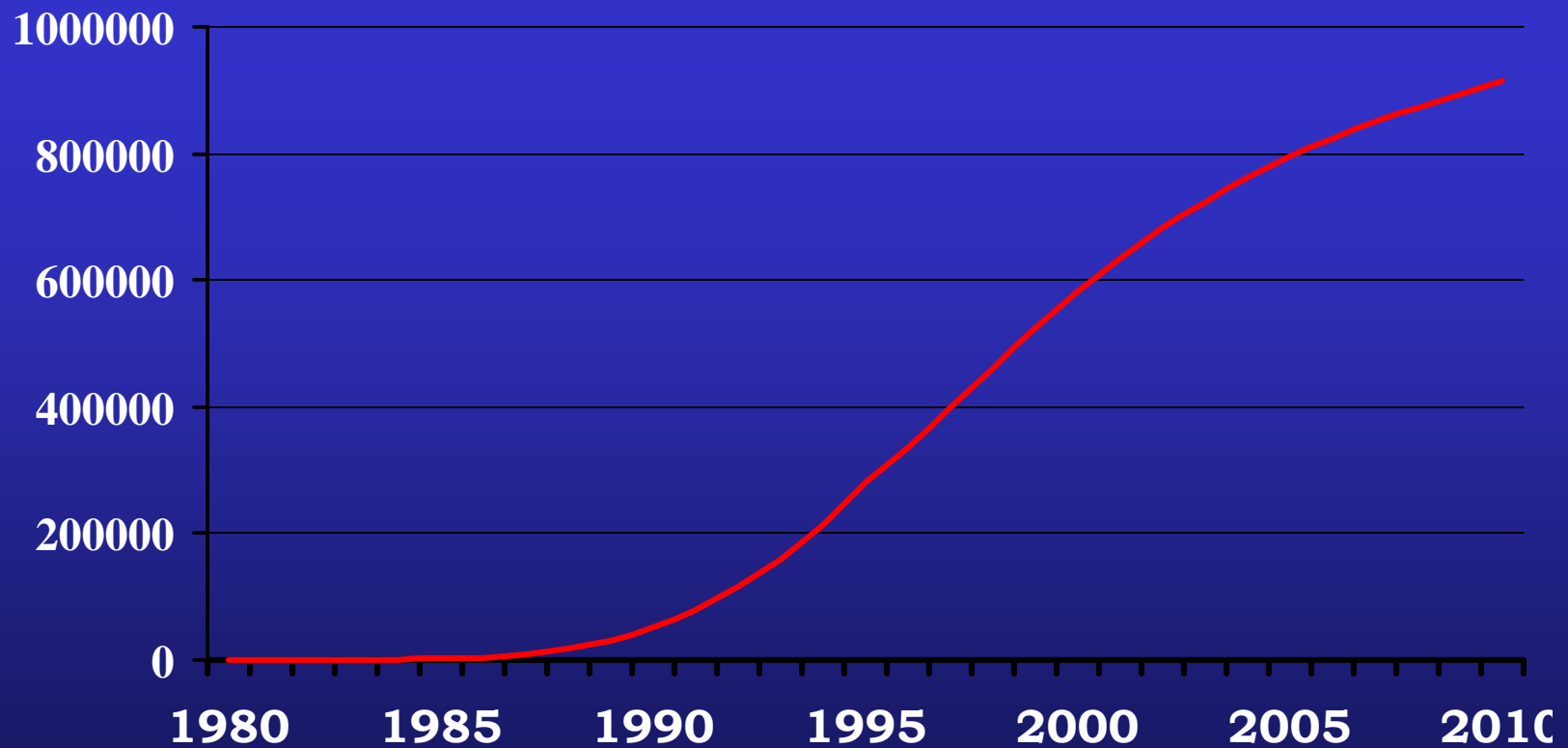




# By 2010, over 20% of children under 15 will be orphaned in eleven Sub-Saharan African countries



# CHILDREN IN ZAMBIA WHOSE MOTHER HAS DIED OF AIDS



**In many Eastern and Southern African countries,  
even if new infections leveled by the year 2000...**

Infection rates will remain high  
through at least **2010**

Deaths will not level until **2020**

The proportion of children orphaned will be  
unusually high through at least **2030**

The pandemic is undermining two decades of hard won development gains.

It will also have other, far reaching impacts on social structure, economic development, and human productivity

## **STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS**

- *The scale of orphaning is enormous*
- *The problem is long term*
- *Cost effectiveness must be a major consideration*
- *Responses must be developed and sustained at scale*
- *Collaboration is essential*
- *We have to hit a moving target*

***•The impacts on children and families are unprecedented*** 

***•The front line of response is affected families and communities***

***•Interventions must be developed considering both the big picture and the impacts at household level***

***•This is not only an African issue***

***•HIV/AIDS a fundamental development issue***

A world map in light blue and white is centered on a dark blue background. The map shows the outlines of continents and oceans.

# Mitigation Strategies

1. Strengthen the capacity of families to cope with their problems

2. Mobilize and strengthen community-based responses

3. Strengthen the capacity of children and young people to meet their own needs

4. Ensure that governments protect the most vulnerable children and provide essential services

5. Create an enabling environment for affected children and families