

Progressive realization

An abstract collage artwork on a green background. It features various geometric and organic shapes in shades of grey, black, and white. A prominent white line pattern, resembling a network or circuit, flows across the lower half. There are several small red dots and a black cube-like shape. The overall style is reminiscent of mid-century modern or abstract expressionist collage.

Article 2 & Governments' Budgets

*Budget increases and meeting
the obligation of progressive realization*

HIV/AIDS and the obligation of PR

- 2003: 5.3 million people living with HIV/AIDS in South Africa.
- Government refused to implement prevention and treatment program - insufficient funds.
- SA Constitution - right to life and to health
- Article 27 obligates the state to take measures “within its available resources, to achieve the progressive realization” of these rights.



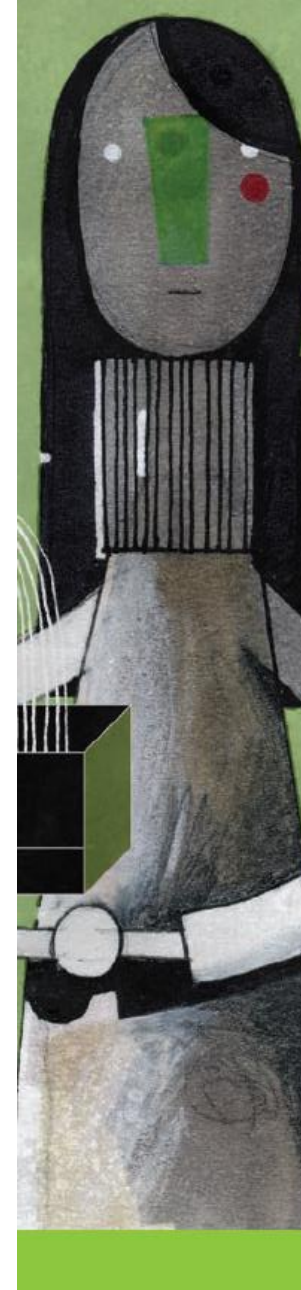
Meaning of PR regarding HIV/AIDS

- People should enjoy increasingly better health
- The number of people that are healthy should increase
- If an increase in government spending directly contributes to more people living a healthier life, government has an obligation to devote the maximum of available resources to this effort.



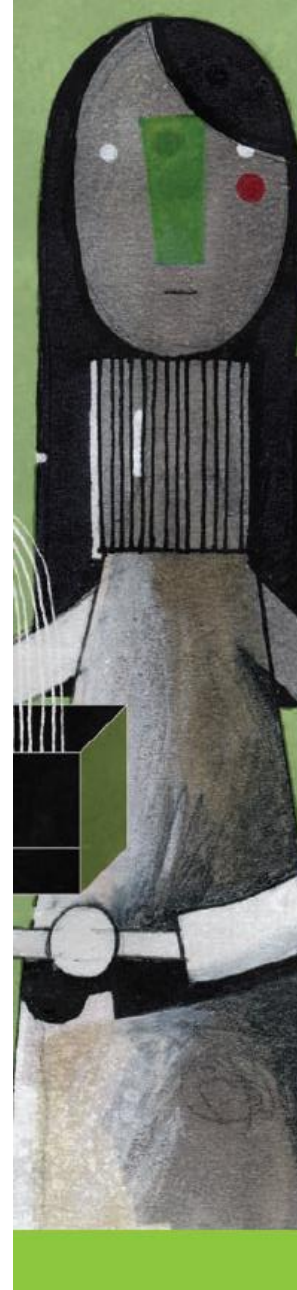
The Treatment Action Campaign's work

- TAC (1998) - advocates for increased access to treatment, care and support services for people with HIV/AIDS
- Government suspended trial for PMTCT drugs - too costly
- TAC took the case to the High Court
- Financial projections showed that providing Nevirapine was financially possible and would save the government money



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- Government - full roll-out of Nevirapine would cost US\$ 33.3 million; such amount was not available.
- TAC - government failing to use MAR, underspending health budgets by twice that amount.
- Court ruled in favor of TAC - government failing to take reasonable steps within available resources to provide access to programs that would prevent HIV transmission



PR and budgets for HIV/AIDS

- The provision of PMTCT and a program to provide ARVs - budget for the fight against HIV/AIDS increased by 1,850% from 2003 to 2013.
- PR directly related to budget increases necessary to pay for new interventions and drugs.
- Millions of people got access to needed drugs and services.



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