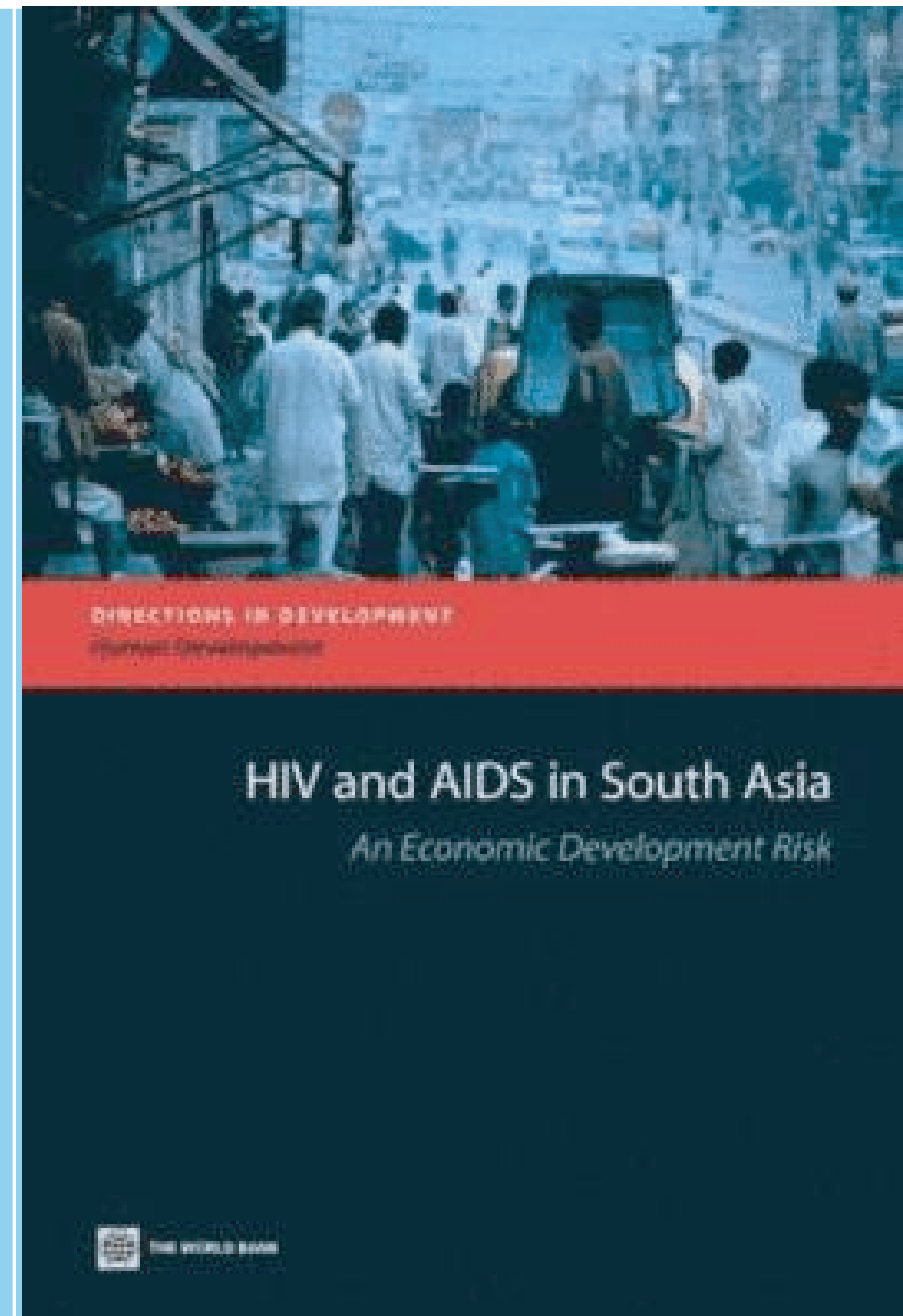


## AIDS - Is It a Risk to Economic Development in Regions with Low HIV Prevalence?

HIV and AIDS in South Asia: An Economic Development Risk, a new book edited by Markus Haacker and Mariam Claeson, offers an original perspective on HIV and AIDS as a development issue in a region with a low HIV prevalence and concentrated epidemics. Although the impact of HIV and AIDS on economic growth appears to be very small, three major risks to development are associated with HIV and AIDS in South Asia: the risk of escalating concentrated epidemics, the economic welfare costs, and the fiscal costs of scaling up treatment.



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