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Abstract: HIV/AIDS has emerged in the last decades as a major threat to health and the socio-economic conditions of developing countries in particular including Nigeria. The growing trend of HIV/AIDS is becoming worrisome to planners and the likes. The study used secondary data sourced from National Bureau of Statistics-NBS and Central Bank of Nigeria-CBN statistical Bulletin in its analysis. The analysis validated that the incidence of HIV/AIDS exerts serious negative influence on economic growth in Nigeria. This is due to the fact that HIV/AIDS reduces a great proportion of the working population and with huge cost implications, which reduces economic resources in the country. The policy interventions recommended by the study for stemming the scourge of HIV/AIDS include: prevention of new infections, cost reduction of treatments, adjustments to employment, and development of activities like psycho-educational programme to motivate and foster AIDS prevention behaviours among the Nigeria populace especially the youths.

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