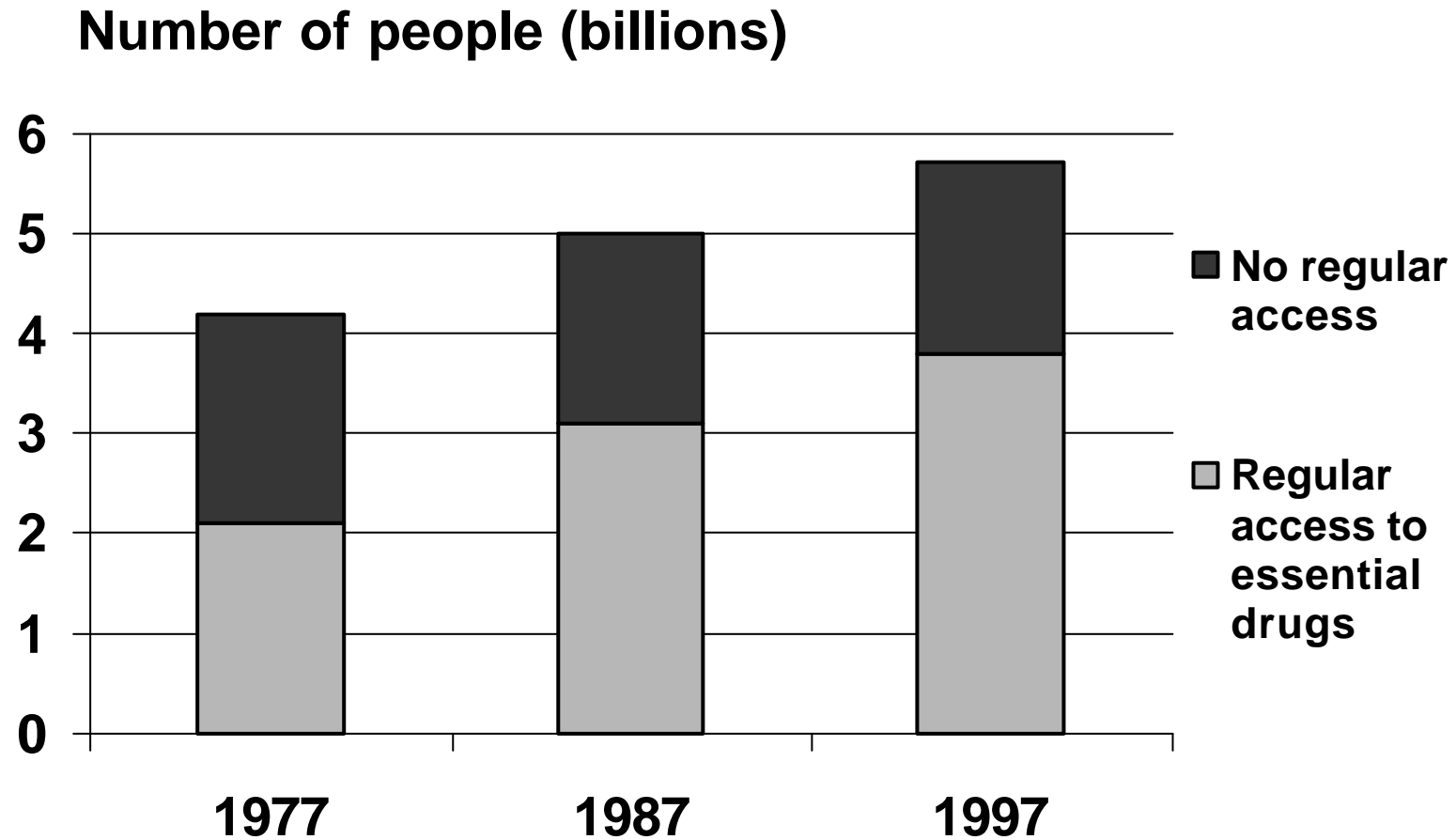

Ensuring access to essential drugs - framework for action

World Health Organization

April 2001

Access to essential drugs has increased over 20 years - but a huge gap remains



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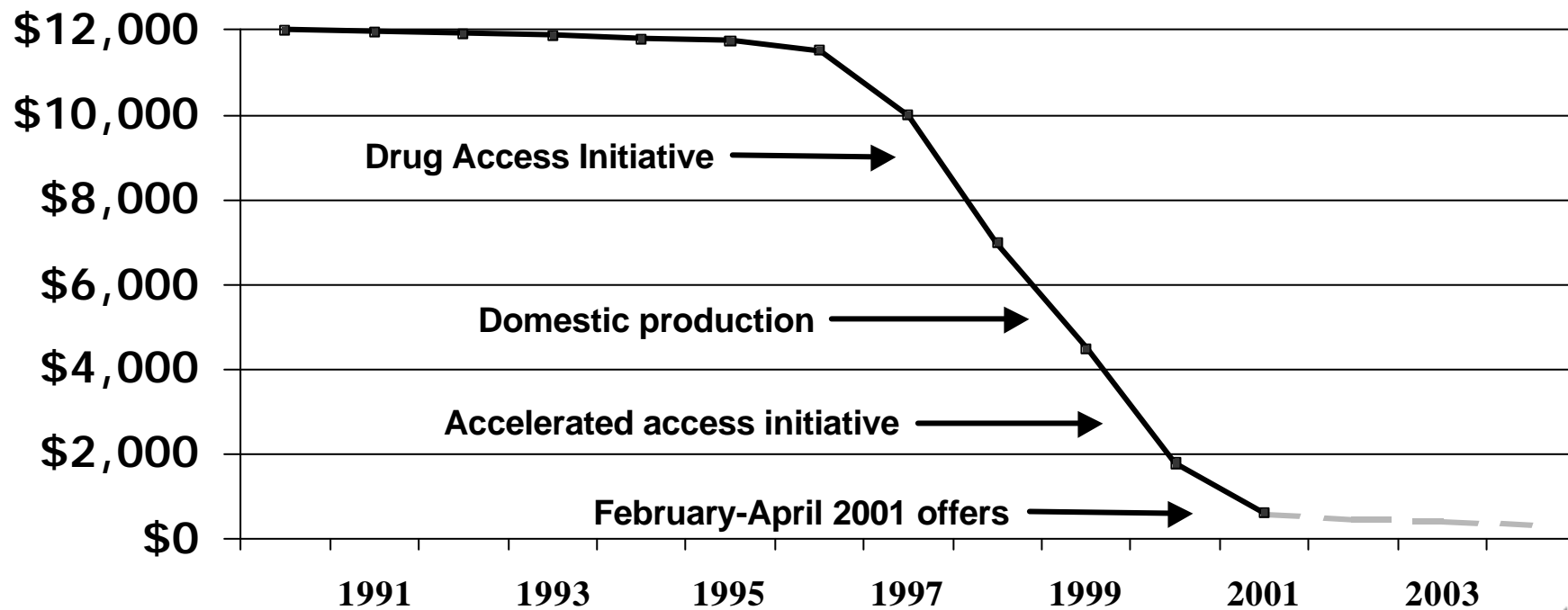
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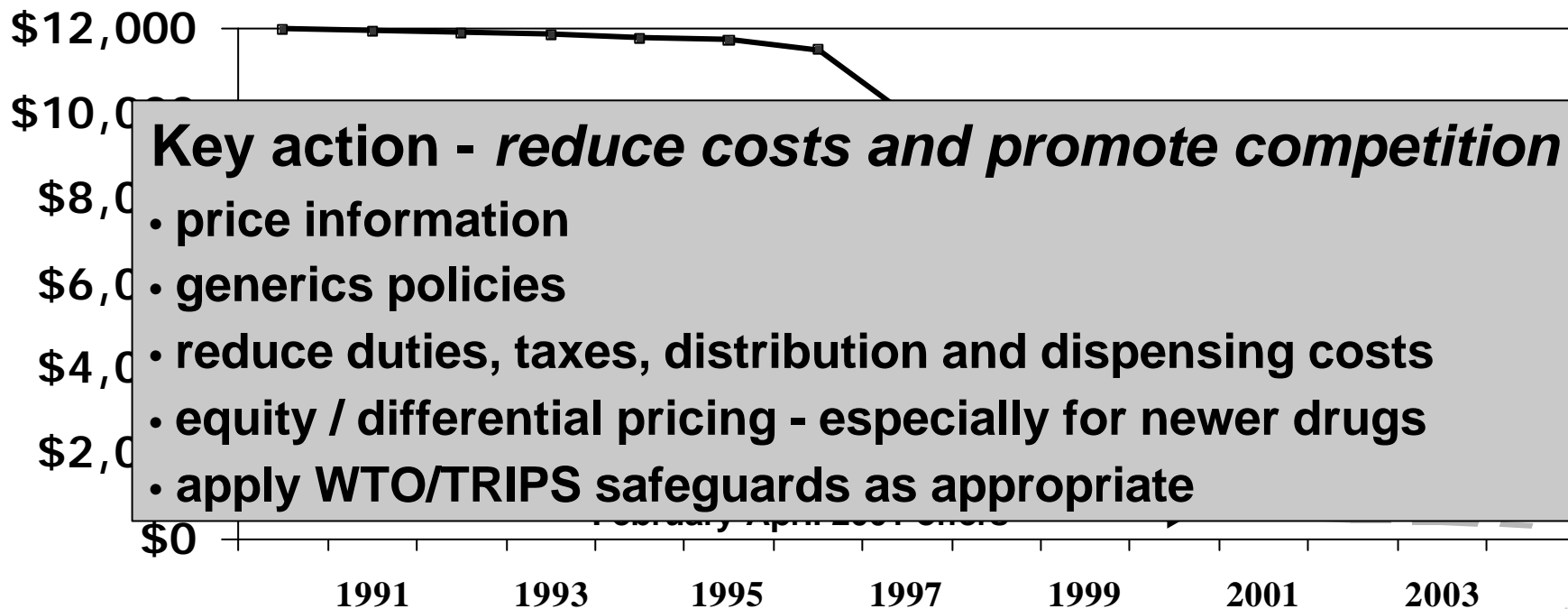
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- generics policies
- reduce duties, taxes, distribution and dispensing costs
- equity / differential pricing - especially for newer drugs
- apply WTO/TRIPS safeguards as appropriate



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ä Mozambique	39
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ä Chad	59
ä Rwanda	59
ä Ghana	74/75

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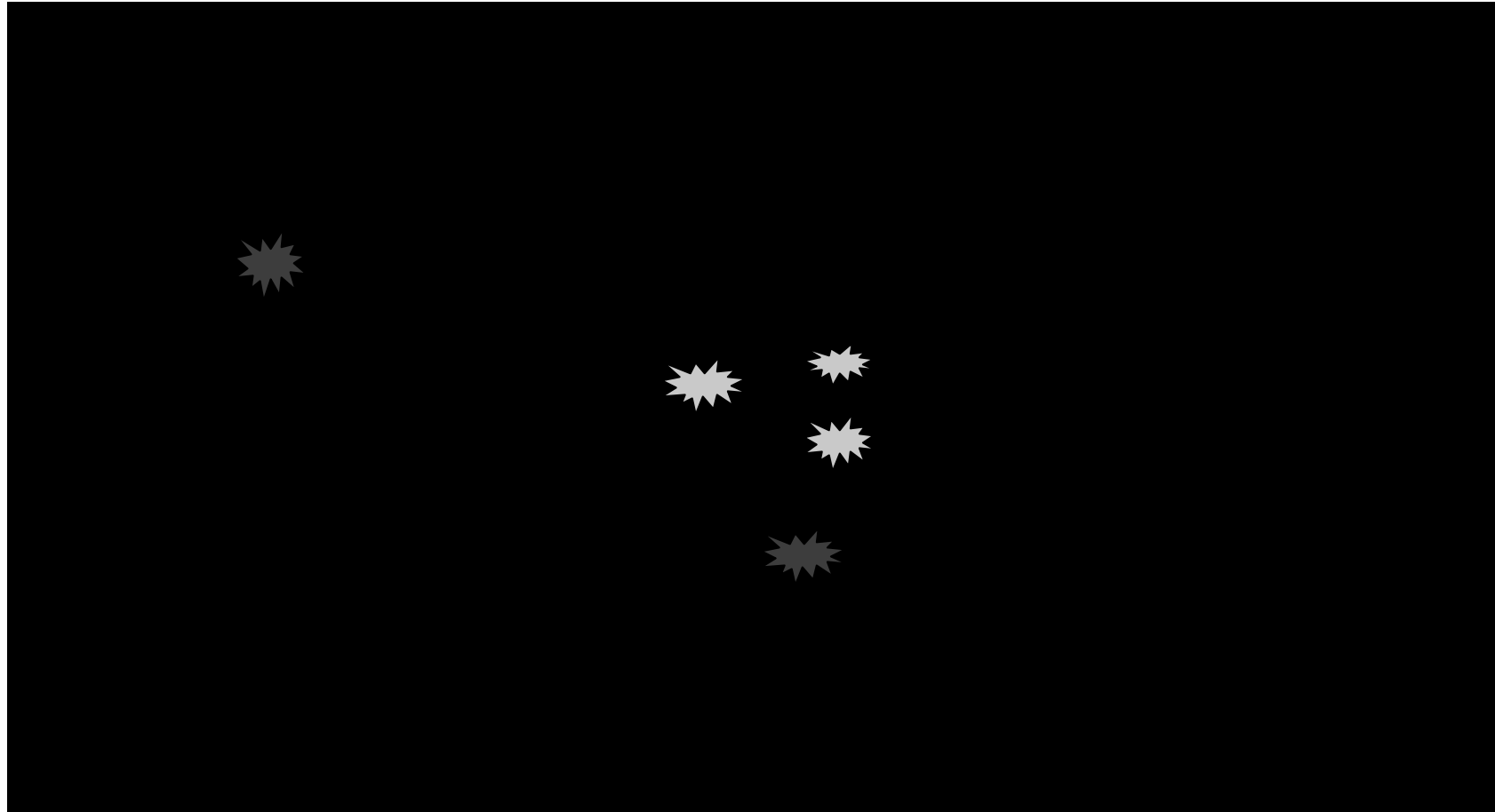
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Key action - *ensure availability and quality*

- integrate drug management in health systems development
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- ✦ Direct delivery system
- ✦ Primary distributor system
- ✦ Autonomous medical stores



UN framework for action - Access to HIV-Related Drugs



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å review of HIV-related drugs in treatment guidelines

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å UNICEF-UNAIDS-WHO list of prices for HIV-related drugs

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å operational research on optimal monitoring of ARV therapy

Developed by Interagency Task Team on Access to HIV Drugs, consisting of UNAIDS, WHO UNICEF, the World Bank, UNFPA, UNDCP, UNDP, UNESCO, WIPO



