

WHO warns AIDS deaths could soar during pandemic



Geneva, May 12 (RHC)-- The World Health Organization warns half a million more people could succumb to AIDS-related illnesses in sub-Saharan Africa due to shortages in vaccines and essential medicines caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

The disruption to local health services could see AIDS-related deaths reaching 2008 levels, when it claimed nearly one million lives.

Coronavirus lockdowns have been easing in some African nations, including Nigeria, the continent's most populous country. South Africa, which imposed strict measures and has recorded the highest number of cases, has permitted daily outdoor exercise and for restaurants to deliver food, though most of its other restrictions remain in place.

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