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Male circumcision and HIV prevention

WHO and UNAIDS launch experts meeting recommendations for countries considering to scale up access to male circumcision as an additional HIV prevention method. The recommendations emphasize that male circumcision should always be part of a comprehensive prevention package.

Read recommendations ([en](#) | [fr](#))

[International experts review male circumcision](#)

The first ever International Consultation on Male Circumcision and HIV Prevention: Implications for Policy and Programming is taking place this week in Montreux, Switzerland. Dr Kim Dickson, medical officer in charge of Emerging Technologies in the HIV Department of the World Health Organization tells us more about what is expected from it. ▶ [Read More](#)

[Male Circumcision: context, criteria and culture](#)

In the first of a special three-part series on the issue of male circumcision and its links to the reduction of HIV transmission, [unaids.org](#) considers the historical, traditional and increasingly social reasons behind the practice of male circumcision across the world.

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[Male Circumcision and HIV: the here and now](#)

In the second of a special three-part series on the issue of male circumcision and its links to the reduction of HIV acquisition, [unaids.org](#) considers current research findings. ▶ [Read More](#)

[Moving forwards: UN policy and action on male circumcision](#)

In the final part of a special series on male circumcision and its links to the reduction of HIV acquisition, [unaids.org](#) discusses expected upcoming action and developments from the United Nations on male circumcision through a special interview with UNAIDS Chief Scientific Adviser, Dr Catherine Hankins. ▶ [Read More](#)

International Events

International Women's Day: [Ending Impunity for Violence Against Women](#)

During a visit to Bangkok, Thailand, UNAIDS Executive Director met with the Prime Minister of Thailand and celebrated International Women's Day stressing the importance of addressing gender inequality and the feminization of the AIDS epidemic. ▶ [Read More](#)
[Read UNAIDS Executive Director's Statement](#)

World TB Day: [Together against TB and HIV](#)

The lethal combination of TB and HIV has been highlighted on this year's World TB Day 24th March. TB is a leading cause of death among people living with HIV—and the weakened immune system caused by HIV makes people living with HIV at greatly increased risk of developing TB disease. ▶ [Read More](#)



[7th meeting of the Reference Group on HIV and human rights](#)

The seventh meeting of UNAIDS Reference Group on HIV and Human Rights took place from 12 to 14 February in Geneva. Convened by

UNAIDS Secretariat and UNDP, it brought together experts on HIV, human rights and gender equality to examine new trends and emerging challenges for UNAIDS in the area of HIV and human rights.

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[Be smart – protect yourself](#)

German football star and UNAIDS Special Representative Michael Ballack is featuring in a new public service announcement on AIDS, speaking out on HIV prevention and urging young

people to make the smart choices. [Read More](#)
[View video](#)



[Cricket World Cup raises AIDS awareness](#)

Cricket's biggest and most prestigious event will highlight the situation of

children and young people living with and affected by HIV. Through high profile activities, the ICC Cricket World Cup, taking place in the Caribbean over the next seven weeks, will support the "Unite for Children, Unite against AIDS" campaign. [Read More](#)



[Responsibility and Partnership – Together against HIV/AIDS](#)

Speaking at the European AIDS Conference in Bremen Germany, German Chancellor Angela Merkel said that as G8

President, Germany will ensure the AIDS response features high on the agenda at the G8 summit in June later this year. The two day conference in Bremen attracted over 600 participants from all over Europe who came together to discuss ways of increasing political leadership on AIDS. [Read More](#)

PUBLICATIONS

[UNAIDS releases 'Practical Guidelines for Intensifying HIV Prevention'](#)

UNAIDS released *Practical Guidelines for Intensifying HIV Prevention: Towards Universal Access* to assist policy makers and planners in countries to strengthen their national HIV prevention response.

[Download Guidelines](#)

[HIV and refugees](#)

UNAIDS in collaboration with UNHCR have developed a policy brief that focuses specifically on actions required to prevent and mitigate the effect of HIV on refugees and their host communities.

[Download UNAIDS policy brief](#)

[UNAIDS acts to strengthen 'GIPA' with new policy](#)

Supporting the active engagement of people living with HIV in the AIDS response is one of UNAIDS' most important goals. UNAIDS is seeking to revitalize commitments to GIPA - the greater involvement of people living with HIV - with a new policy brief. The policy seeks to ensure the GIPA commitment of 1994 has relevance to governments, civil society and international donors in global, regional and country AIDS responses for 2007 and beyond.

[Download UNAIDS Policy Brief](#)

[UNAIDS at country level](#)

UNAIDS has released a new report examining the country-level work of UNAIDS in 2005 and early 2006 within the context of regional and global efforts to move towards universal access. The report explores major centres of UNAIDS' work at country level, illustrated through examples from specific countries.

[Download full report](#)

[Signs of progress in global response to Children and AIDS](#)

On Tuesday 16 January, just over a year into the Unite for Children, Unite against AIDS initiative, UNICEF released the "Children and AIDS: A Stocktaking" report which highlights progress and breakthroughs in the global response to Children and AIDS since the campaign launch.

[Read Stocktaking report](#)

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