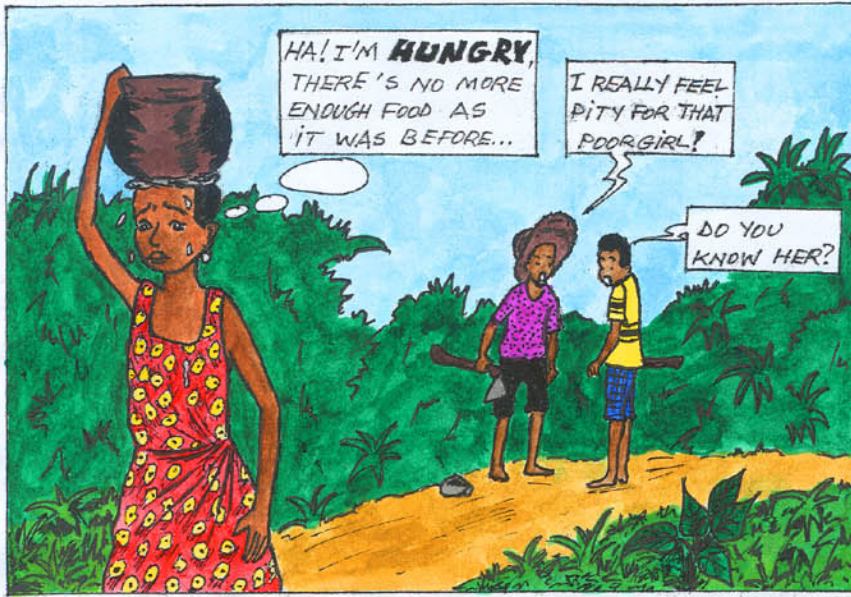


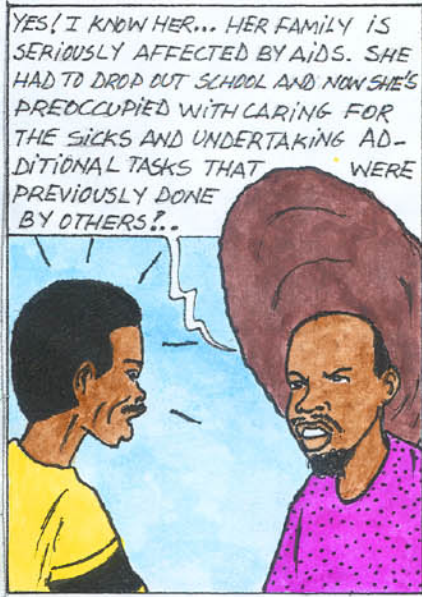
AIDS



HA! I'M **HUNGRY**, THERE'S NO MORE ENOUGH FOOD AS IT WAS BEFORE...

I REALLY FEEL PITY FOR THAT **POOR GIRL!**

DO YOU KNOW HER?



YES! I KNOW HER... HER FAMILY IS SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY AIDS. SHE HAD TO DROP OUT SCHOOL AND NOW SHE'S PREOCCUPIED WITH CARING FOR THE SICKS AND UNDERTAKING ADDITIONAL TASKS THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY DONE BY OTHERS?..



MINUTES LATER

IN FACT THIS IS THEIR CROP FIELD, DO YOU SEE HOW IT LOOKS? AS A RESULT OF AIDS, THE TIME CONSUMING WORK LIKE WEEDING, MULCHING, PRUNING AND LAND CLEARANCE IS LEFT UNDONE. SOMETIMES, THE GIRL TRIES TO DO SOMETHING BUT THE WORK IS NOT CARRIED OUT PROPERLY.

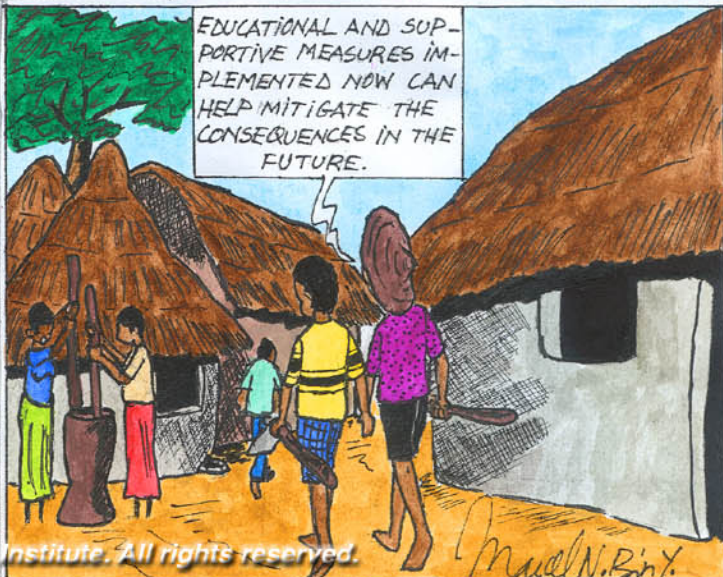
AND AS YOU KNOW, FAILING TO CARRY OUT ESSENTIAL AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES ALSO CAUSES A DECLINE IN SOIL FERTILITY, AN INCREASE IN PEST AND DISEASES AND AN INEVITABLE REDUCTION IN OUTPUT.

HEY! THIS IS TERRIBLE BECAUSE SO MANY FAMILIES ARE AFFECTED BY AIDS, THIS WILL LEAD TO A DEVASTATING FAMINE!



YEAH! THAT'S WHERE WE'RE HEADING!

AN ACTION MUST BE TAKEN, FOOD INSECURITY WILL SIMPLY WORSEN THE SITUATION, AS A GOOD NUTRITION DIET HAS BEEN SHOWN TO IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS OF THOSE LIVING WITH AIDS.



EDUCATIONAL AND SUPPORTIVE MEASURES IMPLEMENTED NOW CAN HELP MITIGATE THE CONSEQUENCES IN THE FUTURE.

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