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Article **Who Has Correct Information and Knowledge about HIV/AIDS in China?**

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Abstract This paper identifies the vulnerable groups who have lower levels of specific knowledge about HIV/AIDS transmission and prevention in China based on the data from the Baseline Survey for IEC in HIV/AIDS Prevention, conducted by the State Family Planning Commission in 2000. The survey collected information from 7,054 men and women aged 15 to 49. Findings indicate that the large urban-rural differential in knowledge of HIV/AIDS diminished after taking account of the effects of other sociodemographic factors. Higher levels of education and media exposure are associated with increased level of correct knowledge. Given the wide disparities in knowledge about HIV/AIDS transmission and prevention within China, especially by education and media exposure, it is important to have strategic approaches to tailor health education programmes specifically to target those with a low level of education and less access to media in rural areas.

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