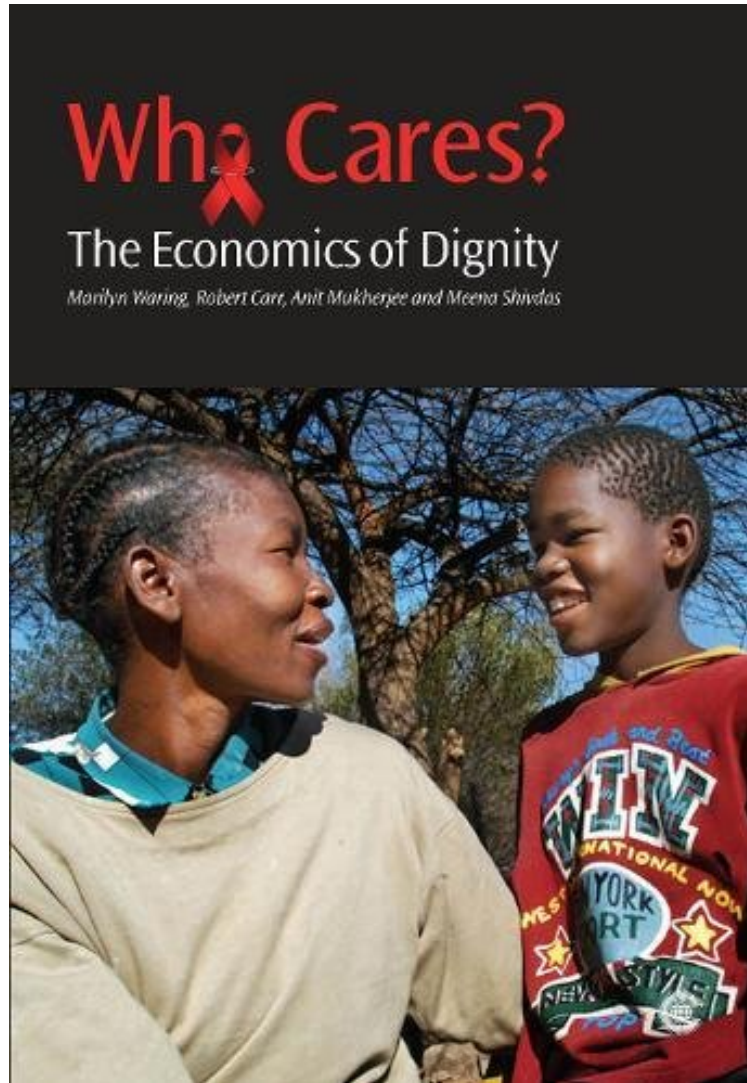


## Who Cares?: The Economics of Dignity

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At the centre of the HIV/AIDS response are the 12 million people who need care and treatment. Those who are ill require support from carers who provide physical, social and psychological support. Yet these carers - essential actors in the response - are often invisible to the system that relies on them. The writers argue that focusing on the carer, at

the household level, directs assistance where it is most effective and most needed, will respect human rights, and will help achieve the millennium development goals in health.

At the heart of this wonderful volume are the voices of the carers of people living with HIV, the voices of so many women and girls, but there are also the voices of men: gay men, transsexuals, friends. And woven around their stories are the international instruments within which their rights can be located, the economic analysis of their plight, and the assertions that they too, like all of us, must have the freedom to make choices and the wherewithal, the agency, to live the lives that they the capabilities to live. This is a groundbreaking work. Too long overdue. May it lead to the needed changes, in policies and in the care we give to the carers. (Dr. Elizabeth Reid, carer, development workers, feminist, and Visiting Fellow)[I]s useful to all those working in the HIV and AIDS field, studying human rights, sociology and economics. The myriad of recommendations can be utilised by all who implement, analyse and research public policy. The case studies indicate the importance of carers at the level of the household and how these impact on related areas of life. A must to all interested in the Commonwealth and beyond. (Indigenous Peoples Issues and Resources)About the AuthorAnit Mukherjee is a health economist who works particularly on the economics of development, HIV and national policy.Marilyn Waring is a feminist economist and public policy expert specializing in the economics of unpaid work.Meena Shivdas is a gender and development specialist and adviser in the Gender Section of the Social Transformation Programmes Division of the Commonwealth Secretariat, London.