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National High School Debate Topic: Public Health Aid to Sub-Saharan Africa

Pro: U.S. government should increase its public health assistance to sub-Saharan Africa

- Support increased public health assistance. The lack of adequate public health care in sub-Saharan Africa is causing a tremendous crisis, and the U.S. should do all it can to improve the situation. More nations of the U.S. could be saved if the U.S. helped provide drugs needed to combat the crisis.

Con: U.S. assistance does not amount to the amount needed. The U.S. has donated billions of dollars to Sub-Saharan Africa over the years, yet the health crisis in that region has not been substantially improved. The public health initiatives in Sub-Saharan Africa will only make a change if Africans are educated and demand better health care from their own governments.

Pro: The United States should not spend money on public health aid to sub-Saharan Africa

- U.S. should focus on its own health issues. The United States has many health issues of its own to deal with, and spending money on Sub-Saharan Africa's health issues will not help improve America's health.

Con: The United States should spend money on Sub-Saharan Africa's health issues. The United States has a responsibility to help others who are less fortunate. By helping Sub-Saharan Africa, the United States can set an example for other countries to follow.

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