

## IS THE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT APPROACH WELL ENOUGH FOR ADDRESSING THE HIV/AIDS?

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### ABSTRACT

This paper is an attempt to handle complex issues of human development and social justice and discern the differences, strength and shortcomings in the point of view of its three key architects—Haq, Sen and Nussbaum—(Clark, 2005; Stanton, 2007). The application of the human development principles to the problem of HIV/AIDS is main purpose of the paper. It has been done based on the secondary sources of information. Bangladesh HIV/AIDS policy has been taken as a case study in the paper. It tries to develop an analytical tool in order to explain human development as a means by making synthesis between the human development approach and bio-social model of the HIV/AIDS. The most important potentiality of human development approach to advocate for providing the essentials like health and education that leads to reduce the vulnerability of the affected people by the HIV/AIDS found. Conversely, its crucial limitation found, human development is seen as an end in itself. In conclusion, the author reaches in a decision that human development as an end can also be extended to become the means to reach a higher goal, a descent society by showing that co-responsible sex, improving social condition and co-sharing of the care economy ensure sound and descent lives for all to facilitate people not to be affected by the HIV/AIDS. It is thus suggested that Bangladesh HIV/AIDS policy needs to integrate both bio-medical and social (human development) approaches of HIV/AIDS to reduce further increasing of the number of HIV/AIDS affected.

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