World AIDS Day 2011

On World AIDS Day (December 1), we remember those who have lost their lives to AIDS, and we recommit ourselves to fighting and preventing HIV/AIDS and to comforting those infected and their loved ones. This year, the United States has established a theme of "Leading with Science, Uniting for Action" and the United Nations has established its own theme: "It Takes a Village."

Presidential Proclamation--World AIDS Day -- *2011 Proclamation will be updated upon release.*

November 30, 2010
WORLD AIDS DAY, 2010
BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
A PROCLAMATION

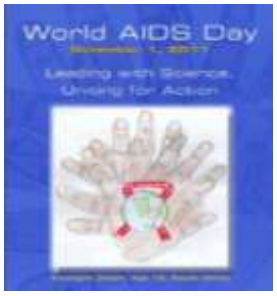
On this World AIDS Day, as we approach the thirtieth year of the HIV/AIDS pandemic, we reflect on the many Americans and others around the globe lost to this devastating disease, and pledge our support to the 33 million people worldwide who live with HIV/AIDS.

Secretary Clinton's Remarks on Creating AIDS-Free Generation

November 8, 2011
Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton
Delivers Remarks on "Creating an AIDS-Free Generation"

National Institutes of Health's Masur Auditorium
Bethesda, Maryland

SECRETARY CLINTON: Thank you. Thank you very much. Thank you. And it is, for me, a distinct personal pleasure to be back here at NIH, a set of institutions that I admire so much and which are so critically important not only to our own country and to the future of science here but indeed around the world.



- **Fact Sheet: The Path to an AIDS-Free Generation**
- **Fact Sheet: U.S. Reports Encouraging Progress in Saving Lives through Smart Investments**

  (source: state.gov)

The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)
The U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) is the U.S. Government initiative to help save the lives of those suffering from HIV/AIDS around the world. This historic commitment is the largest by any nation to combat a single disease internationally, and PEPFAR investments also help alleviate suffering from other diseases across the global health spectrum. PEPFAR is driven by a shared responsibility among donor and partner nations and others to make smart investments to save lives.
(source: http://www.pepfar.gov/)

AIDS.gov
AIDS.gov works to increase HIV testing and care among people most at-risk for, or living with, HIV, by using emerging communication strategies to provide access to Federal HIV information, policies (e.g. the National HIV/AIDS Strategy), programs, and resources.
(source:www.aids.gov)

Facing AIDS Site
That's how long it has been since the first cases of AIDS were reported in the U.S. HIV is still a reality for more than 1.1 million Americans. One of every five people living with HIV in the U.S. doesn't know it. December 1, World AIDS Day, is an opportunity to take action. Through Facing AIDS 2011, you and your community can help reduce stigma and promote HIV testing by putting a face to AIDS.
(source: http://facing.aids.gov/)

White House: Office of National AIDS Policy
The Office of National AIDS Policy (ONAP) is part of the White House Domestic Policy Council and is tasked with coordinating the continuing efforts of the government to reduce the number of HIV infections across the United States. The Office emphasizes prevention through wide-ranging education initiatives and helps to coordinate the care and treatment of citizens with HIV/AIDS.
(source: http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/onap)

CDC - HIV/AIDS
As a part of its overall public health mission, CDC provides leadership in helping control the HIV/AIDS epidemic by working with community, state, national, and international partners in surveillance, research, and prevention and evaluation activities. These activities are critically important because CDC estimates that about 1.1 million Americans are living with HIV, and that 21% of these persons do not know they are infected.
(source: http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/)

Photo Gallery: South Africans Combat HIV/AIDS with U.S. Help
Since 2004, the United States has supported anti-retroviral treatment for more than 1.64 million people in 15 countries. South Africa, with the world's biggest HIV-positive population, received $600 million in funding in 2008 through the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). The U.S. Agency for International Development provides funding to development groups that implement the programs. Johnson and Johnson, a maker of health care products, is one of a number of U.S. companies that have joined the fight against HIV/AIDS.
(source: america.gov)

America.gov Feature – Beating AIDS
Americans join with health activists in other countries to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS and care for those affected by the disease.
(source: america.gov)

Video - Global Health: Saving Lives, Creating Hope (02’42’’)
Through PEPFA, Americans are contributing greatly to a positive shift in the global fight against HIV/AIDS in Africa.
(source: america.gov)

Video - American Giving: Partnering for Life: Soweto Hospice
(2’37’’)
Caregivers at South Africa's Soweto Hospice provide HIV/AIDS care, treatment and prevention within their community.
(source: america.gov)

Social Media Resources: **Facebook - PEPFAR**

USG PUBLICATIONS

Lifesaving Vaccines (PDF 52 pages)
Vaccines can prevent disease, prolong life, and eradicate scourges dating to prehistory. Knowledge of vaccine effectiveness is decades old, but children in developing nations are still dying from vaccine preventable diseases. The United States and international partners have been working together for more than 30 years to expand the benefits of vaccines to children everywhere.

International Development Goals Moving Forward (PDF 54 pages)
Leaders of the world's eight major economies (G8), at their annual meeting in July 2005, called on all nations to recommit themselves to supporting economic progress and good governance in the developing world, particularly in Africa—the only continent not on track to meet by 2015 any of the goals agreed on at the international Millennium Summit in 2000 and put forth in the Millennium Declaration.

Health Systems for HIV/AIDS and Other Diseases (PDF 36 pages)
On World AIDS Day, December 1, 2001, the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS reported "AIDS has become the most devastating disease humankind has ever faced" with 40 million people now infected. As recognition of the magnitude of the problem has grown in recent years, consensus has emerged that building effective partnerships is absolutely fundamental if societies are to save lives and ...

USEFUL LINKS

- DOD HIV/AIDS Prevention Program (DHAPP) Site
- The Global Fund
- Joint UN Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) Site
- World Health Organization - HIV/AIDS