



HIV/AIDS Fast Facts

- At the end of 2007, approximately 33.2 million persons were living with HIV infection.
- HIV stands for human immunodeficiency virus. HIV is the virus that causes AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome).
- TB is the leading cause of death among persons with HIV.
- HIV is among the leading causes of death worldwide and the number one cause of death in sub-Saharan Africa.
- Most people with HIV are unaware that they are infected.
- Women represent half of all people living with HIV/AIDS.
- HIV is spread by sexual contact with an infected person, by sharing needles and/or syringes with someone who is infected, or, less commonly, through transfusions of infected blood or blood clotting factors.
- HIV is found in many body fluids including blood, semen, vaginal fluids and breast milk.
- HIV is not spread by mosquitoes or other biting insects.

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Sources for this Fact Sheet were taken from the following sites:
www.cdc.gov
www.KFF.org/hiv/aids/upload/3030_12.pdf
<http://www.unaids.org/en/KnowledgeCentre/Resources/FastFacts/default.asp>

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