

HIV/AIDS fact sheet

Facts about HIV/AIDS that everyone needs to know

- Youth aged 15-24 make up 67% of newly infected individuals in the developing world
- Almost 2/3 of these are young women
- In Sub-Saharan Africa, young women are three times more likely to be infected than young men
- Marriage is no protection against HIV; HIV infection rates are higher among young married women (aged 12-19) than among their sexually active unmarried peers.
- In the next 70 years, if current levels of preventions and treatment don't change, 68 million people are expected to die of AIDS worldwide.
- Multiply one mother's plea by 40 million. That's how many people are infected with HIV in the world. 70% of them live in Sub-Saharan Africa
- Without prevention efforts, 35% of children born to an HIV positive mother will become infected with HIV. At least a quarter of newborns infected with HIV die before age one, and up to 60% will die before reaching their second birthdays.
- Only one in ten persons infected with HIV worldwide has been tested and knows his/her HIV status.
- By the end of 2005, 40.3 million people were living with HIV/AIDS, including 17.5 million women and 2.3 million children under the age of 15