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ABSTRACT

This paper examines the impact of HIV/AIDS on labour production in Kenya. It shows how high prevalence of HIV/AIDS has affected the economic growth in that there is a reduction in labour supply. There is also increased costs in terms of medical expenses and adults in this most productive year.

The paper’s main objective is to analyze the impact of HIV/AIDS on individual labour productivity. Agriculture is the mainstay of the Kenya’s Economy thus the impact is highly visible. This is through lower productivity in farming areas due to illness, absentism, death and subsequent loss of farming skills.

This paper also shows why the levels of poverty is continually increasing as a result of decreasing productivity over time in western Kenya. The issue of the impact of HIV/AIDS on industry and business sector is also eminent. This is because industry and business form the basis of production and supply of goods and services in an economy.

The paper stipulates key recommendation to alleviate the economic state with regard to levels of HIV/AIDS.