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## 2010 Current Statistics on Orphans

- Every 15 seconds another child becomes an AIDS orphan in Africa.<sup>1</sup>
  - that's 5,760 every day
  - that's 2,102,400 every year
- Approximately 143,000,000 children in Africa alone will spend at least 10 years in an orphanage or foster care environment.<sup>2</sup>



- In the Ukraine and Russia 10-15 % of the children who “age out of an orphanage” commit suicide before the age of 18. 60% of the girls are lured into prostitution and 70% of the boys become hardened criminals.<sup>3</sup>
- As of 2009:<sup>4</sup> There have been 1.4 million children in Zambia who have lost 1 or both parents. There have been 59 Million children in Africa who have lost 1 or both parents. There have been 153 Million children in the World who have lost 1 or both parents.
- It is estimated there are between **143 million** and **210 million** orphans worldwide<sup>5</sup>
- **8** out of **10** children orphaned by AIDS live in sub-Saharan Africa<sup>5</sup>
- There are an estimated 12 million Orphans in Sub-Saharan Africa. Within a few years, this figure is predicted to rise to 15.7 million AIDS orphans in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- The physical needs of orphans, such as nutrition, education and health care, often appear to be the most urgent. But the emotional needs of traumatized children who have lost a parent should not be forgotten.

- Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF:

*The silence that surrounds children affected by HIV/AIDS and the inaction that results is morally reprehensible and unacceptable. If this situation is not addressed, and not addressed now with increased urgency, millions of children will continue to die, and tens of millions more will be further marginalised, stigmatised, malnourished, uneducated, and psychologically damaged.*



- 1 [http://www.habitatforhumanity.org.uk/current\\_appeal.htm](http://www.habitatforhumanity.org.uk/current_appeal.htm)
- 2 Estimates from United nations data bases
- 3 <http://www.hopefororphansoftheworld.org/default.aspx?id=30>
- 4 UNAIDS., 2010 Report on the Global AIDS Epidemic
- 5 [www.unicef.org/uniteforchildren](http://www.unicef.org/uniteforchildren)