

Utilization and HIV/AIDS Care Seeking Behavior in Zambia Findings from National Health Accounts Preliminary Findings

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Country Information

- Population: 10.3 million
- Adult HIV prevalence rate (2002 DHS): 15.6%
- 1.2 millions adults and children living with HIV/AIDS
 - 56% are women
 - 61% reside in the rural area
- Life expectancy: 39.7 years

Concept of HIV/AIDS Subanalysis

- Tracks HIV spending throughout the health sector
- Utilizes the internationally accepted National Health Accounts methodology which determines a country's total health spending

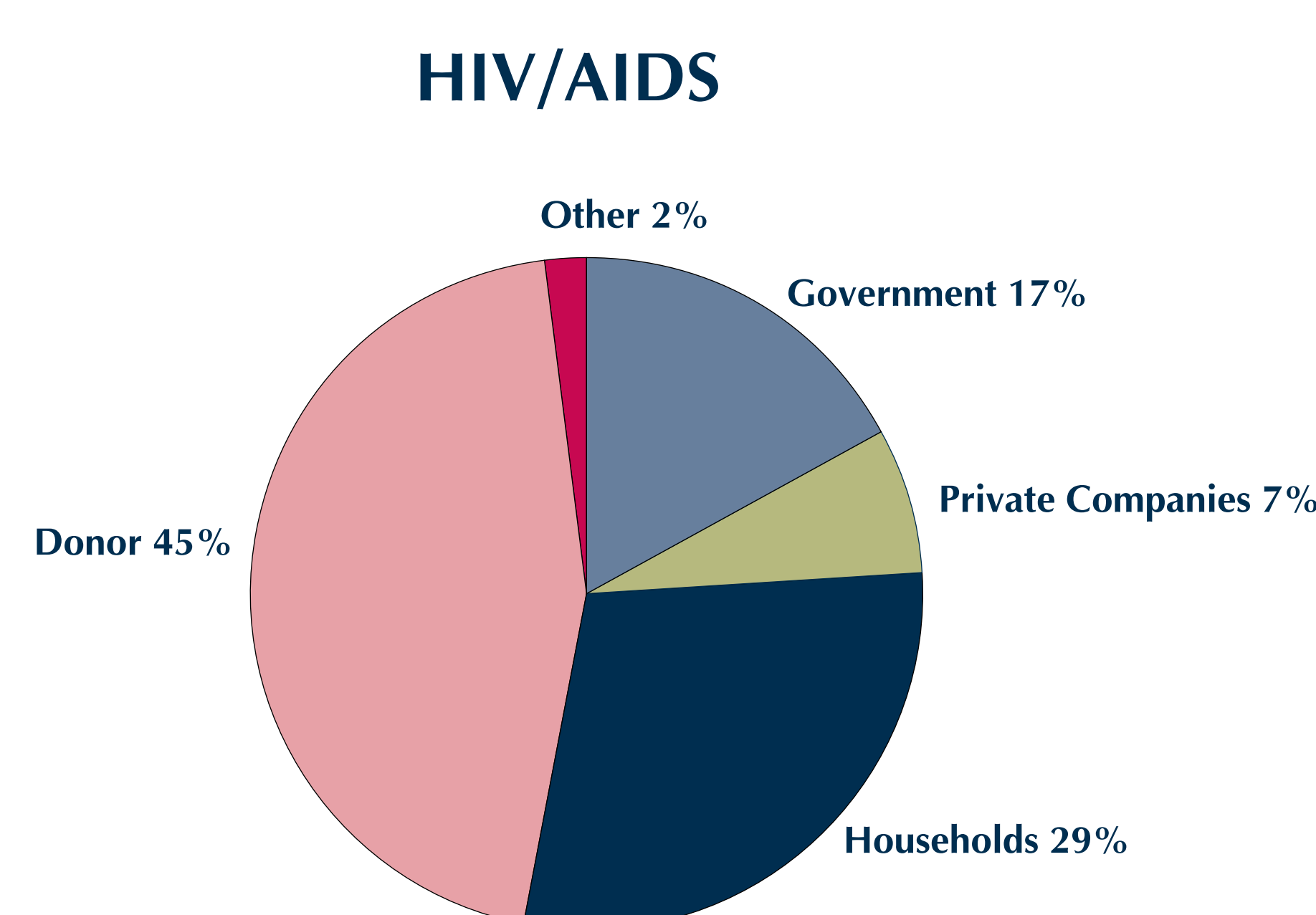
Purpose of HIV/AIDS Subanalysis

- To provide the Government of Zambia with a clearer understanding of HIV/AIDS spending patterns
- To provide policymakers with evidence to make more informed decisions on allocating HIV/AIDS resources

HIV/AIDS Subanalysis Methodology

- Year of Estimation: Fiscal Year 2002
- Surveys collected from 1293 HIV+ individuals from six provinces:
 - Central
 - Copperbelt
 - Eastern
 - Luapula
 - Lusaka
 - Southern
- Health expenditure information collected from:
 - HIV+ individuals
 - Traditional Healers
 - Facilities
 - Employers
 - NGOs
 - Pharmacies
 - Cooperating Partners (donors)

Financiers of HIV/AIDS Health Care in Zambia



Households and donors finance 74% of HIV/AIDS health care

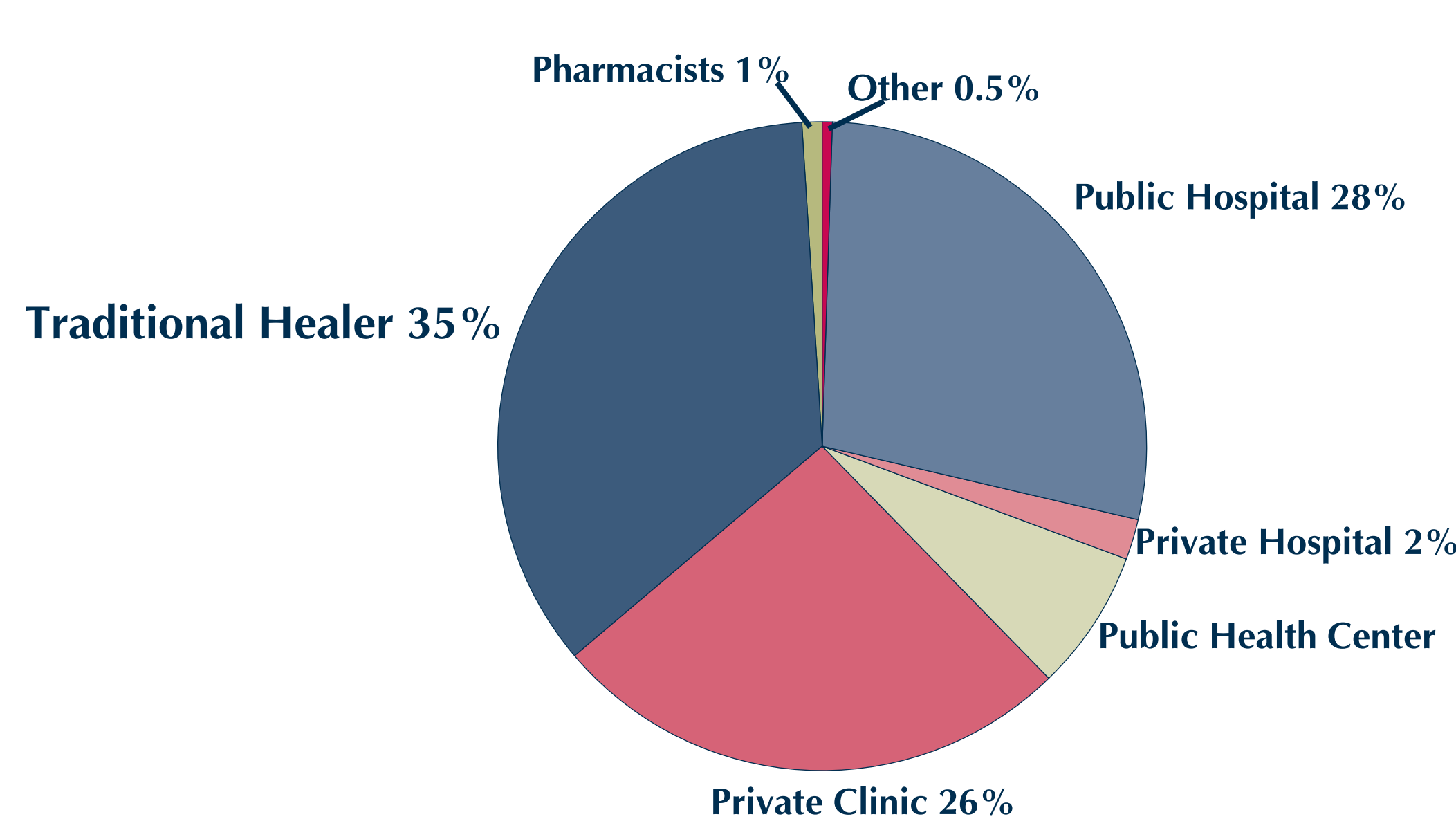
Household Out-of-pocket Spending

HIV/AIDS Out-of-pocket spending
= \$32 per HIV+ individual

General Out-of-pocket spending
= \$4 per capita

A HIV+ individual spends 8 times more out-of-pocket than the average Zambian on health care

Households Spending by Provider Type



Approximately 6% of visits are made to traditional healers accounting for 35% of all household out-of-pocket spending on HIV/AIDS

Conclusion

- A third of household spending on HIV/AIDS occurs at the traditional healer raising questions of quality of care
- HIV+ individuals bear a greater burden to finance health care paying 8 times more than the general population
- Households and donors are the major financiers of HIV/AIDS health care