

Women most exposed to killer disease

One of the most worrying aspects of Aids is the vulnerability of women to it. Upto 10 per cent of women attending an antenatal clinic may be found to have the Aids virus.

With regard to sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), up to between 14 and 17 per cent of women attending a family planning clinic may be found to have had gonorrhoea.

These high figures are due to the large number of gonorrhoea germs which have become resistant to drugs. Resistance to drugs occurs when inadequate treatment dosage of the drug are used. If such inadequate treatment is continued, then the resistant germs will not be killed and will continue to spread gonorrhoea without control.

This situation is compounded by inadequate or lack of contact tracing. The inevitable result is rapid spread of gonorrhoea and its complications such as infertility and now Aids.

Our aids against Aids are in knowing that women are more vulnerable than men to

areas where they continue to play a major role in spreading the disease to other sexual partners.

Men have thus created a rapidly growing and lucrative market for female commercial sex worker to earn their livelihood. In practice, this means that men have given their approval to the practice of the female earning her living commercially to meet the market demands of men. This practice is associated with heavy alcoholic drinking and promiscuity.

Our aids against Aids are in being educated about international prostitution.

Promiscuity is closely associated with a high incidence of sexually transmitted diseases and is also related to having sex with barnmaids, night club girls and prostitutes.

A considerable proportion of young people do not know that sex could result in pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease when they start. In promiscuity, it is the urge to have new partners which is the driving force rather than the urge to have frequent sex.
