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"AIDS in the World", published by Harvard University Press in 1992, was the first full analysis of the global confrontation with this disease, Since then, the AIDS scene has been changing so rapidly that a second volume is needed to describe new findings. The authors extend the international comparisons from 38 countries to the entire world, show that the AIDS pandemic has become increasingly fragmented within the world population, present data to go beyond the current understanding of the vulnerability of nations and communities to the major spread of HIV, and discuss in depth the social strategies that have enabled individuals to avoid infection. They also place more emphasis on the vulnerabilities of different age and sex groups, such as infants, children and women.

From Library JournalCompiled by the Harvard-based Global AIDS Policy Coalition, and written and edited by internationally recognized experts in the field of HIV/AIDS this new volume continues the impressive work begun by its predecessor (AIDS in the World, 1992, LJ 3/1/93). Illustrated with many detailed charts and graphs, the book examines the current state of knowledge on HIV treatments, prevention, and research and describes what the global community must do to deal with this "defining challenge to our world." Both comprehensive and clearly written, this book can be used and appreciated by health professionals, health policymakers, and general readers alike. Students

will find the statistics useful, and the reasonable price makes the volume accessible to most libraries. Highly recommended for all collections. ?Linda Gleason, Univ. of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey Lib., Newark Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. "Fascinating, provocative, powerful."--Annals of Internal Medicine Praise for the First Edition: "A comprehensive and masterful approach to the AIDS pandemic, a major challenge to our civilization."--Luc Montagnier, Institut Pasteur, France, co-discoverer of the HIV virus "No one can remain illiterate about HIV/AIDS.... This authoritative compilation of valuable information and understandable concepts is an invaluable source for non-specialists and specialists alike."--Jonas Salk, M.D., Founding Director and Distinguished Professor of International Health Sciences, Salk Institute for Biological Studies "AIDS in the World is an extraordinarily useful resource for anyone concerned about the HIV pandemic and its ramifications around the globe. The projections of the future scope of AIDS and HIV are of such magnitude that extensive planning is urgently needed; this volume is invaluable in facing this daunting task."--June E. Osborn, M.D., Dean, University of Michigan School of Public Health; Chairwoman, U.S. National Commission on AIDS "AIDS in the World is a call to arms in the fight against AIDS. Its honest analysis presents a compelling case for a massive worldwide effort to end the pandemic. But that effort will only be successful if it deals directly with issues of human rights, equity between the sexes, and the absolute necessity for rich nations to help poor ones. A must read for those concerned about the future of the global community."--Mervyn F. Silverman, M.D., President, American Foundation for AIDS Research (authors don't like this guy!) "The most comprehensive attempt to analyze trends, assess the present position, and predict the future spread of the virus."--The Guardian "AIDS in the World challenges us to find the political will to work together on a global basis to save human lives and to serve justice. It should remind the jaded why they joined the fight against AIDS and motivate those who have not yet found the courage or confidence to act."--Ron Rowell, Executive Director, National Native American AIDS Prevention Center "AIDS in the World is an attempt to clarify the AIDS crisis and dispel the myths and misunderstandings that surround it... an extremely ambitious undertaking.... The authors make it abundantly clear that... solutions will come about only through global cooperation. AIDS is not the isolated problem of one country or one race or one person. Its defeat is the responsibility of all the citizens of the world."--Joseph Fera, Director of Communications for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, in World Affairs Council Booknotes "This important new book puts its finger on the pulse of the world, ailing with HIV and AIDS, and the prognosis looks grim--only occasionally does an effective heartbeat get through to show the patient is making any response. While it will not be easy to pull the patient round, this important initial diagnostic assessment should allow policy makers to get on with the business of planning a sustained approach to treatment--based on a realistic assessment of the problem and a vision of what could be achieved."--Anthony J. Pinching, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London From the Back Cover Aids in the World, published in 1992, was the first full analysis of mankind's global confrontation with this disease. The authors chart a course into the future based on an incisive investigation of the global pandemic and response, the crucial lessons learned from the first decade, and their expert understanding of the scientific and social dimensions of the HIV challenge.