ABSTRACT

YOUNG WOMEN AND SEX IN THE TIME OF HIV/AIDS. A CASE OF ZIMBABWE

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The paper looks at the complex situation in which Zimbabwe women find themselves in, in this time of HIV/AIDS. These women have a strong need to survive. This desire to survive is greatly challenged by the positions they are expected to play in society. This paper looks at a number of case studies from women in which they try to negotiate their positions in society on one hand and on the other, trying to prevent getting infected with HIV/AIDS from partners. This paper discusses how the Zimbabwean cultural expectations make women vulnerable to HIV/AIDS infection by looking at single women and their sexuality. Attention is also paid to the impact that institutions such as HIV/AIDS prevention organisations and those for sexual health influence women's efforts to prevent HIV/AIDS infection from partners.