## HIV/Aids 'stats' misrepresented

HAVING been involved in the struggle for justice in our country for 60 years, I applaud your courage and integrity in highlighting opposing views on the important issue of HIV/Aids (March 13), when much of our media continue the kind of censorship and brainwashing that contributed to the survival of apartheid for so long.

As the label communist was used to silence dissenters, so denialist is now used to prevent engagement and access to information.

The nearly 400 000 followers of former president Thabo Mbeki on Facebook know that on March 8 he linked my statistical analysis published in 2009 on tig.org. za refuting the claims by Harvard University that his government was responsible for 300 000 deaths.

Recently I have posted three further analyses demonstrating that there is no relationship between the test measurement HIV, as calculated by our Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) and Actuarial Society of South Africa (ASSA), and mortality as registered by Statistics South Africa.

There has been no increase in mortality above that

expected from the increase in death registration completion, population growth, the huge influx of impoverished immigrants, and the residual impact of malnutrition during the apartheid years.

While working as a research fellow with the late Lawrence Schlemmer at the then University of Natal. Durban during the 1970s, I witnessed first-hand the deplorable health of rural industrial workers, at a time when nearly 1 million citizens annually were barely surviving into adulthood with stunted and malformed organs, as recorded in the archives of bodies such as the Black Sash, which my mother served for more than 30 years from the late 1950s.

My statistical analyses provide irrefutable evidence of the irreconcilable contradictions within and between the various bodies alleging a new cause of death.

The HSRC calculates an excess of more than 1 million female HIV deaths between 2005 and 2012, whereas StatsSA registered a male excess of 100 000 total and 200 000 from age 20 to 64 over the same period.

The age group mortality ratios of children have

remained constant since 1997 in contradiction to claims of a different ratio introduced by a new cause of death.

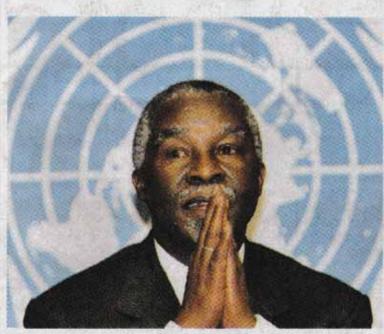
ASSA estimated 400 000 perinatal and 250 000 breastmilk transmissions from 1997 to 2006, with a median survival of 7 and 14 years respectively, but there is no evidence of any actual increase in child mortality from StatsSA.

In their analysis of April 2012, the Medical Research Council (MRC) acknowledge that there had been a vast improvement in death registration completion up to the peak mortality year of 2006.

US biochemist Rodney Richards was one of the founding scientists developing the HIV tests until he realised they had no validity and began studying the South African statistics.

In August 2004, he presented a 22-page paper to the MRC showing the lack of any correlation between the provincial HIV rates and the provincial percentage increase in deaths, but a clear correlation with provincial poverty rates and health-care expenditure.

Schlemmer's definition of an academic was someone



Thabo Mbeki at the UN in Geneva, Switzerland. His letter on his foundation website has support among those who have found merit in his stance towards HIV/Aids.

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fearless in trying to uncover the truth, but the MRC did not acknowledge Richards' paper; nor did the SA Medical Journal, which refused to publish any article dissenting from the alleged mainstream doctrine, despite the list of 3 000 dissenting scholars on aras.ab.ca, which includes hundreds of high-

ranking biochemists and microbiologists and many South Africans of all races.

Kary Mullis, who won the chemistry Nobel prize in 1993 for inventing the polymerase chain reaction, deplores its use in HIV testing.

Academics like Max Essex of the Harvard School of Public Health have been deeply embedded in the virus industry since its beginning in the early 1980s.

His fellow author, Sofia Gruskin, alleging 300 000 deaths, was among an elite group who assembled in Vancouver in July 1996, plotting the way forward for an international pandemic.

This included virus hunter Peter Piot leading the charge at the UN and World Health Organisation, James Chin, former WHO head of epidemiology who blew the whistle on the fabricated statistics in his 2007 book, The Aids Pandemic, and the German doctor Professor Thomas Rehle, who has been orchestrating the HSRC statistics since 2005.

The Harvard School co-sponsored and chaired this conference. Academics like Rehle, Rob Dorrington of ASSA and MRC's Debbie Bradshaw do not acknowledge my letters to them.

In June 2008, the WHO Aids chief, Kevin de Cock, acknowledged that there never was, nor ever will be, a heterosexual epidemic, except in Southern Africa.

In its 2012 survey, the HSRC reported a black African prevalence 55 times greater than whites.

Just as people like the
Karims (Salim Abdool
Karim and Quarraisha
Abdool Karim) deny years
of exploitation, child
malnutrition, stunted growth,
mass forced removals and the
break-up of African family
life, had any impact on the
health of our nation, they now
deny the significant reduction

in absolute poverty from 23 million in 2006 to 16 million in 2011, according to StatsSA, including a huge extension of social grants, has had any impact on the decrease in mortality since 2006.

Table 9 in my 2016 paper on child mortality shows the lack of any age group correlation between the drug coverage and percentage decrease in deaths. Up to 2010, the male to female ratio doesn't change, despite the claim that two-thirds of those on the drugs were female.

In July, 20 000 delegates are descending on our city at an average entrance fee of R10 000 or R200 million in total. The US Pepfar fund allocated more than R5 billion for the drugs to date, with millions more funding academic departments and career scientists.

Philanthropists like Bill Gates and Chuck Feeney, funding so-called indigenous NGOs like the TAC, are hugely invested in the pharmaceutical industry, which in September 2012 was reported as paying more than \$11bn in fines for criminal wrongdoing in three years.

My Catholic Church has been spending up to R60 000 annually on the drugs, while being unable to afford fruit when feeding 300 homeless people at the Hurley Centre.

Anyone concerned about this corruption of science and our society please make contact.

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