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Introduction

The toughest times in our lives can bring out the best in us. They can show us our strengths, resilience, our ability to put others before ourselves, and our capacity to be generous and loving. Those times can also bring out the worst in us—fear, discrimination, ignoring or refusing to serve those who need help, & blaming people who are struggling for their plight.

Throughout the history of the HIV epidemic, we have seen friends, families, communities, and even strangers step up & incredible generosity & bravery & make sacrifices to help people at risk for, or living with, HIV. Sadly, we also see distressing examples of neglect, rejection, shaming, and DISCRIMINATION!!!

Materials

How is your life with HIV?



“NO! STAY AWAY FROM ME, I KNOW WHAT YOU DID!”

“Not quite human”

“Feel ashamed!! not because of the cultural meaning of illness, but rather in response to the reactions of family”

“Ah, it is not a virus, it’s because the spirits are not happy.”

“You would be an outcast in the society. Nobody would love you.”

Imagine the future

Results

HIV/AIDS

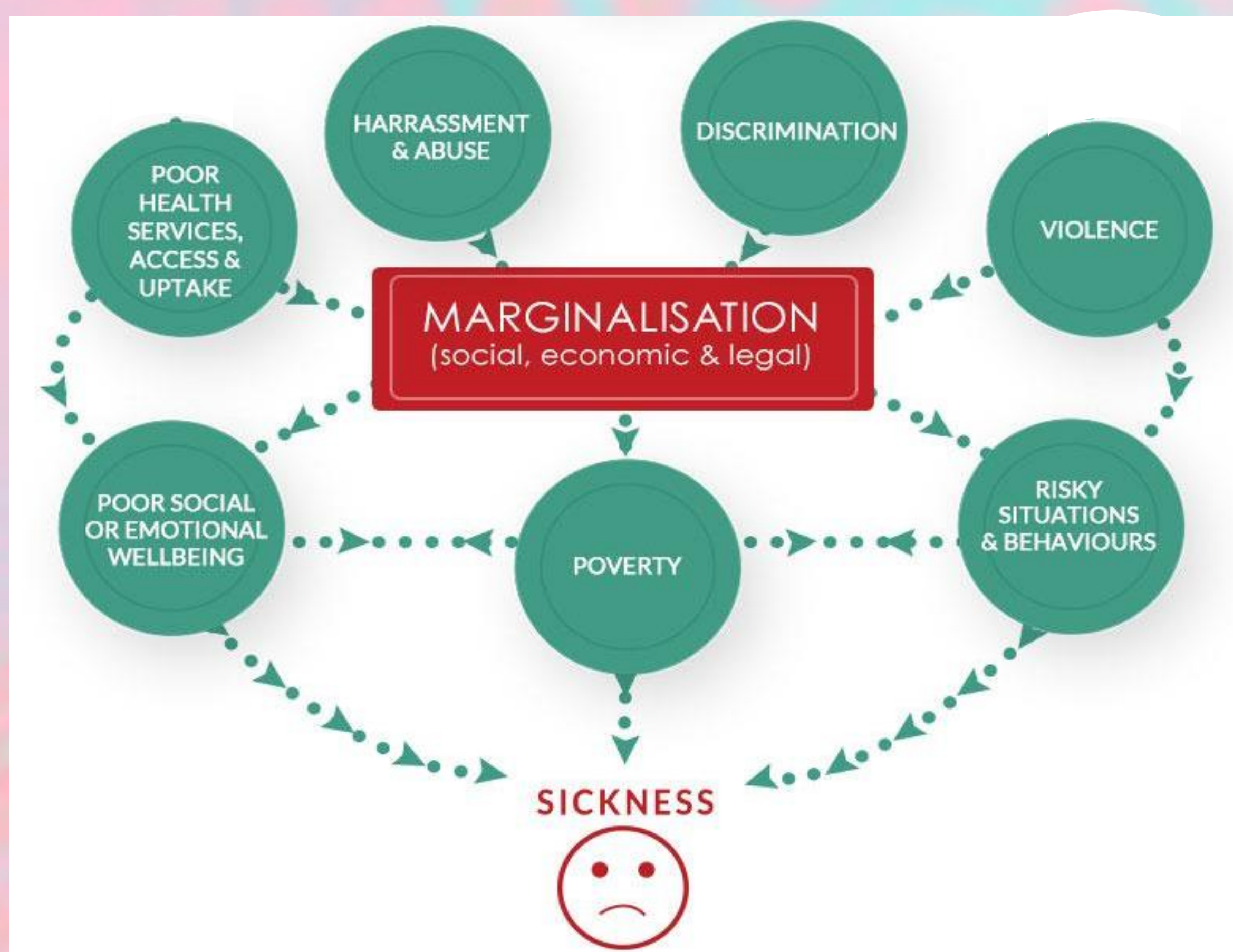
Sexuality

Drug Use

Gender



stigma



Conclusion

HIV/AIDS is the most insidious disease faced in this century. The issues are complex, but we must not allow this to sustain our apparent apathy. Urgently needed are global, multilevel, and justice-based approaches that address the many underlying causes. This includes challenging stigma, silence, poverty, and inequality



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