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MAKING EPILEPSY A HEALTH PRIORITY IN AFRICA

In Africa, approximately 10 million people live with epilepsy. While epilepsy can be a devastating and chronic condition, with basic treatment, more than 70% of cases can be controlled with one drug. Tragically, in Africa, epilepsy is greatly misunderstood, deeply stigmatized, severely underfunded and, most often, ignored by the healthcare system. Over 75% of people with epilepsy in Africa live in rural and semiurban areas where treatment is almost nonexistent. With the knowledge that there are affordable drugs and effective, low-cost programs, it is shocking that people with epilepsy in Africa continue to suffer.

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