

Figure 4-1 Theoretical framework

COUNTRY/COMMUNITY LEVEL

Demographic Factors

- Fertility
- Migration
- Mortality (Child & Adult)

Economic Factors

- GDP
- Employment Rate
- Inequality in Income Distribution
- Foreign Remittances

Social Factors

- Religion
- Illiteracy
- Family Structure e.g. Polygamy
- Patrilineal/Matrilineal Society
- Orphan Inheritance Practices

Political Factors/Health Policy

- War & Militarisation
- Social/Welfare Policy/Spending
- Health Policy/Spending
- Educational Policy/Spending

Physical Environment/Urbanisation/Infrastructure

- Temperature
- Rainfall
- Altitude
- Urbanisation/Urban Growth
- Sanitation
- Communications & Media
- Transportation

Health Specific Factors

- HIV Prevalence
- Access to Health Care Services

HOUSEHOLD LEVEL

Illness & Death

Sanitation

Overcrowding

Household Structure e.g. Child Headed, Female Headed

Socio-Economic Factors

- Poverty
- Religion
- Education Level

INDIVIDUAL LEVEL

Stigma/Discrimination

Basic Material Needs Not Met

Poor Hygiene/Unhealthy Lifestyle & Practises

Access to Education

Access to Healthcare

Absence of Parent

- Orphans
- Fostering
- Adoption
- Socio-Economic Reasons for Absence

POORER CARE

Diet (Breastfeeding & Food Provision)

Exposure to Disease

Healthcare (Environmental Control, Preventive Measures & Treatment)

Insufficient Energy Intake

Frequent Infections

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